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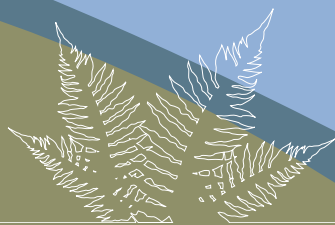


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Road verges



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Roadside verges can be regarded as thin ribbons of grassland, snaking through the countryside. As with hedgerows, they can sometimes display some woodland or meadow flowers, but more often the plants will be common ones that can thrive despite dust and pollution from road traffic.

These flowers often have a low-growing rosette of leaves at the base of the stem, allowing them to continue to survive after repeated verge cutting.

Flowering time: Verges may flower throughout spring and summer.



Daisy (*Bellis perennis*) – Has a low-growing rosette of glossy, spoon-shaped leaves, from which a single hairy stalk bears the flower. The flower is a yellow disc surrounded by

white rays, often pink-tipped.

Location: _____
Date: _____



Nettle (*Urtica dioica*) – A common, tall upright plant with bristly stems. It has toothed leaves in opposite pairs, covered in stinging hairs, with tiny yellow-green flowers in catkins drooping from where the leaf joins the stem.

Location: _____
Date: _____



Ribwort Plantain (*Plantago lanceolata*) – It has at its base a rosette of ribbed, lance-shaped leaves from which a single, grooved flowering stalk rises. The flowerhead is a short, dark,

oval spike with a ring of very small whitish flowers.

Location: _____
Date: _____



Creeping Thistle (*Cirsium arvense*) – A tallish, spiny plant with a flowerhead of pale purple tufts set in a greenish-grey, rounded head. This thistle has a smooth stem

without spines and wavy, prickly leaves, grey-green and smooth on top.

Location: _____
Date: _____



Red Clover (*Trifolium pratense*) – This small, hairy plant has a rounded flowerhead of many small, pinkish-purple flowers. It has grey-green trefoil leaves with a whitish 'V' mark in the centre of each. It is also very common in grasslands.

Location: _____
Date: _____



White Dead-nettle (*Lamium alba*) – An upright, hairy plant with toothed, nettle-like leaves in opposite pairs, but stingless. It has a distinctive ring of creamy- white, hooded flowers

in the angle where the leaves join the stem.

Location: _____
Date: _____

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