

## WHAT'S TO SEE AT RESTON MEMORIAL PARK ...MONTH BY MONTH

**April** : signs of awakening and early growth after winter.

early volunteer flowers – Johnny jump-ups , blue stars

Forsythia yellow blossoms

Buckeye buds

Ure pear tree in bloom

Catkins on various trees

Sharp tailed grouse

**May**: tulips,

Flowering plums

Pink flowering almond shrubs

Bird nesting activity – Brewers sparrow, white crowned sparrow, robins, hawk nesting

Spruce new growth buds

Pink and white crabapple flowers

Yellow caragana flowers

Double purple and white lilac

Butterflies on sunny days- mourning cloak

Early leafing trees – columnar poplar, maple, elm and lilac

**June** : flowering chokecherry

Japanese lilac trees in bloom

Scabiosa pin cushion flower

Bridal bouquet spirea

Fern peonies

Vulture feathers and vultures in the high trees at the cenotaph.

Late leafing mountain ash, linden, birch, green ash, walnut, sugar maple, honeysuckle

Butterflies seen on sunny days : yellow tiger swallowtail, orange fritillary, orange comma, yellow sulphur.

Mosquitoes and dragon flies

**July:** day lilies

Perennial tiger lilies

Black Walnut fruit

crabapples

chokecherries

red berries of ? honeysuckle shrub

hummingbirds when watering grass – they seem to like the woods and the water

the occasional monarch butterfly on sunny days

**August:** limegreen hornworm burrowing into ground to pupate

Frogs in new wet grass

Pileated woodpecker; American goldfinches

Salamander and garter snakes ; on 2 occasions a garter snake in the midst of eating a

Salamander.

Baby sharp skinned hawks squacking and venturing out on the sidewalks

Evidence of Squirrels eating horse chestnuts and walnuts

Flocks of robins and northern flickers eating

Squirrel activity in the trees ...look for the nests

Hornworms and more snakes and salamanders

**September:** peach colored ohio buckeye leaves

Virginia creeper on the tennis court fence with its pink vines and red leaves

Ure pear fruit

'raining' leaves as they fall from trees in the wind

Various new seed cones fallen to the ground

**October:** yellow and golden late leaves on birch, maple sugar, linden and mountain ash

Walk the tree tunnels to hear the crunch of the leaves under foot

Overhead sounds of geese, ravens and sandhill cranes

Evidence of squirrels eating walnuts, pear, chestnuts and spruce cone seeds and lots of

Squirrel chatter!

Scat from coyotes eating crab apples

**November:** nuthatches, chickadees

**December ; January; February:** *silence of winter in the pristine snowfall, hoar frost*

Animal tracks of deer, squirrels and the odd moose or coyote

Winter birds – bohemian waxwings, chickadees, downy

Woodpecker.

