

What's YOUR Choice for Canada's National Flower?

Nation-Wide Survey by the Master Gardeners of Ontario

Voting Closes Midnight June 30, 2017

Did you know that there is no official national flower for Canada? And don't you think it's time we had one?

The Master Gardeners of Ontario launched a search for a flower that grows in every province and territory and is not already a provincial or territorial emblem. With help from Todd Boland, Research Horticulturist at Memorial University of Newfoundland, we came up with the three choices you see below.

Help celebrate Canada's 150th birthday by casting your vote today! Voting closes midnight June 30 and we'll announce the winning flower on Canada Day.



**Hooded Ladies Tresses
(*Spiranthes romanzoffiana*)**

Orchid with unique spiraling flower spike

Found in open wet areas – meadows, bogs, marshes

Fragrant flowers from July to Sept on 10 to 50 cm stems

Food source for native bumblebees all through summer



Twinflower (*Linnaea borealis*)

Delicate but tough!

Borealis: of the north

Found in forests, wetlands

Reproduces mainly by spreading stolons

Fragrant flowers on 15 cm stems for one week in June

Attracts native bees, provides winter forage for caribou



**Bunchberry
(*Cornus Canadensis*)**

White spring flowers, red summer berries, red-purple fall leaves

Found in forests, wetlands

Creeping form, 10 to 20 cm tall, great as a native groundcover

Attracts native bumblebees and solitary bees

Berries eaten by small and large mammals, migratory birds

Winter forage source for caribou, moose, elk, deer



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