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## Bob Watson Photography

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*"One attraction in coming to the woods to live was that I should have leisure and opportunity to see the spring come in"*

*- Henry David Thoreau*

### Featured Photograph No. 1



*Warren Woods (National Natural Landmark) and Swamp Buttercups*

### Featured Photograph No. 2



## Spring Wildflower - Swamp Buttercup

*Spring has to be my favorite season of the year. Everything is on the come - - including the wildflowers. Soon after the snow melts and the first few warm days, the drab brown earth quickly turns to "Spring Green" and blankets of wildflowers start to appear.*

*How does anyone describe "Spring Green"? To me the only way to describe it is to call it by its name - - Spring Green. It's that green, almost iridescent, that's probably a little different to everyone, but we all know it when we see it. It comes but once each year and only last a short while.*

*Wildflowers, of course, bloom throughout the summer and early autumn, but it's only in the spring that you have both the wildflowers and Spring Green together. Its this period of time that we can experience the splendor of the wildflowers, Spring Green and all the fresh and unique smells that accompany this experience. Once gone, you have to wait another year for it to come again.*

*The abundance of wildflowers in deep forests and woods differ depending upon the soil, moisture, amount of sunlight etc. This spring, I went to [Warren Woods](#) in Michigan. Warren Woods is over 300 acres of primarily climax beech-maple forest. Because of the size and age of the trees, and the rarity of the ecosystem, this area has been legally designated since 1967 as a [National Natural Landmark](#) and is managed by the State of Michigan's Warren Dunes State Park. This particular area where I photographed is a wetland area within the forest and provides the right soil and sunlight for various wildflowers, including those displayed here.*

*I have 4 Featured Photographs this month. I don't anticipate this being repeated each month, but I felt it necessary to help relay my spring experience and the beauty of the wildflowers.*

*The actual size of the blossom of the Swamp Buttercup in Featured Photograph No. 1 and 2 is only about ½ inch in diameter.*

*Although not endangered, the Trillium in Featured Photograph No. 3 and 4 is protected from being picked from public lands in 3 states, including Michigan. Picking the Trillium seriously injures the plant by preventing it from producing the blossom the next year and can take many years to recover.*

*Featured Photograph No. 3*



*Spring Wildflowers - White Trillium,*

*Featured Photograph No. 4*



*Spring Wildflowers - White Trillium*

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