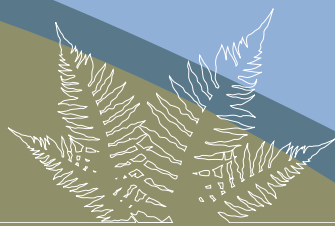


Walls



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Many wild plants have adapted to living in urban environments, and old walls can provide the cracks and crannies that plants need to be able to hang on. Walls are a very harsh environment for plants; there is very little soil to retain water and nourish the plants, and little shelter from sunshine and wind.

Only those plants that can survive on very little water will be found there, but the cement or mortar in walls provides a source of minerals that can help plants grow and thrive in this rather extreme environment.

Flowering time: Flowers on walls are best seen in summer, from June to September.



Ivy-leaved Toadflax (*Cymbalaria muralis*) – A creeping plant with fleshy, ivy-like leaves on long, delicate, purplish stems. It has single, small, lilac and yellow flowers,

with a short spur behind.

Location: _____
Date: _____



English Stonecrop (*Sedum anglicum*) – Forms a low-growing mat of small, thick, fleshy leaves, grey-green, turning reddish. Its small, white flowers are star-shaped, with five petals, tinged pink underneath.

Location: _____
Date: _____



Procumbent Pearlwort (*Sagina procumbens*) – A low-growing, tufted plant, spreading out and rooting from a central rosette of leaves. The leaves are small and very

narrow, and the small flower is an inconspicuous greenish-white colour, with four petals.

Location: _____
Date: _____



Herb-Robert (*Geranium robertianum*) – A somewhat straggly plant with deeply cut, spreading, triangular leaves. Stems and leaves often turn reddish. Flowers are often in

pairs, with five pink petals.

Location: _____
Date: _____



Nipplewort (*Lapsana communis*) – This erect, slender, hairy plant has branching clusters of small, yellow, dandelion-like flowerheads. Does not develop

the white 'thistle-down' of similar looking plants. Its leaves are toothed and oval in shape.

Location: _____
Date: _____



Hart's-tongue Fern (*Phyllitis scolopendrium*) – A fern of damp, shady places, with long, strap-shaped leaves, growing in tufts. It has rusty-coloured

spores in diagonal rows on the underside of the leaf.

Location: _____
Date: _____

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