

Wild Flowers - species seen in Selsdon Wood

This list of Wild Flowers is listed in alphabetical order of common name. The "Flowering" column shows the months in which the plant is in flower and the "Where" column gives an indication of the type of location if the flower is widespread - or a specific location where appropriate. There are 151 species that have been seen in recent years (and photographed) and a further 26 species that have been observed but never photographed in Selsdon Wood. These highlighted with a pink row. If you can find any of them and send us a photograph we would love to hear from you.

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. Species with records in the Penry-Jones booklet recorded with a tick in the 1978 column. Regular observations began in 2010 and any sightings or photographs in the intervening years are recorded in the 'int' column. The letter P indicates that there is a photograph on the FSW website and the month it was taken. A **red** highlight shows that this is a species newly observed this year. The full date is in photo caption. For observations without photographs (made and recorded in the course of guided walks) just a tick is recorded. In 2014 we started to record the first sightings of seasonal flowers. The dates of these are given in the form 17/4 (meaning 17th April) in the appropriate year column.

For the current year species marked X were not observed and are unlikely to be now as their season has past. Others not yet spotted are show with a **green** highlight. Please let us know if you see them.

Wild Flowers A	Flowering	Where	1978	int	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Agrimony	July - Sept		✓				PJuly	✓	✓	11/7	1 Jul	1.
Alkanet, Green	April - July	F1 by car park							PApr	12/4	11Apr	2.
Anemone, Wood	March - April	woodland - widespread	✓	✓	PApr	✓	✓	PMar	10/3	22/3	1Mar	3.
Angelica	June - Sept		✓									
Archangel, Yellow	May - June	woodland - widespread	✓	PMay	✓	✓	PMay	✓	14/4	28/4	30 Apr	4.
Wild Flowers B	Flowering	Where	1978	int	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Bartsia, Red	June - Sept	David's Crook N edge					PAug		11/7	6/7	25 Jul	5.
Basil, Wild	July - Sept	David's Crook N edge					PAug		11/7	13/7	25 Jul	6.
Bedstraw, Hedge	June - Aug	field borders	✓				PJuly			15/7	1 Jul	7.
Bedstraw, Lady's	June - Sept	F4 - Jubilee end							PJuly			8.
Bindweed, Field	June - Sept	field borders esp F1	✓				PJuly	PJun	✓	10/6	1 Jul	9.
Bindweed, Great	June - Oct		✓									
Bittercress, Hairy	March - Oct	woodland - widespread	✓	✓	✓	✓	PAug	PApr	3/4	1/4	7 May	10.
Bittercress, Wavy	March - Oct		✓									
Bittersweet/Woody Nightshade	May - Sept	Langford's Way	✓				PJun	✓	✓	8/6	1 Jul	11.
Bluebell	March - May	woodland - widespread	✓	✓	PMay	✓		24/4	19/3	3/4	13 Feb	12.
Bramble/Blackberry	June - Sept	woodland - widespread	✓	✓	✓	✓	PMay	✓	✓	15/5	1 Jun	13.
Bryony, Black	May - July	The Wend	✓				PJun	✓	✓	6/6	6 Jun	14.
Bryony, White	May - July	The Wend	✓				PJun		✓	21/5	1 Jun	15.
Bugle	May - July	David's Crook	✓			✓	PMay	✓	✓	30/4	14 May	16.
Burdock, Greater	July - Sept	The Wend	✓				PJuly		✓	5/7	10 July	17.
Burnet, Salad	May - Sept		✓									
Buttercup, Bulbous	April - June	fields - widespread	✓					✓	PApr	2/5	3 Feb	18.
Buttercup, Creeping	May - Sept	fields - widespread	✓					✓	PMay	28/4	X	19.
Buttercup, Goldilocks	April - May	w occasional eg 3660 6205	✓					PApr	15/4	13/4	7 May	20.
Buttercup, Meadow	May - July	fields - widespread	✓				PJun	✓	PApr	10/5	19 May	21.
Wild Flowers C	Flowering	Where	1978	int	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Campion, Bladder	July - Sept	field edges	✓				PJuly	✓	✓	30/5	13 Jun	22.
Campion, Red	April - Aug		✓									
Campion, White	May - Sept		✓									
Carrot, Wild	June - Sept						PJuly			Aug		23.
Catsear, Common	July - Sept	fields esp Dav id's Crook	✓				PJuly	✓	✓	24/5	28 May	24.
Celandine	March - May	woodland		PApr				✓	14/3	31/3	9Feb	25.
Charlock	April - Oct	on soil bund							PSep			26.
Chickweed, Common	Feb - Nov		✓									
Cinquefoil	April - June	David's Crook					✓	✓	✓	PJun	6 Jun	27.
Cleavers/Goosegrass	May - Aug		✓				PJun	✓	PMay	15/5	20 May	28.
Clover, Red	May - Oct	fields - widespread	✓				PJun	✓	✓	7/5	15 May	29.
Clover, White	May - Sept	fields - widespread	✓				PJuly	✓	✓	19/5	28 May	30.
Columbine	May - July	Vincent Ave								PMay		31.
Comfrey	Jun - Aug	Jubilee & soil bund	✓	PMay			PJun		✓	31/5	29 May	32.
Cow Parsley	April - June	field borders widespread	✓		✓		PMay	✓	10/3	28/4	15Mar	33.
Cowslip	April - May	F2, F3, F4, David's Crook			PApril			✓	23/3	5/4	8Apr	34.
Cranesbill, Cut-leaved	May - Aug		✓				PJun		✓	17/5		35.
Cranesbill, Hedgerow	May - Sept	F1 by car park							PMay		29 May	36.
Crocus	March - April	F2 by dedicated bench							PMar	7/3	21Feb	37.
Cuckoo Flower/Lady's Smock	April - June	Middle Gorse	✓			✓		PMay	18/4	9/5		38.

Cuckoo Pint/Lords & Ladies	April - June	woodland	✓			✓	✓	✓	PApr	Apr	7 May	39.	
Currant	April - May	Avis Grove								PApr	8 May	40.	
Wild Flowers D	Flowering	Where	1978	int	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
Daffodil	Feb - March	F2 by seat - tribute planting		PApril				PMar	10/3	19/3	15Mar	41.	
Daisy, Common	March - Oct	fields - widespread	✓		PJun		✓	✓	✓	7/3	31Jan	42.	
Daisy, Ox-eye	June - Aug	fields - widespread	✓	PJun		PMay	✓	✓	✓	18/5	23 May	43.	
Dandelion	March - Oct	fields - widespread	✓	PMay			✓	✓	PMar	25/3	12Feb	44.	
Dog's Mercury	Feb - May	woodland - widespread	✓					PApril	✓	29/3	1Mar	45.	
Dock, Broad-leaved	June - Sept		✓				PJun		✓	20/6	14 Jun	46.	
Dock, Red-veined	June - Aug		✓										
Duckweed, Common	June - Aug	pond in Jubilee Plantation	✓		PJuly				PMar		All yr	47.	
Wild Flowers E - F	Flowering	Where	1978	int	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
Elder, Ground	May - Aug		✓										
Figwort, Common	June - Sept	the Wend	✓				PJun		19/6	12/6	4 Aug	48.	
Forget-me-not, Common	April - Sept	the Wend	✓				PMay		✓	18/4	15 May	49.	
Forget-me-not, Wood	April - July		✓										
Foxglove	June - Sept		✓		PJuly	PJuly			✓	15/6	9 Jun	50.	
Wild Flowers G	Flowering	Where	1978	int	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
Goatsbeard	May - Aug						✓	PJun		4/3	5 May	51.	
Golden Rod, Canadian	July - Sept	in Jubilee Plantation	✓				PAug					52.	
Gooseberry	March - May	Langford's Way x Wend					PMay				X	53.	
Grape Hyacinth	April - May	F2 by seat - tribute planting							PApr	10/4	23 Apr	54.	
Grass Poly	July - Sept						PAug			17/8	30 July	55.	
Ground Ivy	March - June	North edge David's Crook	✓				PApr	✓	31/3	12/4	8 Apr	56.	
Groundsel, Common	Jan - Dec	on soil bund	✓						POct	8/5	X	57.	
Wild Flowers H	Flowering	Where	1978	int	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
Hartwort	June - Aug						PJuly			14/7		58.	
Hawkeed/Hawksbeard/Hawkbit	June - Nov		✓		PJun		✓	✓	PJun	16/5	19 May	59.	
Helleborine, Broad-leaved	July - Sept	beside Centenary					PAug	✓			X	60.	
Helleborine, White	May - June	woods between F2 & F3				✓	✓	PJun	✓	19/5	X	61.	
Hemp Agrimony	July - Sept	Jubilee						PJuly				62.	
Herb Bennet/Wood Avens	June - Aug	woodland - widespread	✓		✓		PJun	✓	✓	12/5	19 May	63.	
Herb Paris *	April - June	by bridle way	✓			✓	PMay	✓	✓	5/5	7 May	64.	
Herb Robert	April - Nov	woodland - widespread	✓				PJun	✓	10/3	13/4	30 Apr	65.	
Hogweed	April - Oct	paths - widespread	✓				PJun	✓	✓	19/6	1 Jul	66.	
Honesty	May - July		✓										
Honey suckle	June - Sept	woodland - widespread	✓	PJun	✓		✓	✓	✓	12/6	13 Jun	67.	
Horehound, Black	June - Oct		✓										
Wild Flowers I - J - K - L	Flowering	Where	1978	int	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
Iris, Yellow	May - Aug	ponds in Jubilee & Linden					PJun			8/6		68.	
Ivy	Sept - Nov		✓									69.	
Knapweed, Black	June - Sept				✓		PJuly	✓	✓	21/6	1 Jul	70.	
Ling	July - Sept		✓										
Wild Flowers M	Flowering	Where	1978	int	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
Mallow, Common	July - Aug	car park soil bund								12/7		71.	
Mallow, Musk	July - Aug	off Langford's Way								8/7		72.	
Marjoram	July - Sept	field edges eg David's Cr	✓				PJuly	✓		13/7	17 July	73.	
Medick, Black	April - Aug	field paths - widespread	✓					PMay	✓	27/4	7 May	74.	
Medick, Spotted	April - Sept	car park soil bund									21 May	75.	
Moschatel/Townhal Clock	March - May		✓										
Mouse-ear, Common	April - Sept	fields - widespread	✓				PJun	✓	✓	30/4	15 May	76.	
Mouse-ear, Sticky	April - Sept		✓										
Mullein, Great	June - Aug	in Jubilee					PJuly					77.	
Mustard, Garlic	April - June	paths - widespread		PMar	✓		✓	✓	✓	27/4	30 Apr	78.	
Mustard, Hedge	May - Sept	field edges					PJuly		PJun	13/5	26 Jul	79.	
Wild Flowers N	Flowering	Where	1978	int	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
Narcissus	April - May	top of F1 - tribute planting						PMay		May	X	80.	
Nettle, Dead Red	March - Nov	car park soil bund								PMar	22 Apr	81.	
Nettle, Dead White	March - Nov		✓				PJuly		✓	13/5	26 Apr	82.	
Nettle, Hemp	July - Sept						PAug					83.	
Nettle, Stinging	June - Sept		✓				✓	PJun	✓	22/5	14 Jun	84.	
Nightshade, Enchanter's	June - Aug	the Wend	✓		✓		PJun	✓	✓	27/6	1 Jul	85.	
Nippelwort	June - Oct	the Wend					PJuly		✓	5/7	1 Jul	86.	
Wild Flowers O	Flowering	Where	1978	int	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
Orchid, Bee	June - July	Field 2 - eastern border							PJun	19/6		87.	
Orchid, Bird's nest	May - July	woods - deep shade											
Orchid, Common Spotted	June - Aug	Field 2 & Great Field							PMay	8/6	19 Jun	88.	
Orchid, Common Twayblade	May - July		✓										
Orchid, Early Purple *	April - June	Ct Wood Gr & Beech Gr	✓		✓	✓	PMay	✓	11/4	10/4	14 Apr	89.	
Orchid, Pyramidal	June - Aug	all fields			✓		PJuly	✓	✓	16/6	14 Jun	90.	
Wild Flowers P - Q	Flowering	Where	1978	int	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
Periwinkle, Lesser	Feb - May	Linden Glade			PApril	✓				28/2	23/3	9 Feb	91.
Pignut	May - June	Farleigh Border			✓				PJun	✓	21/5	14 May	92.
Pimpernel, Scarlet	May - Oct	David's Crook								PJuly		93.	
Pimpernel, Yellow	May - Sept	Middle Gorse by seat	✓				PJun		✓	9/5	6 May	94.	
Pineapple Mayweed	May - Nov	Langford's Way					PJuly		✓	8/7		95.	
Plantain, Greater/Broad-leaved	July - Sept	field paths - widespread	✓		✓		PJun	✓	✓	8/7	20 Jun	96.	
Plantain, Ribwort	April - Sept	fields - widespread	✓				PJun	✓	31/3	20/4	27 Apr	97.	

Poached Egg Flower	Summer	on soil bund								P5/5		98.	
Poppy, Welsh	Jun - Aug	Court Wood								P13/5		99.	
Primrose	March - May	David's Crook	✓		PApril	✓		PMar	5/3	7/3	20 Jan	100.	
Wild Flowers R	Flowering	Where	1978	int	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
Ragwort	April - Nov	fields - widespread	✓		PJuly		PAug			5/7	1 Jul	101.	
Raspberry	May - Aug	East Gorse	✓		✓		PMay	✓	✓	6/6	28 May	102.	
Rattle, Greater Yellow	May - Sept	fields - widespread		✓	✓	✓	PJun	✓	✓	30/5	28 May	103.	
Rocket, Annual Wall	May - Sept						PJun					104.	
Rock-Rose, Common	May - Sept		✓										
Rose, Dog	June - July		✓				PJun	✓	✓	6/6	1 Jun	105.	
Rose, Field	June - July		✓				PJuly		✓	29/6	1 Jul	106.	
Wild Flowers S	Flowering	Where	1978	int	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
Sainfoin	June - Sept	F2 - eastern border							PMay	26/5	17 June	107.	
Saint John's Wort, Hairy	July - Sept		✓		✓		PJun			8/7		108.	
Saint John's Wort, Perforate	July - Sept		✓				PAug	✓	✓		20 Jun	109.	
Saint John's Wort, Trailing	July - Oct	East Gorse					PJun					110.	
Sandwort, Three-veined	April - July	Greenhill Way	✓						PMay	28/4	17 May	111.	
Sanicle	May - Sept	woods - widespread	✓		✓		PJun	✓	✓	9/5	7 May	112.	
Scabious	June - Sept	fields - widespread	✓			July	PJuly	✓		24/6	19/6	1 Jul	113.
Self-Heal	June - Nov						PJun			15/6	19/6	16 June	114.
Silverweed	May - Aug												
Shepherd's Purse	Jan - Dec								PJun	26/4	4 July	115.	
Snowdrop	Jan - March								5/3		X	116.	
Sorrel, Common	May - Aug						PJun	✓	✓	10/5	19 May	117.	
Sorrel, Sheeps	May - Oct		✓										
Sow-Thistle, Prickly	May - Oct						PJuly					118.	
Sow-Thistle, Smooth	May - Nov	Soil Bund & Langfords	✓				PJun			19/6	13/5	29 May	119.
Speedwell, Common Field	All Year						✓	✓	✓	1/5	X	120.	
Speedwell, Germander	March - July		✓		PJun	✓	✓	✓	1/4	20/4	7 May	121.	
Speedwell, Heath	May - August				✓		PJun				X	122.	
Speedwell, Lilac Ivy-leaved	March - Aug								PApr	8/4	30 Apr	123.	
Speedwell, Slender	April - June	Farleigh Border							PApr		14 May	124.	
Speedwell, Thyme-leaved	April - June									P9/5	15 May	125.	
Speedwell, Wood	April - June	Greenhill Way							PMay		X	126.	
Stitchwort, Greater	April - June		✓		✓	✓	PJuly		✓	28/4	8 May	127.	
Stitchwort, Lesser	May - Aug		✓				✓	✓	PJun		7 May	128.	
Strawberry, Wild	Feb - May	David's Crook			✓		PApril			10/3	31/3	2 March	129.
Strawberry, Barren	Feb - May	Langford's Way	✓						PApril	1/4	23 Feb	130.	
Wild Flowers T	Flowering	Where	1978	int	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
Thistle, Creeping	July - Sept		✓							6/7		131.	
Thistle, Marsh	May - August	Langford's Way/The Wend					PJuly		✓			132.	
Thistle, Spear	July - Sept	Langford's Way/The Wend					PJuly		✓	6/7	28 July	133.	
Toadflax	July - Oct		✓										
Toothwort	April - May	East Gorse 3648 6124			PApril	✓	✓	✓	✓	12/4	14 Apr	134.	
Tormentil	May - Sept	David's Crook								PJun	20 Jun	135.	
Traveller's Joy/Old Man's Beard	July - Aug	hedgerows	✓		✓		PJuly	✓	✓	13/7	1 Aug	136.	
Trefoil, Birds-foot	May - Sept	fields - widespread	✓				PJun	✓	✓	18/5	29 May	137.	
Trefoil, Lesser	May - Sept		✓										
Tutsan	June - Aug	Linden Glade					PJuly		✓	21/6	1 Jul	138.	
Wild Flowers U - V	Flowering	Where	1978	int	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
Vetch, Bush	May - Sept		✓				PJun		✓	9/5	X	139.	
Vetch, Common	May - Sept									P5/5	19 May	140.	
Vetch, Common Yellow	May - Sept		✓										
Vetchling, Grass	May - July	Great Field							PJun	6/6	4 June	141.	
Vetchling, Meadow	June - Aug		✓				PJuly			27/6	20/6	X	142.
Violet, Common Dog	March - June	woodland - widespread	✓				PApr	✓	7/3	29/3	1 Apr	143.	
Wild Flowers W	Flowering	Where	1978	int	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
Willow herb, Broad-leaved	June - Aug		✓				PJun		✓	5/6	4 June	144.	
Willow herb, Great	June - Aug	Jubilee					PAug			15/7	1 Aug	145.	
Willow herb, Rose-bay	July - Sept		✓		✓								
Woodruff	April - June		✓				PMay				21 May	146.	
Woodrush, Hairy			✓										
Woodrush, Narrow-leaved			✓										
Wood Sage	July - Sept	East Gorse behind seat	✓		✓						P29 July	147.	
Wood-Sorrel	April - July		✓					PApril	3/4	12/4	23 Apr	148.	
Wood Spurge	March - June		✓				PMay	✓	12/4	20/4	25 Apr	149.	
Woundwort, Hedge	June - Aug		✓				PJun	✓	20/6	20/6	20 Jun	150.	
Wild Flowers X - Y - Z	Flowering	Where	1978	int	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
Yarrow	June - Sept		✓				PAug			15/7		151.	

- In 2016 Ted Forsyth did a count of Early Purple Orchids. In the Beech Grove group there were at least 76 in flower, including several on the edge of the path between Broad Walk and Vale Border. At Courtwood Grove there were 23 to the right of the entrance path and 24 well-scattered to the left of the path. Brian Pitkin found a third colony of Early Purple Orchids (c. 30 plants at TQ3664262180) is north of and not far from the other two.
- 2016 was also a good year for Herb Paris. Brian Pitkin reported "Thanks to David's directions I found the second colony of Herb Paris (c. 80 plants at TQ3643862317), opposite the colony by The Bridle Way fence (c. 60 plants at TQ364462322) at the site that Heather showed me in early April. The former was about 8 metres into the Brookscroft Woodlands. I also located a third and larger colony of Herb Paris (c. 100 plants at TQ3667062150) north of the, now three, colonies of Early Purple Orchid. This larger colony of Herb Paris is most easily located if you follow the small path from the extreme NE of Selsdon Wood NR towards the Early Purple Orchids. When you reach the three very large Yew trees without understory, the Herb Paris are north of the path in the woodland.