

Wild flower spotter sheet Spring



Blue and Purple FlowersRed and Pink flowers



Bluebell Hyacinthoides non-scripta

Sweetly scented flowers hang on one side of an arching stem. Petals form a narrow tube and curl backwards at their tips. Leaves are narrow.



Bugle Ajuga reptans

Patch-forming plant with leafy flower spikes reaching 10-30cm carrying blue flowers in tiers. Stems are square with leaves in pairs.



Common dog-violet Viola riviniana

Unscented blue flowers with two upper petals and three lower petals with darker veins and a paler small tube behind each flower. Leaves are heart-shaped.



Common field-speedwell Veronica persica

A low, spreading plant. Small bright blue flowers with four petals, the lowest of which is white. Each one is carried on a single stem that's longer than the leaves.



Green alkanet *Pentaglottis sempervirens*

A large, clump-forming plant growing up to 1m tall. Large oval leaves are rough to touch. Blue forget-menot type flowers are carried in branching sprays.



Ground-ivy Glechoma hederacea

Creeping plant. Violet blue flowers with a lower lip of three petals form tiers on small upright stems. Leaves are rounded and wavyedged with a strong smell.



Germander speedwell *Veronica chamaedrys*

Low, spreading plant with bright blue four-petalled flowers with a white centre. These are carried in small spikes arising from the main stem.



Ivy-leaved toadflax *Cymbalaria muralis*

This creeping, tumbling plant has reddish stems and small ivy-shaped leaves. Small lilac and white flowers have two yellow 'keels' in the centre.



Early-purple orchid *Orchis mascula*

Scented purple-pink flowers have a lower lip with paler patch with a few dots and are carried in a spike above glossy green leaves dotted with purple blotches.



Spanish bluebell *Hyacinthoides hispanica*

Bell-shaped pale blue flowers of Spanish bluebell lack a sweet scent without reflexed petal tips held all around an upright flower stem. Leaves are broad.



Wood forget-me-not *Myosotis sylvatica*

Medium-sized plant often found in patches. Familiar forget-me-not flowers, carried in branching sprays, are flat and pale blue with a white and yellow 'eye'.



Cuckooflower *Cardamine pratensis*

Usually found in clumps on damp verges, fields and meadows. The four-petalled flowers are lilac-pink to white and carried in clusters on stems to 60cm tall.





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Herb Robert *Geranium robertianum*

Small plant with deeplylobed hairy leaves, triangular outline, that are sometimes reddish and produce a strong, unpleasant smell with bright pink, five-petalled flowers.



Red deadnettle *Lamium purpureum*

Patch-forming plant with hairy, heart-shaped leaves often shaded purple towards the top of the plant. Small hooded purple flowers emerge between the upper leaves.



Colt's-foot Tussilago farfara

Colt's-foot flowers look a bit like small dandelions. Stems are scaly. The leaves appear later and are rounded with whitish felt underneath.



Cowslip *Primula veris*

Clusters of small cupshaped yellow flowers on stems up to 30cm tall. At the base of each plant is a rosette of wrinkly leaves.



Dandelion *Taraxacum officinalis*

Cheerful, bright yellow flowers on individual hollow stems above a rosette of jaggedly toothed leaves. These are followed by fluffy white seed heads.



Lesser celandine *Ranunculus ficaria*

This small plant flowers in early spring with large star-shaped flowers of 8-12 highly glossy petals and a paler centre. The leaves are shiny and heart-shaped.



Primrose Primula vulgaris

Pale yellow, five-petalled flowers up to 3cm across, each bourne on its own long stem. Leaves are tongue-shaped, wrinkly and up to 15cm long.



Anemone *Anemone nemorosa*

Large, star-like white flowers of six (or more) petals that open wide in the sun. Found in patches in ancient woodland, hedgerows and on road verges.



Daisy *Bellis perennis*

Small white flowers with yellow centres. Petals are often flushed pink on the outside. Small rounded leaves grow in a rosette. Often very abundant in lawns.



Greater stitchwort Stellaria holostea

A spreading, scrambling plant with large white flowers of five petals that are divided halfway. Narrow roughedged leaves are arranged in pairs on a square stem.



Ramsons Allium ursinum

This spreading plant has large, bright green leaves that smell strongly of garlic. Rounded clusters of white, six-petalled flowers are carried on tall stalks.



White deadnettle Lamium album

Clump-forming plant with upright stems carrying nettle-like leaves without the sting! Large, hooded white flowers are carried in tiers between the upper leaves.