

# Alvars: Ontarios Wild Rock Gardens

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## Species pictured (in order of appearance):

Ebony Spleenwort (*Asplenium platyneuron*)

Blue Flag Iris (*Iris versicolor*)

Hill's Thistle (*Cirsium pumilum var. hillii*)

## Early Spring

Early Saxifrage (*Micranthes virginiensis*)

Richardson's Sedge (*Carex richardsonii*)

Early Buttercup (*Ranunculus fascicularis*)

Prairie Smoke (*Geum triflorum*)

Balsam Ragwort (*Packera paupercula*)

Canada Bluets (*Houstonia canadensis*)

Rock Sandwort (*Sabulina michauxii*, formerly *Minuartia michauxii*)

Dwarf Canadian Primrose (*Primula mistassinica*)

Wood Lily (*Lilium philadelphicum*)

Hairy Beardtongue (*Penstemon hirsutus*)

## Late Spring into Summer

Prairie Cinquefoil (*Drymocallis arguta*)

Tufted Hairgrass (*Deschampsia cespitosa*)

Small Skullcap (*Scutellaria parvula*)

Harebell (*Campanula rotundifolia*)

White Camas (*Anticlea elegans*)

Indian Painbrush (*Castilleja coccinea*)

Seneca Snakeroot (*Polygala senega*)

Arkansas Calamint (*Clinopodium arkansanum*, formerly *Calamintha arkansanum*)

Cooper's Milkvetch (*Astragalus neglectus*)

Prairie Dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*)

Upland White Aster (*Oligoneuron album*)

## Late Summer into Fall

Ohio Goldenrod (*Solidago ohioensis*)

Sky-blue Aster (*Symphyotrichum oolentangiense*)

Fen Grass-of-Parnassus (*Parnassia glauca*)

Bottle Gentian (*Gentiana andrewsii*)

Little Bluestem Grass (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)

## Shrubs

Kalm's St. John's Wort (*Hypericum kalmianum*)

Dwarf Sand Cherry (*Prunus pumila*)

Eastern Saskatoon (*Amelanchier alnifolia*)

**Additional species on Ottawa area alvars:**

Snowberry (*Symphoricarpus albus*)  
Buffaloberry (*Shepherdia canadensis*)  
Narrow-leaved New Jersey Tea (*Ceanothus herbaceus*)  
Upright Bindweed (*Calystegia spithamea*)  
Field Thistle (*Cirsium discolor*)  
Hooked-spur Violet (*Viola adunca*)  
Golden Sedge (*Carex aurea*)  
*Carex eburnea*

**Additional species:**

Creeping Juniper (*Juniperus horizontalis*)  
Fragrant Sumac (*Rhus aromatica*)  
Lance-leaved Coreopsis (*Coreopsis lanceolata*)  
Nodding Prairie Onion (*Allium cernuum*)  
Cylindric Blazing Star (*Liatris cylindrica*)  
Needletip Blue-eyed Grass (*Sisyrinchium mucronatum*)  
Narrow-leaved Vervain (*Verbena simplex*)  
Side-oats Grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*)

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