















Plants and Animals of Trafford

No 4 Woodland and Hedgerow Wildflowers

<p>Pink Campion.</p>		<p>Campion can be found both along woodland edges and hedgerows and in the midst of a meadow. This plant grows up to a meter tall and flowers from April through July.</p>
<p>Bluebell</p>		<p>Now a rare and protected plant the English Bluebell has lost out as its woodland habitats have been lost and the rise in garden escaped Spanish Bluebells led to hybridised mixed plants. Do not remove this plant it is a National Biodiversity Species. The blue bell grows and flowers before the trees flush their leaves to get as much light before the canopy closes. Flowers May and June.</p>
<p>Snowdrop</p>		<p>One of the first plants to break through the frozen ground. The snowdrop similarly to the Bluebell risks growing at this time to get as much light before the tree canopy closes.</p>

<p>Foxglove</p>		<p>Tall spikes of purple flowers in woodland glades the foxglove likes broken ground growing along the high points of ditches fallen tree roots and Fox earths. The flower is a favourite of bees with nectar protected deep within the flower. Flowers</p>
<p>Lesser Celandine</p>		<p>This Yellow flower grows as a ground hugging blanket. Again this plant gets its flowering over early from January to May.</p>
<p>Wood Violet</p>		<p>The wood Violet is a low growing plant of the woodland floor.</p>
<p>Hedge Garlick</p>		<p>Also known as “Jack by the Edge” this plant usually grows to about a meter along the edges of woodland and hedgerows. It has other names such as “poor mans Garlic” in reference to the strong garlicky smell its bruised leaves give off. It can be used in salads but should be well washed before eating.</p>
<p>Ramsons</p>		<p>Also known as Wild Garlic this plant is often smelt before it is seen.</p>
<p>Wood Anemone</p>		<p>Common in old woodland, the wild anemone often carpets the ground.</p>

<p>Hedge Woundwort</p>		<p>Looking like a nettle with purple flowers this hedgerow plant has been used in remedies for years. It has been used as a plaster for cuts the hairy leaves helping blood to clot. The bruised leaves also give of a strong aroma.</p>
<p>Herb Robert</p>		<p>A member of the Cranesbill family whose flowers leave a long stalk when the petals have fallen. Herb Robert flowers from April to October. The</p>
<p>Pendulous Sedge</p>		<p>Looking like tussocks of grass this woodland plants grows in wet woodland. It is not a grass as its leaves grow out in</p>
<p>Hedge Parsley</p>		<p>This tall plant has delicate leaves and stems and umbels of flowers looking like lace umbrellas</p>
<p>Hog Weed</p>		<p>This more robust plant has umbels and is the little relation of the dangerous giant hogweed. In full bloom the flowers smell like sweaty pigs.</p>
<p>Wood Avens</p>		<p>The seed-heads are hooked, like small burrs, so that they can be transported on the coats of passing animals</p>