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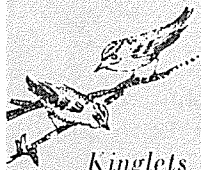
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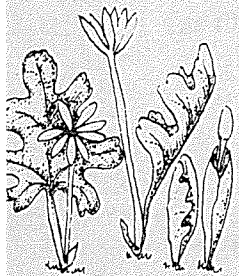
Skunk cabbage



Scarlet tanager



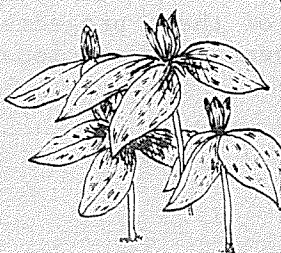
Kinglets



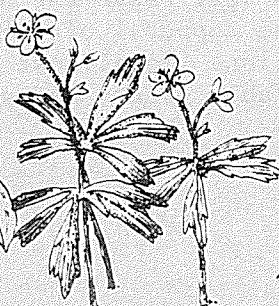
Bloodroot



Jack-in-the-pulpit



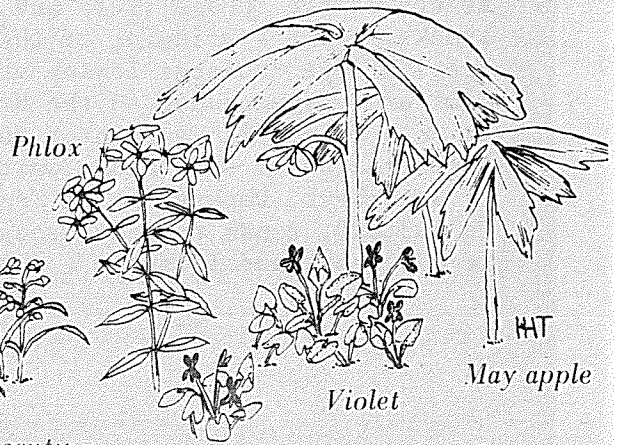
Red trillium



Wild geranium



Spring beauty



Phlox

Violet

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May apple

WHAT TO SEE--

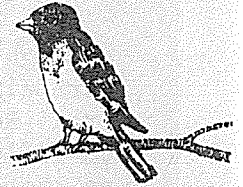
Spring Wildflowers and Migrating Birds

The first blooming bulbs in your garden and the first wildflowers along the Prairie Path will be very welcome after such a snowy winter.

Even now *Skunk cabbage* is generating heat to push its way through the frozen mud of river bank and marsh. Its relative, the *Jack-in-the-pulpit*, comes up in late April and early May. *Bloodroot* raises its 8-petaled white head above its curled protective leaves in late April. Before the leaves on the trees grow large enough to blot out the sun, the sides of the Path and nearby woods are carpeted with purple *Violets*, red *Trilliums*, blue *Wild phlox*, pink *Spring beauties* and pink *Wild geraniums*.

Migrating birds are easier to see in the spring than later when the leaves come out.

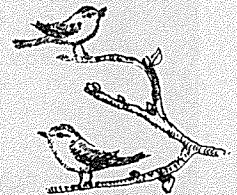
In April and early May look for *Warblers*, especially near water. Look for tiny *Kinglets* with their red and yellow caps; brilliant *Scarlet tanagers* with black wings and tails; and handsome *Rose-breasted grosbeaks* with their black heads, black and white wings, and a rosy bib across their white breasts.



Rose breasted grosbeak



Tennessee warbler



Myrtle warbler