

The Observations of John Larkin - April 1996

Part of our endowment listed is what bloomed from mid-March to April 10th.

Bracketed numbers = months in bloom.

Amsonia ludoviciana (La.), **Blue Star**- Perennial herb to 2 ½' - grows in small colonies. Alternate leaves to 4" long, 1 1/4-2" wide. 3/4" light blue flowers in terminal clusters. Rare in La. and very rare globally.

Callirhoe papaver, **Poppy-mallow** - Perennial from carrot-like tubers, flowers 1 1/2-2", red cup-shaped, on trailing plant.

Chionanthus virginica, **Fringetree** - Large shrub with deciduous leaves, flowers white, petals 1" long, 1/16" wide, giving a fluffy appearance.

Cornus florida, **Flowering Dogwood**. (2)

Erigeron philadelphicus, **Daisy Fleabane** - Biennial or short-lived perennial, to 30" tall, many 3/4" flowers with white ray flowers (about 150) and bright yellow discs (centers).

Fothergilla major, **Witch Alder** - Small shrub to 60" tall, with deeply toothed leaves 3-4" long, 2 to 3" wide. Flowers white with many stamens, Mimosa-like, appearing before the leaves. Rare. Endangered. (Native Shrubs & Woody Vines of S. E., Foote & Jones.)

Houstonia patens, **Bluets**. Tiny 1/4" blue flowers. (2)

Hypoxis hirsuta, **Yellow Stargrass**. 3/4", six-petaled flowers, low growing.

Krigia dandelion - Perennial herb, 1" yellow flowers on 10" stems. Male flowers are slightly larger and fuller than the female.

K. virginica, is the tiny, 1/4" double, yellow, low growing flower.

Malus angustifolia, **Southern Crabapple** - Small tree with many 1" delicate pink flowers. Doris Jenkins Pettit gave cuttings to friends, which took.

Oenothera speciosa, **Showy Evening Primrose** (2).

Phlox *divaricata*, *P. pilosa* and a purple one are in bloom.

Rosa laevigata, **Cherokee Rose**. - 3 1/2" white, high climbing.

Salvia lyrata, **Lyre-leaved Sage** - Perennial numerous blue flowers in whorls, on 1 to 5 square stems. Colonies are looking great on our roadsides.

Sisyrinchium capillare, **Blue-eyed Grass** - 3/4" blue flowers.

Ranunculus fascicularis & *R. muricatus* are still blooming. (2)

Tradescantia virginiana, **Spiderwort** - Perennial herb, 1' tall, blue; pink or white flowers with grass-like leaves.

Verbena rigida, **Stiff Verbena** - Perennial trailing, low growing with purple flower clusters.