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.

Podophyllum peltatum
This plant can grow to be 18 inches tall. The big umbrella like leaves 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.

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 1-3 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 growing in rock or sandy soil.

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.

Viola sororia
The violet is found from March to June. This flower is the state flower 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.
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

*Symlocarpus 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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