



Meadow Cranesbill
Geranium pratense

A violet-blue flowering cranesbill with unnotched petals, and growing to 1m tall; the leaves are lobed cut almost to their base. It grows in grassland and road edges.



Red Valerian
Centranthus ruber

This is a greyish green bushy perennial growing to 80cm. The flowers are dark pink though often white, fragrant in loose clusters.; the leaves are pale green, pointed oval.



Field Scabious
Knautia arvensis

This is a medium tall perennial growing to 1m. The flowers are flattish bluish-lilac with pink anthers; the leaves are lanceolate. It grows in dry grassy places.



Field rose
Rosa arvensis

A most distinctive wild rose with cup-shaped flowers that are always creamy-white flowering later than the pink Dog Rose. It grows in woods and hedgerows.

Notes and information

We live in a beautiful rural area of Cheshire and wildflowers grow all around us.

Some wildflowers are attractive, others less so, and some grow where we don't really want them!

But they are all a part of a web of Nature; the wider wildlife community of which we are a part.

For example, the hedgerows are a haven for wildlife with lichens, mosses, flowering plants supporting insects, birds and small mammals.

Can you find the wildflowers on this sheet?

Please remember not to pick the flowers so they can be enjoyed by others!

If you can't identify the flowers, let us know as we'd be delighted to help.

**Ashton Hayes and Mouldsworth
Wildflower Group**

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Spear Thistle

Cirsium vulgare

The Spear Thistle is one of the most large flowering common thistles. It is a tall stout plant with spiny winged stems; the flowers are purple, often solitary. It grows in grassy areas and often on wasteland.



Feverfew

Tanacetum parthenium

This is a medium downy perennial which is pungently aromatic. The flowers are white with short broad rays in clusters on leafy stems. It is widely established often near gardens and at the base of walls.



Self-heal

Prunella vulgaris

This is a creeping downy perennial, prostrate growing to 30cm. The flowers are violet in oblong, squarish heads. It grows in grassy and bare places, often in garden lawns.



Evening Primrose

Oenothera biennis

Evening Primroses are an invasive Genera from North America. They have large 4-petaled flowers that become fragrant at dusk. The Genera hybridise widely and are difficult to distinguish.



Common Mallow

Malva sylvestris

This is an sprawling perennial with pinkish-purple flowers with darker veins in clusters. The leaves are crinkly and ivy-like. It grows on bare and waste ground.



Creeping Thistle

Cirsium arvense

Probably the most common thistle with fragrant lilac flowers growing to 2m with a spineless stem. It is to be found in grassy and waste places.



Tufted Vetch

Vicia cracca

The most conspicuous of our vetches often festooning hedgerows with its showy flowers in 1-sided spikes with leaves as 8-12 pairs of leaflets.



Common Ragwort

Jacobaea vulgaris

A hairless medium perennial branched only at the top with yellow daisy-like flower. Distinguished by its short dark-tipped inner bracts. An unwanted pest.