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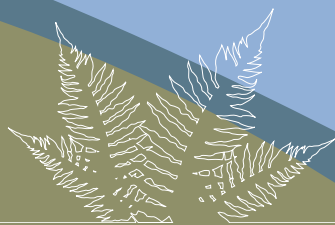


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# Hedgerows



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A hedgerow is a line of trees or shrubs, along with any associated banks, ditches or verges. Some old hedges may be thin strips of former woodland, while others may still retain the remnants of former meadows, now long gone. Hedgerow flowers can therefore be very variable, displaying a mixture of light-loving plants typical of both woodland and meadow.

Old hedges are more likely to support more wildflowers than new hedges, conifer hedges or privet hedges. Whatever their age, hedges can provide both food and shelter for a range of plants, animals and birds.

**Flowering time:** Hedgerow plants may flower throughout spring and summer.



**Dog-rose (*Rosa canina*)** – This straggly, thorny shrub with stout curving stems has broad flowers with five notched petals, usually bright pink or white. The leaves are toothed

and in pairs on a stalk, with a single leaf at the end. The bright red oval berries are distinctive.

**Location:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*)** – A very common small tree recognisable by dense clusters of small, creamy-white, five-petalled flowers, developing into

bunches of deep red berries. Leaves are small and deeply notched, on spiny twigs.

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**Tufted Vetch (*Vicia cracca*)** – A slender climbing plant with a one-sided spike of small blue-purple flowers. It has many small, narrow, bright-green leaves in pairs along a stalk,

ending in branched, twisting tendrils.

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**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 woodlands and on rocky ledges.

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**Lady's Bedstraw (*Galium verum*)** – This slender, creeping plant has dense clusters of small, golden yellow flowers on the top of the stem. Whorls of long, very narrow leaves lie

along a square stem.

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**Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*)** – A tall plant with toothed, heart-shaped leaves along the stem. The flowers are in a cluster at the top of the stem, small and white, with

four petals. After flowering, seeds develop in a long, thin, upright pod.

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