

What's Growing On - April 2018

Asphalt path/Crosswalk

- **Chinese Snowball Viburnum**, *Viburnum macrocephalum*
deciduous, vase-shaped shrub maturing to 15-20'; white non-fragrant, sterile florets (each 1¼" wide) bloom in dense globose clusters (to 5-8" wide)
- **Doublefile Viburnum**, *Viburnum plicatum* var. *tomentosum* 'Shasta'
deciduous shrub, horizontally branched 6' tall and 10-12' wide at maturity; 4-6" inflorescence of pure white florets, followed by bright red maturing to black fruits
- **Summer Snowflake**, *Leucojum aestivum* 'Gravetye Giant'
perennial bulb with nodding, bell-shaped, white flowers tipped with a green spot; mildly fragrant; goes dormant by summer; located near the entry to the Dogwood Trail
- **Bridalwreath Spirea**, *Spiraea prunifolia*
deciduous spring-flowering shrub 4-9' tall, 6-8' wide with open upright branching; flowers are double white 1/3" in diameter

Mathews Nature Trail

- **Trillium**, *Trillium cuneatum*
woodland plant with deep magenta-colored, subtle, upright; foliage is variegated with cream colored specks; sometimes called a tri flower because leaves and petals are in groups of three
- **Virginia Bluebell**, *Mertensia virginica*
pink buds mature to lovely lavender-blue spring flowers
- **Shooting Star**, *Dodecatheon meadia*
delicate white flower resembles a collection of shooting stars; late spring bloomer; southeastern native
- **Trout Lily**, *Erythronium americanum*
6-10 inches tall; mottled foliage resembles a trout; yellow and brown flower faces down, opens in the day and then closes each night; member of the Lily family
- **Red Buckeye**, *Aesculus pavia*
deciduous clump-forming shrub or small tree with irregular rounded crown; grows 10-20' tall; showy, erect, 4-10" panicles of red to orange-red, narrow-tubular flowers in spring
- **Carolina Silverbell**, *Halesia carolina*
small understory tree with a broad, rounded crown or a large shrub; drooping clusters (usually 2-5 flowers each) of bell-shaped, white flowers (1/2")

Bush Azalea Trail

- **Alabama Azalea**, *Rhododendron alabamense*
5-6' tall, fragrant white and yellow blotched blooms
- **Piedmont Azalea**, *Rhododendron canescens*
10-15' tall, fragrant pink to white blooms
- **Flame Azalea**, *Rhododendron austrinum*
8-10' tall, blooms fragrant, colors range from clear yellow, cream, orange to almost pure red

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