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Daisy

Bellis perennis

Familiar white/pink flowers with yellow centres. Thrives in areas of grass that are regularly mown or trampled.



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Yarrow

Achillea millefolium

Pretty little flowers, usually white but sometimes pink, grow in tight groups that resemble flat umbrellas. Leaves are feathery.



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White clover

Trifolium repens

Small white flowers in tight globe-shaped clusters. Leaves have 3 oval, toothed leaflets usually with a whitish band.



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Bramble

Rubus fruticosus

Easily recognisable with strong, long tangled stems, white/pink flowers or deep black fruits. Stems can be spiny, prickly or hairy.



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Feverfew

Tanacetum parthenium

Bushy herb with strongly-scented feathery leaves and heads of daisy-like flowers. Often grows on walls, pavements and waste ground.



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Creeping buttercup

Ranunculus repens

A low, spreading plant with creeping stems that root at the nodes. Leaflets are broad and often marked with white or brown.



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Oxford ragwort

Senecio squalidus

Like ragwort but with fewer, larger flowers and deeply divided leaves. Spreads along railways and is especially common around stations.



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Silverweed

Potentilla anserina

A perennial plant with red stolons (thin spreading stems). A member of the rose family, it has silvery leaves and 5-petalled yellow flowers.



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Welsh poppy

Meconopsis cambrica

Large, nodding yellow flowers with 4 petals. A native flower grown in gardens and often found on walls, pavements and shaded banks.



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Dandelion

Taraxacum officinalis

Bright flowers above a rosette of jaggedly toothed leaves, followed by fluffy white seeds heads you can puff away to tell the hour of the day.



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Tomato

Lycopersicon esculentum

A semi-tropical annual with 5 or 6 petalled flowers in clusters on hairy stems. Grows from discarded fruit and around sewerage works.



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Scarlet pimpernel

Anagallis arvensis

The 5-petalled flowers of this low growing plant open around 8am and close at 2pm, or in dull weather.



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Common poppy
Papaver rhoeas

Annual with striking red flowers found where soil has been disturbed, so often seen on waste ground and roadsides.



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Opium poppy
Papaver somniferum

Annual with large, blue-green leaves and large pink or lilac flowers. Edible poppy seeds come from this plant.



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Herb robert
Geranium robertianum

Pink flowers 2cm across. Hairy leaves with a triangular outline are sometimes reddish and produce a strong, unpleasant smell.



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Rosebay willowherb
Chamerion angustifolium

A large plant up to 2m tall growing in clumps. Pink/purple flowers are followed by fluffy seeds. Also known as 'Fireweed' as it colonises sites after fire.



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Red dead-nettle
Lamium purpureum

Dead-nettle's pink-purple flowers cluster amongst hairy, heart-shaped leaves towards the top of the plant and can bloom from February to November.



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Snapdragon
Antirrhinum majus

A common garden flower seen in a wide variety of bright colours, often found on pavements and walls. Squeeze the flowers to open their mouths.



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Butterfly-bush
Buddleja davidii

A large bush with long spikes of scented purple flowers, very attractive to butterflies. Common on wasteground, walls and railways.



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Purple toadflax
Linaria purpurea

Has tufts of narrow bluish-green leaves and long spikes crowded with tiny purple flowers. Often grows on walls, pavements and wasteground.



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Ivy-leaved toadflax
Cymbalaria muralis

Little blue/purple flowers and reddish stems and leaves, often found on walls.



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Green alkanet
Pentaglottis sempervirens

A large perennial to 1m with rough leaves and pretty blue forget-me-not type flowers.



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Wild teasel
Dipsacus fullonum

Up to 2m tall with distinctive egg-shaped flower heads with purple flowers and long spines



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Spanish bluebell
Hyacinthoides hispanica

Erect spikes of wide, bell-shaped, pale blue flowers with blue pollen. Now the most common bluebell in urban areas.