The Unusual Skunk Cabbage

It’s smelly, produces heat, and is often the first wildflower in bloom each spring.

Read the information below about Eastern Skunk Cabbage, then find the bolded words in the word search.

Leaves have a strong scent. When crushed, smells like onions and skunk mixed together.

Flower emerges first, then the leaves follow. The leaves grow very large and very green.

Produces heat and melts snow around them.

Eastern Skunk Cabbage
Symlocarpus foetidus

Native wildflower in Ontario.
Blooms in late-March.

Outer shell of the flower is called a spathe.
Inside the flower is the spadix. This is where the individual flowers with pollen are located.

Grows in wet areas.

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