

September 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: ***Anemone x hybrida***

Common Name: **Windflower, Japanese Anemone**

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. Bloom color varies between white, pink, and rose depending on the specific variety.



Scientific Name: ***Heuchera villosa* 'Autumn Bride'**

Common Name: **Hairy Alumroot, Coral Bells**

Location: **Bosque Gardens**

In the wild, *Heuchera* grow primarily on rocky outcrops and cliffs, where their shallow fibrous roots slip into the cracks between the rocks to secure the plant. In the garden, the plants serve as a hardy clumping groundcover that sends up prominent flower stalks in late summer.



Scientific Name: ***Ruellia humilis***

Common Name: **Wild Petunia**

Location: **Labyrinth / Forest Farm**

Native to the eastern United States, *R. humilis* can bloom throughout the warm season, starting as early as May. The violet, trumpet-shaped flowers attract a range of pollinators like hummingbirds, butterflies, and long-tongued bees.



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Scientific Name: *Symphyotrichum laeve* 'Bluebird'

Common Name: **Smooth Aster**

Location: **Bikeway, Bosque Gardens**

The aster family (Asteraceae) is one of the largest plant families, and all species share the trait of composite flowers. What appear as single large purple flowers on *S. laeve* are actually multitudes of small yellow flowers surrounded by large purple bracts. Though the true flowers are small, their late-season nectar is vital for local pollinators.



Scientific Name: *Tricyrtis* spp.

Common Name: **Toad Lily**

Location: **Gardens of Remembrance**

The most striking features of *Tricyrtis* plants are their sculptural flowers with vibrant, patterned petals that can bloom even in shady areas. Some species spread by underground rhizomes, but not all. Native to Asia, these members of the Lily family have become popular garden plants across the world.

