

# 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!

**Where to find it:**  
Woodland