

Spring in My Backyard

Hello folks! Spring can be a very quirky time around here in Massachusetts. The air can feel cold and warm, and the weather can go from sunny to rainy to sunny again, all in one day! Another thing is that at first glance, spring can look very dull and grey- and then a couple weeks later you get an explosion of bright green and beautiful flowers. But if you look very carefully, you can spot some of the early signs of spring and you can see some of these tiny secrets starting to sprout... Here we go!

One of the early signs of spring is the bright yellow flowers of the forsythia shrub:



Up close, these blooms look like little sunny explosions!



And another plant that blooms early is this teeny tiny flower called the scilla:



Oh, what's that? Couldn't spot it? How about a close up of this tiny gem:



Cutie little scilla!

Another springtime favorite is a tulip,
which starts out something like this:



One of the earliest things to bloom, tulips come in a million
colors! By mid-April, this little sprout becomes:



Each May, many of us enjoy (or sneeze at) lilac bushes. But before we get to the full floral scented bloom, we get this cute cluster:



And soon after, we get this!



You may also notice the early
sprouts of an iris:



Not much to look at, eh? They are stiff and smooth, with pointy tops, and only a few inches tall.

In a little while (about 2 months or so), we'll see it
turn into this:



Pretty amazing, right?! The leaves can grow to be
as tall as a foot in height, and they send up these
tall stems that give us a beautiful flower!

Here is another iris- this one has leaves that start out purple!!!



Interestingly, when this starts to bloom, the leaves lose their purple hue and change to deep green, but the stem that holds the flower remains purple!



Hang in there, we have some real garden favorites coming up!

Another late spring favorite is a peony:



But before we get that, we get these bright little squirts of red:



Don't be fooled- these are really, really tiny! They're only about half an inch tall at this time!

Lastly, this plant is a personal favorite of mine. It may get a bad rap for all the thorns, but look at those early vibrant red leaves!



And by mid-June, we get to enjoy the heavy, sweet aroma of roses!



Thanks for checking out some of the signs of
spring with me!