

# Winter Aconite, *Eranthis hyemalis*



**Bloom:** Mid-Feb. - early March

*Eranthis* means 'spring flower.'  
Winter aconite is in the buttercup family of plants.

## Plant History and Habits

The first blooms to appear in late winter, the winter aconite provide an important early nectar source for bees! If you look carefully at the patches of winter aconite in bloom, you'll likely see honeybees and other native bees feeding. They are planted by bulbs.



## A Spring Ephemeral

A spring ephemeral is a plant that completes its entire life cycle in the spring. It sends up leaves, flowers, sets seeds, and then the foliage dies back to the ground. The plant remains dormant, roots resting underground, until the following spring. It's here today, gone next week for these beauties.

## Origins

Native to Europe and Asia Minor.

## Look for it...

Patches of winter aconite yellow are easy to spot in early March along the lower half of John Clayton Trail.

