

5 WAYS TO KICK OFF THE GARDENING SEASON IN SPRING

Prune summer-flowering shrubs, including blue spirea, summersweet and rose of Sharon, to encourage bushy growth and masses of nectar-laden blooms.

Inspect the trees and shrubs in your yard for overwintering pests. Removing egg masses of eastern tent caterpillars, gypsy moths and other voracious insects can greatly reduce plant damage without the use of chemicals—a major goal for any wildlife gardener.

Remove and compost plant debris that stayed in the garden over winter. The birds have likely picked the seed heads clean.

Prepare the soil and plant annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs that will attract wildlife. Include those that offer food as well as shelter.

Scour garden centers for plants birds, butterflies and bees love.



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Behold, my friends, the spring is come; the earth has gladly received the embraces of the sun, and we shall soon see the results of their love!

~ Sitting Bull

April

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The Fourth Month

April 5 ~ New Moon

"Sweet April showers

Do spring May flowers."

- Thomas Tusser, English poet (1524-80)

April 13 ~ Thomas Jefferson's Birthday

"I have an extensive flower border, in which I am fond of placing handsome plants or fragrant. Those of mere curiosity, I do not aim at."

- Thomas Jefferson, third U.S. President

April 19 ~ Good Friday Passover begins at Sundown. Full Pink Moon

"Life is like the Moon, now full, now dark" - Bankim Das

April 21 ~ Easter Sunday

The sun dances on Easter morn.

April 22 ~ Earth Day

To expose your vegetable garden to the most sunlight, plant the tallest varieties on the north side.

April 26 ~ National Arbor Day

Spread fertilizer under slow-growing trees, shrubs, and evergreens now.

April 28 ~ Orthodox Easter

To keep rabbits away, put scented soap shavings in small drawstring bags and place them around the garden.



All For Asparagus

Asparagus takes a few years to establish, but once it does, it can produce tender spears for decades. It begins as a tiny black seed, but to start a patch, use 1-year-old crowns (roots). Within weeks, small spears will emerge; leave these to encourage deep roots. Asparagus grows quickly, as much as 10 inches in 24 hours! During the growing season, it becomes tall and ferny; female varieties form red berries. As the weather cools, the ferns die back; cut dead foliage to the ground. Do not harvest for 2 years. Starting the third year, spears can be harvested for 4 to 8 weeks beginning in early spring.

