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Ohio Tree and Shrub Bloom

Trees flower before they leaf, which is why an Ohio hillside in April is red and white before it is green. Most of these are wind-pollinated and their flowers are easy to miss entirely — the maples are in full bloom weeks before anybody notices spring has started.

Why this group has its own gauge

It opens earlier than the woodland floor beneath it, which is the whole reason the woodland floor gets a

season at all. The chart above carries 14 species, sliced out of the full 54-row bloom chart.

The rows on this chart

Species	In season	Peak	Where
Silver Maple	15 February – 25 March	5 March	floodplains and old street plantings
Red Maple	1 March – 10 April	20 March	wet woods, and half the street trees in Ohio
Pussy Willow	5 March – 15 April	22 March	wet ground, ditches and marsh edges
Serviceberry	25 March – 25 April	8 April	wood edges and understory
Eastern Redbud	1 April – 5 May	15 April	wood edges, fencerows, and every third front garden
Flowering Dogwood	15 April – 20 May	1 May	understory of oak and hickory woods
Black Cherry	1 May – 1 June	15 May	fencerows, second-growth woods, everywhere
Black Locust	10 May – 10 June	25 May	old fields, roadsides and reclaimed strip mine ground
Tulip Tree	15 May – 20 June	30 May	rich woods, and the tallest tree in most of them
Elderberry	5 June – 10 July	20 June	ditches, wet edges and fencerows
Wild Hydrangea	10 June – 25 July	28 June	shaded slopes and ravines, often on limestone
American Basswood	15 June – 15 July	28 June	rich woods and old street plantings
Buttonbush	20 June – 15 August	15 July	standing water — pond edges, swamps, wet ditches
Witch Hazel	5 October – 30 November	28 October	wooded slopes and ravines

Where this sits

The full picture is on [Ohio flower bloom times](#), which carries every group on one chart. Each mark on the breadcrumb strip at the top of the site links to the page for its own group.