

A guide to the flowers to be found in Selsdon Wood in the summer months.

Assorted by colour.

Blue/Purple Flowers

Glossary

Pinnate - compound leaf of paired leaflets with one at the end

Palmate - leaf with finger like lobes

Whorl - several leaves or flowers forming a ring around the stem

Umbel - flowers in spike but lower branches longer so that all are level making a flat cluster

Burdock



July-Sept - path edges
Leaves - large, heart shaped
Flowers - medium - thistle like
Fruit - hooked burs

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Comfrey



May-June - Jubilee
Tall - Leaves - straplike
Flowers - medium, in clusters

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Forget-me-not



April-Oct - field edges
Leaves - oval
Flowers - small, in spikes

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Ground Ivy



May-Sept - field borders
Leaves - kidney-shaped
Flowers - small, lipped, in whorls

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Knapweed



June-Sept - fields
Leaves - spear-shaped
Flowers - brush-like

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Nettle (Hemp)



July-Sept - field paths
Leaves - oval
Flowers - small, in whorls

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Bittersweet



May-Sept - woodland paths
Leaves - oval, pointed
Flowers - small - in clusters
Fruit - poisonous red berry

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Bugle



April-June - paths & fields
Leaves - oblong, bronze
Flowers - small - in spikes

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Orchid (Early Purple)



April-May - woods
 Leaves - narrow, blotched
 Flowers - medium, in spikes

Periwinkle



Feb-May - Linden Glade
 Leaves - oval, dark, glossy
 Flowers - medium, solitary

Scabious



July-Aug - fields
 Leaves - pinnate
 Flowers - large, solitary



July-Aug - fields
 Leaves - oval, pointed
 Flowers - small, in square head

Speedwell



March-Nov - field borders
 Leaves - oval
 Flowers - small, solitary

Speedwell (Heath)



March-Nov - woodland paths
 Leaves - oval
 Flowers - tiny, in spikes

Thistle (Slender)



May-Aug - The Wend
 Leaves - oblong, jagged, spiny
 Flowers - medium, in clusters

Thistle (Spear)



July-Sept - Davi's Crook
 Leaves - jagged, spiny
 Flowers - large

Vetch



April-Sept - woodland paths
 Leaves - oblong, paired
 Flowers - small, lipped
 Fruit - pods - see inset