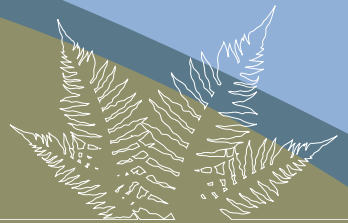




Broadleaved woodland

First Steps: get to know your wild flowers



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Broadleaved woodland is composed of different types of trees, like broad oaks and tall ash. The best woodlands to see wildflowers are old woodlands, where the woodland soils have been undisturbed for many decades.

Old woodlands have a variety of different trees of different ages and sizes, with a woodland floor rich in wildflowers. Recent, man-made plantations will have trees of similar height and girth, and usually only a few types of wild plants on the ground. However, if trees have recently been planted on an existing old woodland site, then the forest floor may also be rich in wildflowers.

Flowering time: Woodland flowers are best seen in spring, from March to May.



Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*) – Characterised by its droopy spike of blue, bell-shaped flowers, rolled back at the tip. Bluebells leaves are long, narrow and glossy green.

A delicate scent of hyacinth is characteristic of the native Bluebell.

Location: _____
Date: _____



Ramsons (*Allium ursinum*) – Forms extensive carpets with long, bright green leaves. The flowerhead is a cluster of small, white, star-like flowers on a long, smooth stalk. Ramsons

has a distinct garlicky smell.

Location: _____
Date: _____



Red Campion (*Silene dioica*) – Recognisable by its five deeply-notched, bright pink petals. Red Campion has a tall stem with broad, oval leaves in opposite pairs. This plant can also be found in hedges and on rocky ledges.

Location: _____
Date: _____



Wood Anemone (*Anemone nemerosa*) – One of the earliest flowering woodland plants, forming drifts across the ground. Stems have 3 divided, or toothed leaves, and it has a single flower with six or more white 'petals'.

Location: _____
Date: _____



Lesser Celandine (*Ranunculus ficaria*) – An early flower with glossy, heart-shaped leaves. It bears a single flower with about 10 shiny yellow petals. Lesser Celandine favours damp ground and can form dense patches.

Location: _____
Date: _____



Wood-sorrel (*Oxalis acetosella*) – A small, delicate flower with five veined, white petals on a thin stalk. The leaves are very distinctive, having bright green, trefoil leaves on long stalks. Wood-sorrel avoids wet soils and can be found on tree stumps and among rocks.

Location: _____
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