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### **8. Springtime blooms are on their way.**

Cornflowers are always the first sign that things are beginning to thaw in Brooklyn, like at Marsha P. Johnson State Park, above, named for a central figure of the 1969 Stonewall uprising. [This essay offers a tour of the park and of New York City's wildflowers](#), some of which you're more likely to encounter in a sidewalk crack than in a bouquet.

"A wildflower can refer to any flowering plant that was not cultivated, intentionally planted or given human aid, yet it still managed to grow and bloom," writes Sabrina Imbler, a definition "that feels particularly suited to New York City and its many transplants."

[These eight gardens](#) across the country welcome visitors with a range of beloved blooms, traditional collections and experiential outdoor spaces.