

SPECIES SPOTLIGHT

Look for it now in southwest Ohio!

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Rue Anemone, white and pink varieties. Photos by Dave Woehr.

Rue Anemone (*Thalictrum thalictroides*)

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The Rue Anemone may be the most dainty and delicate of the spring wildflowers in Ohio's woodlands. Sometimes called the Windflower, the 8- to 10-inch stems holding the blossoms are so flexible that the slightest wisp of a breeze causes the flowers to sway to and fro. Flowers are penny-size and usually white, although sometimes pink. Petal count is usually ten. This flower is one of the most long-lasting of the spring ephemerals, sometimes still on display well into May. Leaves are three-lobed and blunt, and the plant is quite shade tolerant. This wildflower is usually found in above-average to high quality woodlands where the original ground flora is largely intact. Like most wildflowers, the Rue Anemone is best observed growing in place and fades quickly if picked. If you like it, take a photograph and enjoy looking at all year long.

[Hisey Park](#), located outside Waynesville at 5443 Middletown Rd., Corwin, OH 45068, is a wildflower hot spot! To learn more about the spring ephemerals you may see, visit the Ohio Division of Wildlife's [Spring Wildflowers of Ohio Field Guide](#) and check out their [weekly report](#) to see what is currently in bloom.