

# Iowa Forestry Today

CONSERVATION AND RECREATION



Discover the renewal of spring in the colors of the flowers with the Iowa DNR's weekly woodland wildflower bloom report. Get an [up-to-date list](#) of woodland wildflowers in bloom **starting March 26 until Mid-May**.

Early spring wildflowers are commonly called ephemerals, which means “short-lived.” Their dazzling show of spring color is only a limited engagement, so take time to see the flowers before they are gone.

**Get wildflower bloom reports in your inbox!**

## Add spring color to your yard

Spring is a great time to plant trees. Find great tips and resources on how to select, plant and keep trees healthy on the [DNR webpage](#).

### Need trees?

- Check out the [State Forest Nursery](#) for diverse, native seedlings.
- Alliant Energy customers can purchase up to two trees per planting address at \$25 per tree. Find details and pick-up locations on the [DNR Residential Tree Programs webpage](#).

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## Big Trees of Iowa

Iowa's trees tell a story of resilience, history, and ecological importance. These towering giants serve as living landmarks, connecting communities to Iowa's rich forestry heritage while highlighting the vital role trees play in our environment.

Whether you're nominating a new champion, exploring past winners, or marveling the diversity of Iowa trees, we encourage you to discover and appreciate these extraordinary trees.

[Explore our online registry!](#)

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## Become a TreeKeeper

Start your journey learning more about trees in a series of three online TreeKeeper classes starting March 25. It's all part of the TreeKeeper program offered by Trees Forever.

Learn tree identification, common threats to trees, planting techniques, tree care and maintenance and more. Participants learn how to plant, care and advocate of trees on their properties and as volunteers in their communities.

[Get details and register today!](#)

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