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Flowering Plants at NJMC's DeKorte Park get new labels for easy identification



LYNDHURST, N.J. – This spring, when you visit DeKorte Park, you won't have to be a botanist to identify all the beautiful plantings.

The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission (NJMC) has been busy creating signs to go with the plants, so in most cases you'll be able to stop guessing. Those beautiful flowers pictured above, for example, are Bleeding Hearts, as a nearby sign explains.

"The idea is to make the park as enjoyable – and educational – as we can," said Robert Ceberio, Executive Director of the NJMC. "The park gets more beautiful by the week, and we want to share it with as many people as we can."

Other newly labeled flowers, shrubs and trees at DeKorte include coreopsis, doublefile vibernum and red oak (the New Jersey state tree). The labels include the common and – for the more serious green-thumb types – botanical name of each plant. The labels were created with the invaluable help of the Bergen County Department of Parks sign shop.

The 110-acre DeKorte Park is home to the NJMC Headquarters, the Meadowlands Environment Center, the William D. McDowell Observatory, the LEED-platinum Center for Environmental and Scientific Education, great views of New York City and local wildlife, plus hiking trails galore.

Approximately 50,000 people visit the park each year, including schoolchildren, birders, walkers, astronomy buffs and other nature lovers. Also in the works: a new color guide and walking map of DeKorte Park.

For digital images of the Bleeding Hearts and photos of DeKorte Park, contact Brian Aberback at 201-460-4619 or brian.aberback@njmeadowlands.gov.

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