## Trout lily



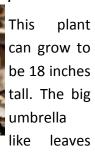
Erthronium americanum

This native plant likes to grow in moist areas

of the woods in March. Its yellow flower appears in April. The plant is dispersed by ants and takes seven years for the plant to mature. Only the plants that grow two leaves will have a flower.

#### May apple

#### Podophyllum peltatum



form to protect the flower and later the fruit. This plant should not be eaten. The roots can be toxic as well as the fruit if it is not completely ripe.

#### Barberry



There are 500 different varieties of this non native invasive shrub, many of which are

Berberis thunterberali

used for landscaping. This plant can get as tall as 9 feet. Most species have long pointy branches with small leaves and little flowers. Usually found growing in rock or sandy soil.

#### Jack-in the pulpit



## Arisaema triphyllum

This is a native plant that grows two different parts. The leaves grow on one stalk and the blossom

grows on another but they are both part of the same plant. Both stalks grow to be the same height of I-3 feet. The blossom is green and on the inside of the pulpit there are brown stripes. The leaves are glossy and in the late summer berries will grow. Usually found in moist wooden areas.

## Garlic Mustard



Garlic mustard is a non native invasive plant. This plant can completely take over an area and prevent other plants from growing. Its name comes from the garlic smell that it has when crushed. The plant can grow to be three and

a half feet tall. The leaves on the plant are triangular with tooth edges. Each of the flowers on the plant has four petals. Normally blooms from early May to late June.

## Violet



Viola sororia

The violet is found from March to June. This flower is the state flow-

er of New Jersey. The plant has small purple flowers with small heart shaped leaves. The violet can be many different colors, however, the most commonly found species has purple flowers.

#### Alliaria petiolata

## Spring beauty



Claytonia Virginia

This native plant normally appears in large

numbers. It is usually one of the first spring plants to emerge. They can grow to be as tall as four inches. The flower is white with skinny pink stripes on the petals. The leaves are long and thin about 3-4 inches. The flower blooms in late spring.

## Skunk Cabbage



Symplocarpus foetidus

Skunk cabbage got its name because of its smell. When this native plant gets injured the entire plant smells like skunk. It grows a purple and brown shell like flower from February to May. This native plant is mostly found in the marsh lands of the woods.



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