

November 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: ***Amsonia hubrichtii***

Common Name: **Hubricht's Bluestar, Arkansas Amsonia**

Location: **Gardens of Remembrance**

Although *A. hubrichtii* actually blooms in late spring with star-shaped blue flowers, it earns a spot in our November guide because of the dazzling autumn color of its foliage, in shades of yellow, red, and gold. This feathery perennial of the dogbane family is native to the Ouachita Mountains of central Arkansas.



Scientific Name: ***Anemone x hybrida* 'Honorine Jobert'**

Common Name: **Japanese Anemone, Windflower**

Location: **Bosque Gardens**

The name *Anemone x hybrida* describes a number of plants that are the result of crossbreeding two or three *Anemone* species. Those parent species are in fact native to China, not Japan, despite the hybrid's common name. The cultivar 'Honorine Jobert,' first discovered in France in the 19th century, displays an abundance of blooms that can persist through the first frost.



Scientific Name: ***Ceratostigma plumbaginoides***

Common Name: **Hardy Plumbago, Leadwort**

Location: **SeaGlass Carousel**

This hardy groundcover spreads across the garden by sending out *rhizomes*, underground stems that can grow new roots and shoots, forming clones of the parent plant. These clones can survive even if the rhizome is severed. *C. plumbaginoides* is native to western China, where it typically grows among rocky foothills.



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Scientific Name: ***Chasmanthium latifolium***

Common Name: **Northern Sea Oats, Woodoats**

Location: **Bosque Gardens**

This ornamental grass displays striking seed heads, which hang in clusters and flutter in even a slight breeze. The seed heads are green upon first appearance, and transition to shades of purple and brown as the fall progresses. *C. latifolium* is native to the southern and eastern United States, including New York City and Long Island.



Scientific Name: ***Hamamelis virginiana***

Common Name: **Common Witch-hazel, American Witch-hazel**

Location: **Labyrinth / Forest Farm**

For centuries, humans have used the aromatic extract from *H. virginiana*'s leaves, twigs, and bark as an astringent. You may find it today as an ingredient in lotions and toners. Native to our area, this flowering shrub blooms in the fall with clusters of ribbon-like yellow petals. When the fruit capsules dry, they split abruptly, and can eject seeds as far as thirty feet!

