

April Wildflower Spotter Sheet



Bluebell

Hyacinthoides non-scripta

Dedicated to St George, around half the world's bluebells grow in the UK making it a particularly apt national treasure.

Where to find it:

Woodland



Bugle

Ajuga reptans

Since its flowers aren't trumpet-like, Bugle is likely a corruption of its scientific name, *Ajuga*. Bumblebees love it.

Where to find it:

Damp, shaded places



Cowslip

Primula veris

Often grows near cowpats, or where the cow's "slugged". Food plant for the rare Duke of Burgundy butterfly caterpillar.

Where to find it:

Grassy places



Cuckooflower

Cardamine pratensis

Also known as **Lady's Smock**. It tends to bloom at the same time the cuckoo starts to call, hence its common name.

Where to find it:

Wet meadows



Early Purple Orchid

Orchis mascula

One of the earliest of our native orchids. It has a scent not unlike Lily-of-the-Valley that gets stronger at night.

Where to find it:

Meadows & coppices



Greater Stitchwort

Stellaria holostea

A sign of an ancient hedgerow. One of its local names is "pop-guns" as its seeds fire off noisily when ripe.

Where to find it:

Hedgerows



Lords & Ladies

Arum maculatum

Pollinated by the cowpat-dwelling Owl Midge, it emits dung-like smell & heat to attract it.

Where to find it:

Woods, banks & walls



Germander Speedwell

Veronica chamaedrys

Our most common native speedwell. Look for the two white stamen sprouting from the pale "eye" in the centre.

Where to find it:

Wasteland & gardens



Wild Garlic

Allium ursinum

Also known as **Ramsons**. If you encounter an oniony aroma in the woods, chances are this wildflower's nearby.

Where to find it:

Woodland



Wood Sorrel

Oxalis acetosella

Once used in cooking for its lemony taste - but don't eat too much raw as it can upset the stomach!

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Woodland

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