

Spring-Flowering Plants in Calgary

An Abbreviated Checklist

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Horsetail Family

- *Equisetum arvense* – Common horsetail

Grass Family

- *Hierochloa hirta* ssp. *arctica* – Sweet grass

Sedge Family

- *Carex filifolia* – thread-leaved sedge
- *Carex pensylvanica* – Sun-loving sedge
- *Carex scirpoidea* – Rush-like sedge
- *Carex stenophylla* – Low sedge

Lily Family

- *Allium textile* – Prairie onion
- *Disporum trachycarpum* – Fairybells
- *Smilacina stellata* – Star-flowered Solomon's-seal

Iris Family

- *Sisyrinchium montanum* – Common blue-eyed grass

Orchid Family

- *Cypripedium parviflorum* – Yellow lady's-slipper
- *Coeloglossum viride* – Bracted bog orchid

Willow Family

- *Salix bebbiana* – Beaked willow
- *Salix exigua* – Sandbar willow

Sandalwood Family

- *Comandra umbellata* – Bastard toadflax

Pink Family

- *Cerastium arvense* – ~~Field mouse-ear~~
chickweed
- *Moehringia lateriflora* – Blunt-leaved sandwort

Crowfoot Family

- *Actaea rubra* – Red/white baneberry
- *Anemone multifida* – Cut-leaved anemone
- *Anemone patens* – Prairie crocus
- *Ranunculus pedatifidus* – Northern buttercup
- *Thalictrum venulosum* – Veiny meadow rue

Fumariaceae

- *Corydalis aurea* – Golden Corydalis

Mustard Family

- *Arabis holboellii* – Reflexed rock cress
- *Capsella bursa-pastoris* – Shepherd's-purse
- *Draba nemorosa* – Annual whitlow-grass
- *Lesquerella arenosa* – Sand bladderpod
- *Thlaspi arvense* – Stinkweed

Gooseberry Family

- *Ribes aureum* – Golden currant
- *Ribes oxycanthoides* – Northern gooseberry

Rose Family

- *Amelanchier alnifolia* – Saskatoon
- *Cotoneaster acutifolia* – Cotoneaster
- *Fragaria virginiana* – Wild strawberry
- *Geum triflorum* – Three-flowered avens
- *Potentilla anserina* – Silverweed
- *Potentilla concinna* – Early cinquefoil
- *Potentilla fruticosa* – Shrubby cinquefoil
- *Prunus virginiana* – Choke cherry

Pea Family

- *Astragalus aboriginum* – Indian milk vetch
- *Astragalus crassicaulis* – Ground plum
- *Astragalus dasyglottis* – Purple milk vetch
- *Astragalus gilviflorus* – Cushion milk vetch
- *Astragalus missouriensis* – Missouri milk vetch
- *Caragana arborescens* – Common Caragana
- *Hedysarum alpinum* – Alpine Hedysarum
- *Hedysarum boreale* – Northern Hedysarum
- *Lathyrus ochroleucus* – Cream-colored vetchling
- *Medicago lupulina* – Black medick
- *Oxytropis sericea* – Early yellow locoweed
- *Thermopsis rhombifolia* – Golden bean
- *Vicia americana* – Wild vetch

Geranium Family

- *Geranium viscosissimum* – Sticky purple geranium

Flax Family

- *Linum lewisii* – Wild blue flax

Spurge Family

- *Euphorbia esula* – Leafy spurge

Violet Family

- *Viola adunca* – Early blue violet
- *Viola canadensis* – Western Canada violet
- *Viola nephrophylla* – Bog violet
- *Viola nuttallii* – Yellow prairie violet

Oleaster Family

- *Elaeagnus commutata* – Silverberry
- *Shepherdia canadensis* – Canada buffaloberry

Carrot Family

- *Lomatium macrocarpum* – Long-fruited prairie parsley
- *Musineon divaricatum* – Leafy Musineon
- *Zizia aptera* – Heart-leaved Alexanders

Dogwood Family

- *Cornus stolonifera* – Red-osier dogwood

Heath Family

- *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi* – Common bearberry

Primrose Family

- *Androsace septentrionalis* – Northern fairy candelabra
- *Dodecatheon conjugens* – Mountain shooting star

Phlox Family

- *Phlox hoodii* – Moss Phlox

Borage Family

- *Cynoglossum officinale* – Hound's-tongue
- *Lithospermum incisum* – Narrow-leaved puccoon
- *Lithospermum ruderae* – Woolly gromwell

Figwort Family

- *Penstemon nitidus* – Smooth blue beardtongue

Madder Family

- *Galium boreale* – Northern bedstraw

Honeysuckle Family

- *Lonicera tatarica* – Tatarian honeysuckle
- *Sambucus racemosa* – Red elderberry
- *Viburnum edule* – Low-bush cranberry

Composite Family

- *Agoseris glauca* – Yellow false dandelion
- *Antennaria aprica* – Low everlasting
- *Antennaria neglecta* – Broad-leaved everlasting
- *Erigeron caespitosus* – Tufted fleabane
- *Senecio camus* – Prairie groundsel
- *Senecio vulgaris* – Common groundsel
- *Taraxacum officinale* – Common dandelion



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