

Wild flower spotter sheet Country species





Oxeye daisy Leucanthemum vulgare

Large daisy-like whiteflowers with a yellow centre, on a stalk up to 70cm tall. Also known as 'moon daisy' or 'dog daisy'.



Cow parsley *Anthriscus sylvestris*

Frothy and lacy white heads up to 6cm across, made up of lots of small flowers in an 'umbel' (lots of flower stalks coming from a central point like the ribs of an umbrella.)



White campion Silene latifolia

White flowers 20 - 30mm across, with deeply notched petals on a softly hairy, sticky plant to 1m tall. Scented of cloves at night to attract moths.



White deadnettle
Lamium album

Nettle-like leaves without the sting and white 2 lipped flowers on a squarish, hairy stem. Try picking a flower and sucking nectar from the base.



White clover Trifolium repens

Small white flowers in tight globe-shaped clusters. Leaves have 3 oval, toothed leaflets usually with a whitish band.



Meadowsweet *Filipendula ulmaria*

Fluffy cream-white heads of honey scented flowers. Grows up to 120cm tall in damp places.



Cowslip *Primula veris*

Yellow cup shaped flowers about 10mm across, at the top of a long stem up to 30cm tall. Rosette of wrinkly leaves.



Meadow buttercup Ranunculus acris

Tall sprays of shiny yellow flowers with scale-like sepals cupping the petals. Leaves are deeply toothed and lobed into narrow segments.



Bird's-foot-trefoil Lotus corniculatus

Deep yellow and orange tinged pea flowers in clusters of 2-7. Leaves with 5 oval leaflets, the lower two bent back by the stem.



Lady's bedstraw
Galium verum

Golden-yellow scented flowers 2-3mm across on a sprawling plant to 60cm tall. Once strewn on the floor of lady's bedchambers



Common ragwort *Senecio jacobea*

Upright plant to 100cm tall with clusters of daisy-like flowers, each made up of many bright yellow 'ray' and central 'disc' florets.



Red clover *Trifolium pratense*

Bright pinkish-purple flowerheads to 3cm on a sprawling plant to 50cm. Downy leaves with 3 oval leaflets, usually with a white 'V' mark.



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Common spotted orchid

Dactylorhiza fuchsii

Flowers on tall spikes vary from deep to light pink and the lower lip is painted with darker pink streaks and dots. Greygreen leaves are marked with dark purple spots.

Wild marjoram Origanum vulgare

Pink-purple 3-lipped flowers in dense clusters at the top of stems to 70cm tall. Leaves on stalks in pairs on squarish stem. Leaves pleasantly aromatic.

Himalayan balsam Impatiens glandulifera

1-3m tall with large 'policeman's helmet' pink-purple flowers 4cm long. Leaves with small red teeth at edge on reddish stem. Often grows in large clumps.

Common Dog-violet Viola riviniana

Bluish-purple petals are 15-25mm across with darker veins. Leaves are heart-shaped and grow around the base of the plant as well as on flowering shoots.











Cuckooflower Cardamine pratensis

Variable plant, to 60cm, sometimes with runners. Flowers rosepink to white, 12-18mm across, with 4 petals.

Common knapweed Centaurea nigra

Thistle-like with spherical black/brown head topped with 'tufts' of purple, pink or sometimes white flowers.

Germander speedwell

Veronica chamaedrys

Spreading plant with bright blue 4 petalled flowers with a white centre, hence old name of 'bird's-eye'.

Tufted vetch Vicia cracca

Large scrambling long stalked plant with onesided clusters of bluepurple pea flowers. Narrow leaflets end in tendrils.







Selfheal Prunella vulgaris

Violet-blue flowers 10-15mm in a compact head at the top of the stem up to 20cm tall. Hairy leaves.

Meadow crane's-bill Geranium pratense

Large white veined 5 petalled blue-violet flowers on stem up to 1m tall. Seed cases are shaped like a long bird's-bill.

Field scabious Knautia arvensis

Rounded lilac 'pom pom' flowerheads 30-40mm across on hairy stalks up to 75cm.



Hanging blue bells on slender stalks. Grows 15-40cm tall. Roundish leaves at base, very narrow linear leaves up stem.