

Race to Bloom - Earliest Spring Flowers Contest

The CPDHS Climate Change Group organized a Spring flower photo contest to raise awareness of how our changing climate is affecting blooming times. It's sort of a race. Here's how it works:

Participants send entries by email to Daniel Brumar (DB_4321@yahoo.com).

Every day or two, an email goes out to membership with the first photos of each species. Entries are judged by the date the photo was taken, not the quality of the photo or the flower. Once a species is found, no more entries of that species are accepted. We are looking for the first 15 different species in bloom, not the first 15 photos of the same flower. Participants only win bragging rights.

Flowers should be

- in full bloom, buds open
- outdoors within Lanark county
- can be in your garden, someone else's garden, a park, a trail, etc.
- can be against a wall or a natural sheltered site, but not in a cold-frame/greenhouse
- cannot be grown indoors in winter (eg. pansies, forced bulbs transplanted early)

It may be an early Spring this year... things might start blooming before the April meeting.

Daniel Brumar

p.s. here're two example photos to spark interest.



Tamarack male & female 'flowers' (Apr 29, 2025)



Snowdrops (March 21, 2025)