

# May Blooms in THE BATTERY

As you move through the park, use this guide to identify some of the prominent blooms you see around you. Plant locations are listed as different garden areas of The Battery, shown on the map on the next page. Once you locate and read about each plant, check it off in the box provided. Please remember to follow all social distancing guidelines while at The Battery. We hope you enjoy your visit!

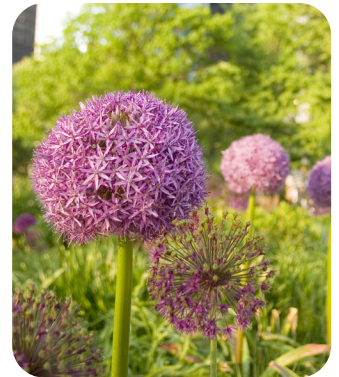


Scientific Name: *Allium spp.*

Common Name: **Allium**

Location: **Bikeway**, **Bosque Gardens**, **SeaGlass Carousel**

The *Allium* family includes onions, garlic, and scallions, as well as the ornamental varieties seen throughout the park. All species grow from bulbs, with clusters of flower blooms on each plant. The flowers of the ornamental varieties form prominent orb shapes that dry into sculptural features of the landscape.



Scientific Name: *Asimina triloba*

Common Name: **Pawpaw**

Location: **Labyrinth / Forest Farm**

*Asimina triloba* produces the largest edible fruit native to North America. The fruits appear in clusters, and boast a custard-like texture and bright flavor. In order to attract flies and beetles for pollination, the tree's deep burgundy flowers emit a smell that mimics rotting meat.

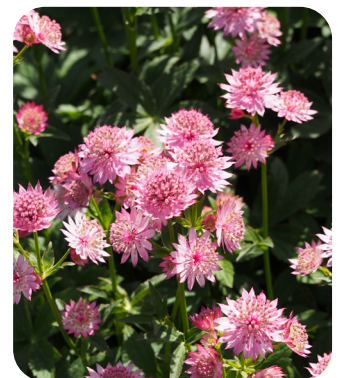


Scientific Name: *Astrantia major*

Common Name: **Great Masterwort**

Location: **Bikeway**

What appears to be a single flower on *Astrantia major* is in fact a cluster of many small flowers surrounded by pointed *bracts*, which are specialized leaves. The prominence of these bracts likely help the plant's beetle pollinators to find and access the miniscule flowers.



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Scientific Name: *Iris germanica* 'Depth of Field'

Common Name: **Bearded Iris**

Location: **Bosque Gardens**

The common name 'Bearded Iris' refers to the noticeable hairs that grow on some of the flower's petals, often in striking colors. Native to the Mediterranean region, the plants grow not from bulbs but from clusters of rhizomes that build up over time. The genus takes its name from Iris, the ancient Greek goddess of the rainbow.



Scientific Name: *Paeonia lactiflora* 'Jan van Leeuwen'

Common Name: **Peony**

Location: **Bosque Gardens**

Native to Asia, Europe, and North America, peonies have a pleasing fragrance and a long history of medicinal use across different cultures. In contemporary cultivation, the plants primarily feature as garden ornamentals and popular cut flowers.

