

## Grasses, Sedges & Rushes - species seen in Selsdon Wood

We have a booklet entitled "*Selsdon Wood Nature Reserve - Its history and Management: Some records of Flora and Fauna*" which was produced in 1978 by Jack Penry-Jones on behalf of the Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society. This contains a list of "Flowering Plants and Ferns (including trees, shrubs, grasses and sedges)" Recorded by Raymond Clarke of the CNHS prior to publication in 1978. These FSW species lists subdivide the collection into four separate lists: Trees; Wild Flowers; Grasses; and Non Flowering Plants.

This list of Grasses is listed in alphabetical order of common name. We currently have photographs and identification of 19 species. Most grasses are found within the fields but some are woodland species and this is recorded in the Notes column.

Species with records in the Penry-Jones booklet recorded with a tick in the 1978 column. Those not recently identified within Selsdon Wood are shown in red. We would welcome photographs of any sightings of these.

Grasses are very difficult for amateurs to identify. However we are delighted to report that we were contacted in 2014 by a Danish biologist, Mogens Holmen, who visited our wood in May while on a visit to friends in the UK and identified and photographed 8 species of grass. We thus have greater confidence in these identifications - the others should be considered as tentative.

GRASSES & SEDGES - Common Name	1978	Notes
Barley, Meadow		photographed by Heather Govier 26/6/12
Barley, Wall		photographed by Tony Flecchia 9/6/12
Bent Grass, Common	✓	
Bent Grass, White	✓	
Brome, Slender False	✓	photographed by HG 25/6/12
Brome, Soft	✓	identified & photographed by Mogens Holmen May 2014
Brome, Upright	✓	identified & photographed by Mogens Holmen May 2014
Cocksfoot	✓	photographed by HG & TF in 2012
Crested Dogstail	✓	identified & photographed by Mogens Holmen May 2014
Fescue, Red	✓	
Fescue, Sheeps	✓	
Fescue, Tall		identified & photographed by Mogens Holmen May 2014
Meadow Grass, Annual	✓	identified & photographed by Mogens Holmen May 2014
Meadow Grass, Narrow-leaved		photographed by Tony Flecchia 26/6/12
Meadow Grass, Rough-stalked	✓	
Meadow Grass, Smooth-stalked	✓	
Meadow Grass, Wood	✓	
Oat, False	✓	photographed by HG 25/6/12
Oat, Hairy	✓	photographed by HG 25/6/12
Oat, Yellow	✓	
Oat Grass, Downy		identified & photographed by Mogens Holmen May 2014
Perennial Rye Grass		photographed by TF 27/6/12
Purple Moor-grass	✓	
Quaking Grass		identified & photographed by Mogens Holmen May 2014
Sedge - Common	✓	
Sedge, Wood		<b>woodland species</b> - identified & photographed by Mogens Holmen May 2014
Wood Melick	✓	<b>woodland species</b> - photographed by HG 28/6/12
Yorkshire Fog	✓	photographed by TF 24/6/12