



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 since 1978 or only 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. The 2021 HG sightings were supported by a plant identification app called Picture This - see below. The June 6th 2021 and June 23rd 2024 sightings were made by Malcolm Jennings on the Flower Walk

GRASSES & SEDGES Common Name	1978	Notes	2021	2022	2024	2025/6
Annual Bluegrass		ID by phone app (see below)	12 june			
Barley, Meadow		photographed by Heather Govier 26/6/12				
Barley, Wall		photographed by Tony Flecchia 9/6/12	6 june (mj)	30 may (hg)	23 june (mj)	
Bent Grass Black, <i>Agrostis gigantea</i>		photographed by Tony Flecchia - 2/6/22		2 June (tfl)		
Bent Grass, Creeping	✓	photographed by Tony Flecchia - 4/6/22		4 June (tfl)		
Bent Grass, Common	✓			4 July (tfl)	15 July(HG)	
Brome, Slender False	✓	photographed by HG 25/6/12				
Brome, Soft	✓	Identified/photographed by MH May 2014				
Brome, Upright	✓	Identified/photographed by MH May 2014				
Cocksfoot	✓	photographed by HG & TFI in 2012	6 june (mj)	27 may (tfl)	23 june (mj)	
Crested Dogstail	✓	Identified/photographed by MH May 2014		28 May (tfl)	23 Jun (MJ)	
Fescue, Red	✓					
Fescue, Sheeps	✓	photographed by HG 25/6/12		2 June (tfl)		
Fescue, Tall		Identified/photographed by MH May 2014		28 May (tfl)		
Meadow Grass, Annual	✓	Identified/photographed by MH May 2014		2 June (tfl)		
Meadow Grass, Narrow-leaved		photographed by Tony Flecchia 26/6/12		28 May (tfl)		
Meadow Grass, Rough-stalk	✓	first identified in 2022		28 May (tfl)		
Meadow Grass, Smooth-stalk	✓					
Meadow Grass, Wood	✓					
Oat, False	✓	photographed by HG 25/6/12			18 July (tfl)	
Oat, Hairy	✓	photographed by HG 25/6/12				
Oat, Yellow	✓					
Oat Grass, Downy		Identified/photographed by MH May 2014				
Perennial Rye Grass		photographed by TFI 27/6/12	6 june (mj)	2 may (tfl)	23 june (mj)	
Purple Moor-grass	✓					
Quaking Grass		Identified/photographed by MH May 2014				
Rye Grass, Annual, <i>Lolium multiflorum</i>		photographed by TFI - 29/6/12		2 June (tfl)		
Rye Grass, Perennial		photographed by TFI 27/6/12	6 june (mj)	2 may (tfl)		
Sedge - Common	✓					
Sedge Drooping		In Pool Grove & Leafy Grove		18May(HG)	20 Jun(HG)	1 May 2025 (HG)
Sedge, Wood		ID/photograph by MH May 2014	10 may (hg)			18 Apr 2025 (HG)
Sweet Vernal Grass		ID by phone app (see below)	12 june (hg)		23 june (mj)	
Timothy		Identified/photographed 2012 by TFI & HG		29 July (tfl)	15 July(HG)	20 Jun 2026 (TFI)
Wood Melick	✓	woodland species - by HG 28/6/12	10 may (hg)	29 may (hg)		
Yorkshire Fog	✓	photographed by TF 24/6/12	13 june (hg)	2 june (tfl)		

Wood melick, a species of **Melica**

Botanical name: *Melica uniflora*



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Wood sedge, a species of **True sedges**

Also known as: **European woodland sedge**

Botanical name: *Carex sylvatica*



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Sweet vernal grass, a species of **Vernalgrasses**

Also known as: **Spring grass, Sweet grass, Vanilla grass**

Botanical name: *Anthoxanthum odoratum*



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Annual bluegrass, a species of **Bluegrass**

Also known as: **Annual meadow grass, Wintergrass, Annual poa, Low spear grass**

Botanical name: *Poa annua*



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