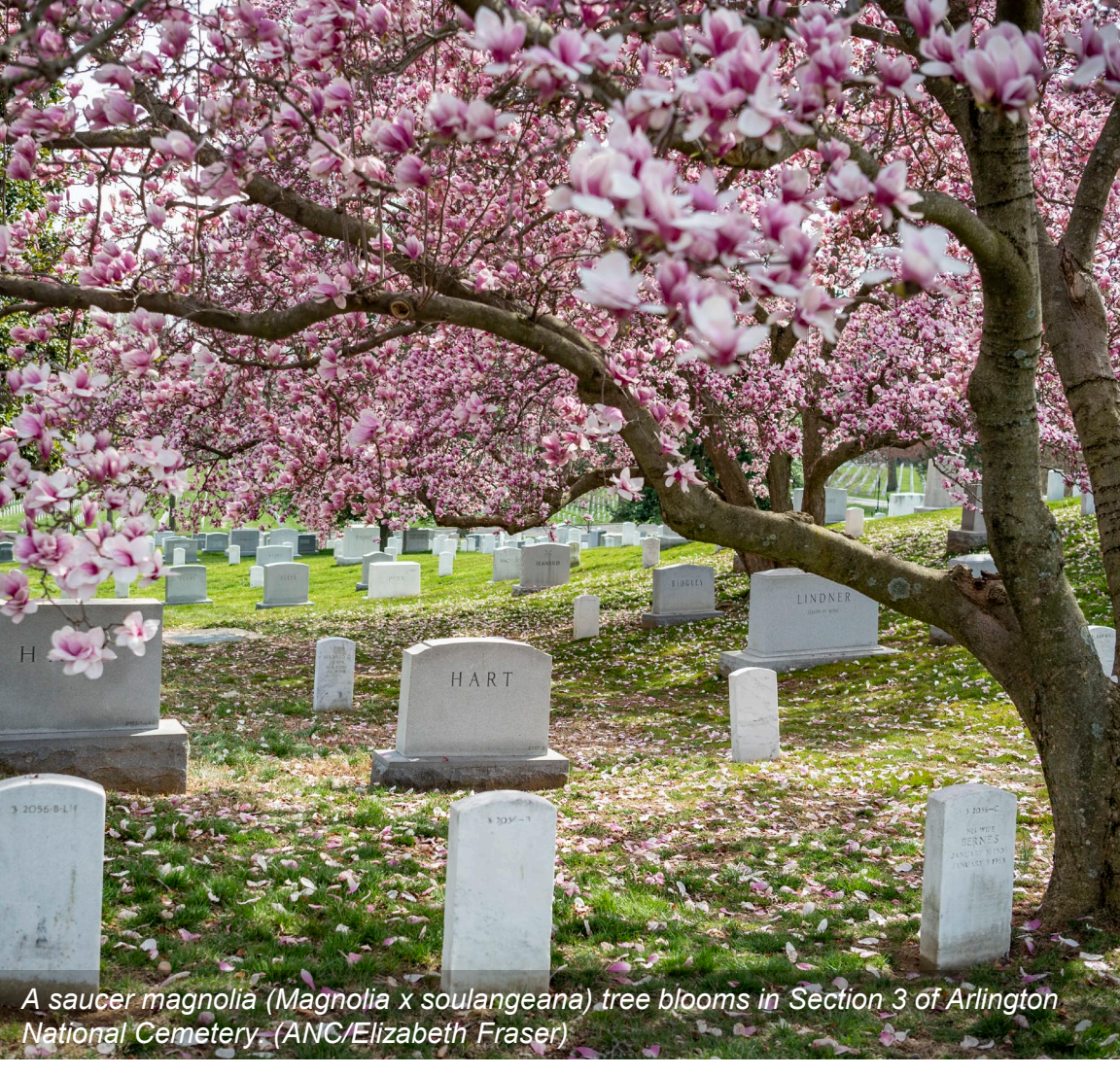


Spring Guide



A saucer magnolia (*Magnolia x soulangeana*) tree blooms in Section 3 of Arlington National Cemetery. (ANC/Elizabeth Fraser)



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Cherry Trees



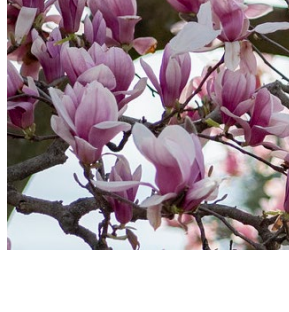
Between mid-March and early May, 417 cherry trees bloom at Arlington. Blossoms are white, pink or some combination of the two colors. Higan cherries blossom a second time in the fall.

Yoshino cherry trees are the famous variety that blossom around the Tidal Basin in Washington, D.C. Native black cherries provide food for native moths, caterpillars and the tiger swallowtail butterfly.

AT ANC: Weeping Higan Cherry (*Prunus subhirtella pendula*), Kwanzan Cherry (*Prunus serrulata* 'Kwanzan'), Yoshino Cherry (*Prunus x yedoensis*), Higan Cherry (*Prunus subhirtella* 'Autumnalis'), Okame Cherry (*Prunus* 'Okame'), Native Black Cherry (*Prunus serotina*)

WHERE TO SEE THEM: Sections 2, 5, 12, 26, 35, 37, 46, 60, the Kennedy gravesite and Columbarium Courts 1-9

Magnolia Trees



Large, fragrant white and pink flowers bloom in the early spring, typically between mid-March and early April.

AT ANC: Loebner Magnolia (*Magnolia x loebneri*), Star Magnolia (*Magnolia stellata*), Saucer Magnolia (*Magnolia x soulangeana*)

WHERE TO SEE THEM: Sections 3, 5, 7, 24, 32, the Kennedy gravesite and Columbarium Court 11

Narcissus



Commonly called daffodils, yellow and white Narcissus blooms appear in early spring. Grown from bulbs, they come back year after year.

WHERE TO SEE THEM: Section 47, Memorial Section I, McClellan Circle and along Porter Drive

Redbud Trees



Bursting out of stems and bark, redbuds bloom for about two weeks in April. After flowering is complete, the rosy-pink flowers are replaced with seed pods that remain into winter and shiny purple leaves appear. The leaves turn green and stay green throughout the summer. In fall, they turn yellow and then the two- to three- inch seed pods turn black.

AT ANC: Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*), Chinese Redbud (*Cercis chinensis*)

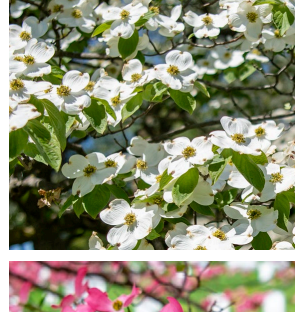
WHERE TO SEE THEM: Sections 3, 6, 8, 12, 13, 27, 34 and 59

Dogwood Trees

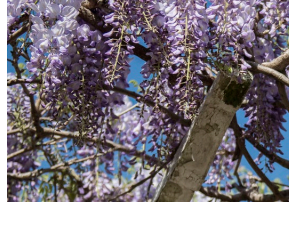
In April or May, large white or pink bracts (which look like petals) surround the tiny flowers of the dogwood tree. This Virginia native is also the state tree.

AT ANC: Pink Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida* 'Rubra'), White Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida* 'Cherokee Princess')

WHERE TO SEE THEM: Sections 3, 4, 27, 34 and Columbarium Court 4



Wisteria

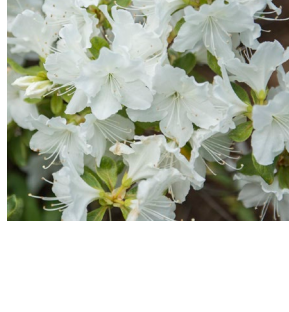


Clusters of scented, light purple flowers hang from the Tanner Amphitheater in April. Today considered an invasive species, the Chinese and Japanese wisteria were historically grown in the amphitheater. Over time they are being replaced with native American wisteria.

AT ANC: Chinese Wisteria (*Wisteria sinensis*), Japanese Wisteria (*Wisteria floribunda*), American Wisteria (*Wisteria frutescens*)

WHERE TO SEE THEM: Tanner Amphitheater

Azaleas



In late April and early May, azalea plants are carpeted by white or pink flowers.

AT ANC: Delaware Valley White Azalea (*Rhododendron* 'Delaware Valley White')

WHERE TO SEE THEM: Columbarium Court 7 and Memorial Amphitheater west entrance

Serviceberry Tree



Delicate white flowers cover serviceberry trees in early April.

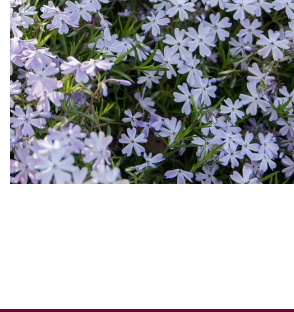
AT ANC: Downy Serviceberry (*Amelanchier arborea*), Smooth Serviceberry (*Amelanchier laevis*), Canada Serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*)

WHERE TO SEE THEM: Columbarium Court 9

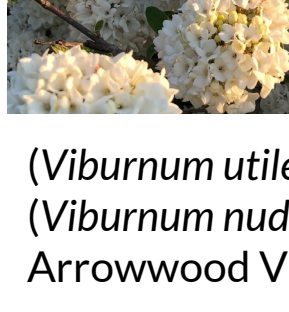
Phlox

A low-growing groundcover, Phlox is covered with fragrant white, purple or blue flowers in mid-spring. Phlox is native to the eastern United States and comes in a variety of types.

WHERE TO SEE IT: Memorial Sections H and G in Section 13



Viburnums



A variety of native and non-native viburnums dot the landscape at ANC. In the spring, viburnums bloom with white and pink flowers in small clusters.

AT ANC: Smooth Witherod (*Virburnum nudum* 'Winterthur'), Eskimo Viburnum (*Viburnum utile* 'Eskimo'), Brandywine Viburnum (*Viburnum nudum* 'Brandywine'), Chicago Lustre Arrowwood Viburnum (*Viburnum dentatum* 'Synnestvedt')

WHERE TO SEE IT: Columbarium Court 5, McClellan Circle and near the Welcome Center

