Blooms a Boomin’

One of my favorite parts about the start of the Spring season is the abundance of blooming flowers! Ohio is home to an amazing range of different types, which makes going on a Spring flower hunt this time of year so much fun. Below are some of the most common types of flowers you may find near you:

**Spring Flowers Near You**

![Chickweed](image)
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I have a lot of chickweed thriving in my backyard! Chickweed is a cool-weather flower that thrives in the early spring.

![Henbit](image)
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This tiny flower is part of the mint family and is only found flowering in the early springtime before it gets too hot.

![Periwinkle](image)
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Although they are not native to Ohio, periwinkles are still a prevalent Spring flower throughout our area.

![Dandelion](image)
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Often thought of as a weed, this flower is actually a very important food source for pollinators in the early spring!

![Lesser Celandine](image)
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These little yellow flowers are very good at spreading quickly throughout flat areas and are considered an invasive species.

![Violet](image)
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Most violets you find are purple, but did you know that there’s a whole slew of flowers in the violet family that are actually different colors!

*Scroll to the next page for some fun wildflower activities!*
Spring Flower Activities

Getting outside to do a Spring flower search is a great activity in and of itself! But here are a couple of other activity suggestions that will add some pizzazz to your Spring wildflower journey

**Flower Pressing**

A fun thing you can do with the Spring flowers you find is to preserve them by pressing them. When you are picking a flower you would like to press, it is important to keep in mind that you only want to pick a couple- because it is important to leave plenty of flowers for others to see and animals to eat.

There are lots of different ways to press flowers, but the easiest is definitely placing the flower inside a heavy book.

Be sure to lay a piece of paper on top of the page of the book you are laying your flower on, so the moisture of your flower doesn't damage the book. After 1-2 weeks you'll have a beautifully pressed flower!

If you are looking for a method that doesn't take quite so long you can use an iron to press flowers as well!

Flatten your flowers using a heavy book for about 10 minutes, then take the flowers and sandwich them between two pieces of parchment paper. Empty any water out of your iron and turn it to its lowest heat setting.

Once the iron is hot simply press the iron down on the flowers for approximately 10 seconds at a time. When you are finished using the iron, carefully lift up the top piece of parchment paper and your flowers will be ready to go!

**Spring Flower Tic-Tac-Toe**

How many different colored Spring flowers can you find? Spring Flower Tic-Tac-Toe is a fun way to challenge yourself to find a variety of gorgeous Spring flowers to admire.

You can use the board to play a legit game of Tic-Tac-Toe, or you can use it as a fun scavenger hunt. Follow this link for a full-sized version of the Tic-Tac-Toe board that you can print out, or have on your phone while you’re exploring outside.

**Journal Prompt**

Pretend you are choosing a new state flower. Make a poster persuading other people to select your flower!

**Share your Findings or Creations** with us on Facebook and Instagram

**Tomorrow's Theme:** Invasive Species!