



MIRES BECK NURSERY

WILDFLOWER CATALOGUE 2024

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Geum rivale - Water Avens

Wildflower Plants of Yorkshire Provenance

Mires Beck Nursery is a Registered Charity with the primary aim of providing horticultural training and work experience for people who have a learning difficulty or disability. Our aim is that all who come to the nursery will enjoy and benefit from being involved in a productive, therapeutic and creative work environment. Our experience has shown that people who are involved in the wide range of activities undertaken here develop practical and social skills and grow in confidence and self-esteem.

We are delighted to present our Wildflowers of Yorkshire Provenance catalogue for 2024.

Our famous Wildflowers of Yorkshire Provenance are trusted by Wildlife Trusts, Councils, Conservation Bodies, Government Departments and gardeners all over the country. Everyone in the Wildflower Team is involved in the production and care of our Wildflowers from seed collection to the finished product. We take great pride in the quality of our plants, displays and presentation which is why customers come back time and time again.

We value our customers and are here to help. Our expertise, knowledge, and experience of wildflowers is readily available to you.

You are very welcome to visit the nursery (map at the back of the catalogue, opening times over the page). Or, if you prefer, telephone us to discuss your requirements. You can also view our website www.miresbeck.co.uk

On behalf of our Wildflower Team we wish to welcome new customers, and thank existing ones for your continued support, feedback, letters of thanks, photographs and updates of your wildflower projects.

Mires Beck Nursery

Registered Charity No. 1038078



The Nursery is open for plant sales at the following times:

1st March to 30th September: 7 days a week: 10am – 4pm

1st October to 28th February: Mon to Friday: 10am – 4pm

Prices

Prices at the nursery depend on the size of pot in which the plant is grown.

Many species are available in 9cm pots which are £2.75 each.

‘Rootrainer’ plugs are priced according to the number purchased.

Quantities up to 50 £1.02p each

Quantities 51 - 1500 0.96p each

Quantities 1501 - 2500 0.90p each

Quantities 2501 + 0.84p each

Prices include VAT @ 20%

Please note that plants are offered subject to availability.

If you require large numbers please contact us as early as possible, so we can plan our production accordingly. Some species may need to be grown to order. Thank you.

Mail Order – orders over £100

Our plants are carefully packed by members of the wildflower team.

We send Rootrainers and 9cm pot grown plants, at the prices shown above, by courier 2-3 day economy service. Please email lizzie@miresbeck.co.uk to order or for any advice.

Where to find us

Please see map on the back page of this catalogue.

Availability

Some plants in the catalogue are held in small numbers at a time so please check availability with us.

We are increasing our range of plants all the time so please ask us about any plant not listed; we may have small numbers available.

Rootrainer Plants

Our plants are grown in 'Rootrainer' cells. A good root system is developed which ensures quick establishment when planted. A 'Rootrainer' cell is approximately 115cc in size.

Species available as 'Rootrainers' are marked Rtr in the catalogue.

Species available in 9cm pots are marked 9cm in the catalogue.

All our wildflowers are carefully grown in peat free compost.

Establishing a Wildflower Meadow

Wildflowers establish and thrive in a wide range of soils, but they especially do well on poor soils where there is little competition from weeds and grasses.

If sowing grass seed onto bare ground, sow only fine grasses at a rate of 5gms per square metre. We recommend our 'Rootrainer' and pot plants are planted 6 per square metre as a basic guide.

This can be increased depending on density, impact required and budget.

If planting into meadowland, removal or reduction of turf will vastly improve the chances of success with Rootrainers and pot grown plants.

Water until plants are well established and remove any problem pests, weeds, and coarse grasses from around them.

Email lizzie@miresbeck.co.uk for more detail and site-specific advice. Site visits and plans can be organised for a small fee.

To help with your selection, the list below gives species suitable for various habitats.

Most of our wildflowers are rich in nectar and are good for wildlife.

Shade loving plants

Anemone nemorosa
Campanula latifolia
Campanula trachelium
Digitalis purpurea
Luzula sylvatica
Primula vulgaris
Teucrium scorodonia

Plants for semi-shade

Anthriscus sylvestris
Arctium minus
Ballota nigra
Eupatorium cannabinum
Fragaria vesca
Geranium sylvaticum
Geum urbanum
Hyacinthoides non-scripta
Hypericum hirsutum
Myosotis sylvatica
Myrrhis odorata
Primula vulgaris
Scrophularia nodosa
Silene dioica
Stachys officinalis
Stachys sylvatica
Stellaria holostea
Teucrium scorodonia

Plants for wet/damp areas

Achillea ptarmica
Caltha palustris
Cardamine pratensis
Carex acutiformis
Carex pendula
Eupatorium cannabinum
Filipendula ulmaria
Geum rivale
Iris pseudacorus
Lotus pedunculatus
Lycopus europaeus
Lythrum salicaria
Mentha aquatica
Phragmites australis
Potentilla palustre
Pulicaria dysenterica
Ranunculus acris
Ranunculus lingua
Sanguisorba officinalis
Silene flos-cuculi
Sparganium erectum
Succisa pratensis
Trollius europaeus

Plants for coastal conditions

Anthyllis vulneraria
Galium verum
Sedum acre

Plants for sunny sites

Achillea millefolium
Agrimonia eupatoria
Briza media
Campanula glomerata
Campanula rotundifolia
Centaurea nigra
Centaurea scabiosa
Cichorium intybus
Clinopodium vulgare
Cynosurus cristatus
Dipsacus fullonum
Filipendula vulgaris
Galium verum
Geranium pratense
Helianthemum nummularium
Hypericum perforatum
Hypochoeris radicata
Knautia arvensis
Lathyrus pratensis
Leontodon hispidus
Leucanthemum vulgare
Linaria vulgaris
Lotus corniculatus
Malva moschata
Myosotis arvensis
Origanum vulgare
Plantago lanceolata
Plantago major
Primula veris
Prunella vulgaris
Ranunculus acris
Rumex acetosa
Salvia verbenacea ssp. horminiodes
Sanguisorba officinalis
Saponaria officinalis
Scabiosa columbaria
Scorzoneroides autumnalis
Sedum acre
Sedum album
Silene latifolia
Silene vulgaris
Succisa pratensis
Tanacetum vulgare
Tragopogon pratensis
Trifolium pratense
Trollius europaeus
Verbascum nigrum
Vicia cracca
Vicia sativa

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| Achillea millefolium <i>Yarrow</i> | Roottrainers,9cm | 30-45cm June-August |
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Flat heads of small white (sometimes pink) flowers, finely dissected foliage, common in grassland, very tolerant, nectar attracts butterflies and bees.

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| Achillea ptarmica <i>Sneezewort</i> | Roottrainers,9cm | 20-60cm July-August |
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Small white daisy-like flowers, liking damp and wet places.

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| Agrimonia eupatoria <i>Agrimony</i> | 9cm | 30-60cm June-August |
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Spikes of yellow flowers, found in verges and grassland, large seeds eaten by birds.

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| Alliaria petiolata <i>Garlic Mustard</i> | 9cm | Height up to 1m. Flowers April to June. |
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A medium to tall biennial or short-lived perennial with small white, yellow-centred flowers. Flowers occur from April to June and are followed by long green seedpods which shed their seed from July onwards. One of the easiest ways to identify this plant is

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| Anemone nemorosa <i>Wood Anemone</i> | 9cm | Height 5 - 15cm. |
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Woodland plants which require a cool root run. Starry white flowers in early spring.

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| Anthyllis vulneraria <i>Kidney Vetch</i> | Roottrainers,9cm | Up to 30cm June-September |
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Heads of yellow pea flowers (sometimes tinged with red) on a short stalk, dry sites usually on calcareous soils, a good nectar plant.

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| Aquilegia vulgaris <i>Wild Columbine</i> | Roottrainers,9cm | 40-100cm May -June |
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This is the genuine wild plant with blue flowers. Our stock plants are hand pollinated in an insect proof greenhouse to ensure the genetic material stays pure. It will, however, readily cross with garden Aquilegias if they grow nearby.

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Arctium minus

Lesser Burdock

9cm

90-130cm July-September

Biennial - 'architectural' rather than beautiful and the hooked burrs can be annoying if planted near a path. Food plant for bees, butterflies and moths. Woody, hooked fruits in autumn.

Ballota nigra

Black Horehound

Rootainers,9cm

40-100cm July-October

Found in hedgerows and on roadsides, purple - pink flowers in whorls.

Briza media

Quaking Grass

Rootainers,9cm

20cm June-July

A tufted grass of calcareous places with fine stalks and trembling spikelets. A lovely meadow plant and ideal for drying for floral decoration.

Caltha palustris

Marsh Marigold

9cm

30-60cm March-April

Large, bright yellow flowers found on pond margins, fens, ditches and wet woods. Pollen and nectar plant for a great variety of insects.

Campanula glomerata

Clustered Bellflower

Rootainers,9cm

15-25cm August-September

Found in calcareous grassland but not a common plant, a head or short spike of bright blue-purple flowers, a good border plant.

Campanula latifolia

Giant Bellflower

9cm

120cm July-August

Spectacular woodland plant with tall spires of pale blue bell-shaped flowers. Good at the back of a border.

Campanula rotundifolia

Harebell

Rootainers,9cm

25cm July-September

A dainty and well loved plant of dry usually calcareous places, best planted on a dry bank as it is easily overwhelmed.

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| Campanula trachelium | Roottrainers,9cm | Height 60 - 90cm. July - September |
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Nettle-leaved Bellflower

Another spectacular woodland plant, with a tall spire of blue bell shaped flowers. Good in a shady border or edge of woodland.

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| Carex pendula | Roottrainers,9cm | Up to 90cm May-June |
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Pendulous Sedge

A handsome yellow-green sedge found in woods or along streamsides with arching stems carrying pendulous green flower spikes which remain all summer, prefers shady moist conditions but is very tolerant.

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| Centaurea nigra | Roottrainers,9cm | 50cm July-September |
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Lesser Knapweed

Commonly found on roadsides and grassland, the purple thistle-like (but spineless) heads are frequented by bees and butterflies in late summer, seeds eaten by finches.

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| Centaurea scabiosa | Roottrainers,9cm | 60cm July-September |
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Greater Knapweed

Similar to the previous species and found in similar locations (usually on calcareous soils) but with a larger head which falls away after flowering to leave a silvery disc of bracts useful for winter arrangements.

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| Chelidonium majus | Roottrainers,9cm | 20 - 60cm May - September |
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Greater Celandine

Ancient medicinal plant with poisonous properties. Flowers delicate, bright yellow. Hedgerows, hedgebanks, wood margins, walls and near old buildings. Pollinated by bees and flies.

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| Cichorium intybus | Roottrainers,9cm | 90-120cm July-October |
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Chicory

A tall roadside plant with flowers of a clear bright blue, useful at the back of the border where its untidy form is hidden, easily grown. A local plant but doubtfully native, possibly 'escaped' from cultivated crops grown as a coffee substitute.

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| Circaea lutetiana <i>Enchanter's Nightshade</i> | 9cm | 20-70cm June-August |
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A common woodland plant of damp calcareous and base-rich soils, very tolerant of shade. Many tiny pinkish white flowers well spaced on the stem and leaves stay green throughout the summer.

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| Clinopodium vulgare <i>Wild Basil</i> | 9cm, Roottrainers | 60cm July-September |
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An inhabitant of dry banks and scrubby places usually on calcareous soils, whirls of rosy purple tubular flowers.

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| Digitalis purpurea <i>Foxglove</i> | Roottrainers, 9cm | 120cm June-July |
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Prefers woodland conditions on acid soils but is tolerant. Large tubular flowers usually purple but may be white, biennial but seeds freely, nectar plant for bumble bees, food plant for several moths and butterflies.

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| Dipsacus fullonum <i>Teasel</i> | Roottrainers, 9cm | 100-150cm July-August |
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Biennial, architectural plant of waste and grassy places, with large conical, prickly heads. Flowers blue. Seeds are a valuable source for birds especially goldfinches.

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| Echium vulgare <i>Viper's Bugloss</i> | Roottrainers, 9cm | 40-90cm June-September |
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Not infrequent on light dry soils, bright blue flowers, can form a sizeable plant. Biennial but usually self seeds.

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| Eupatorium cannabinum <i>Hemp Agrimony</i> | 9cm, Roottrainers | 120cm July-September |
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Deserving to be better known, a tall species of woodland edges but grows well in a wide range of conditions. Large flat heads of mauve florets. Very good for bees and butterflies.

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| Filipendula ulmaria <i>Meadowsweet</i> | 9cm, Roottrainers | 60-100cm June-August |
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Found in ditch sides and damp meadows, it flourishes in moist but not necessarily shady locations. Producing a creamy white head of sweetly scented flowers.

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| Filipendula vulgaris <i>Dropwort</i> | 9cm, Roottrainers | 20-40cm June-August |
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Though closely related to the previous species it occurs in dry grassy sites, creamy white flowers, a good nectar plant.

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| Fragaria vesca <i>Wild Strawberry</i> | Roottrainers, 9cm | 15cm May |
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A plant of grassy, usually calcareous banks, white flowers in May are followed by small delicious fruits. The plant spreads by runners and seed.

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| Galium verum <i>Lady's Bedstraw</i> | Roottrainers, 9cm | 15-25cm July-August |
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Best in full sun this species is generally tolerant, a plant for grassy places where its delicate stems can sprawl. Masses of tiny yellow flowers, important food plant for several moths.

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| Geranium pratense <i>Meadow Cranesbill</i> | Roottrainers, 9cm | 60cm July-August |
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One of the most attractive wildflowers producing large clear purple-blue flowers. Ideal for roadsides and meadows also deserves a cultivated place, best in full sun.

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| Geum rivale <i>Water Avens</i> | 9cm, Roottrainers | 30-45cm May-June |
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Provided that it is rooted in moist soil it is happy in full sun though it will stand partial shade. Nodding orange-pink flowers followed by fluffy seed heads. Good beside a pond.

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| Geum urbanum <i>Wood Avens/Herb Bennet</i> | 9cm | Height 20 - 60cm June - September. |
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A common plant with small yellow flowers. Happy growing in moist soil in woodland margins and hedgerows. It has spherical hooked fruits. It can be invasive. Pollinated by various insects

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| Glechoma hederacea <i>Ground Ivy</i> | Roottrainers,9cm | 10cm March-May |
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No relative of the true ivy but an enthusiastic creeping ground cover plant, violet flowers provide early nectar for bees, tolerant of conditions but perhaps best in moist places.

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| Helianthemum nummularium <i>Common Rockrose</i> | 9cm,Roottrainers | 10-30cm June-August |
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A low growing plant for dry calcareous banks, attractive bright yellow flowers.

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| Hyacinthoides non-scripta <i>Bluebell</i> | 9cm | 30cm April |
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A bulbous plant of light shade or coppiced woods and hedgebanks. A distinctive, pretty, well loved spring flower with hanging blue bells upon the stem. Genuine British wild species.

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| Hypericum perforatum <i>Common St.John's Wort</i> | 9cm,Roottrainers | 60cm June-August |
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Commonly found in grass and rough areas, pretty starry yellow flowers, possibly toxic to stock so should be avoided where it might be grazed.

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| Hypochoeris radicata <i>Cat's Ear</i> | Roottrainers,9cm | June-August |
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Very common but useful to add as a nectar source to grassland, yellow blooms rise up to 30cm from basal rosette.

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| Iris pseudacorus <i>Yellow Flag</i> | 9cm | 100cm June-July |
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The yellow flag iris is a well known inhabitant of ponds and stream margins in water to 15cm deep but is tolerant of much less wet conditions, large yellow flowers. A good source of nectar.

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| Knautia arvensis <i>Field Scabious</i> | Rootainers,9cm | 40-80cm July-August |
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Found in dry grassy places but well worthy of a garden border. Large blue- lilac heads. A good plant for bees, moths and butterflies. Very variable but usually around 40-80cm

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| Lathyrus pratensis <i>Meadow Vetchling</i> | 9cm | 30-120cm May-August |
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Scrambling plant with heads of yellow pea-like flowers; grows in grass and hedgebanks.

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| Leontodon hispidus <i>Rough Hawkbit</i> | 9cm,Rootainers | 30cm June-September |
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Not unlike a small dandelion, but with rough leaves, a plant of calcareous grassland and useful for giving colour to dry banks, golden yellow flowers.

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| Leucanthemum vulgare <i>Ox-eye Daisy</i> | Rootainers,9cm | 60cm June-August |
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A very well known plant of grassland and rough places, large white daisy heads with yellow centre. Frequented by range of insects.

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| Linaria vulgaris <i>Common Toadflax</i> | Rootainers,9cm | 60cm July-September |
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Attractive yellow snapdragon flowers with orange lips, will grow on most soils, can be invasive. Nectar plant for bees, food plant for some moths.

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| Lotus corniculatus <i>Birdsfoot Trefoil</i> | Rootainers,9cm | 25cm June-July |
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Known by many other names this is a favourite plant of short grassy places, tolerant of dry conditions but not of shade. Yellow pea flowers sometimes tinged with red, a food plant of many butterflies and moths.

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| Lotus pedunculatus <i>Large Birdsfoot Trefoil</i> | 9cm, Rootainers | 15-60cm June-August |
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Similar but taller to *L. corniculatus* but requires damp conditions. Likes a tall plant to lean on eg. iris.

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| Luzula sylvatica <i>Greater Woodrush</i> | Rootainers, 9cm | 60cm May-June |
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Evergreen, robust, grass-like woodland plant with small chestnut-brown flowers, can form large clumps.

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| Lycopus europaeus <i>Gipsywort</i> | 9cm | 60cm June-September |
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Found in wet woodlands, marshes, fens, dykes, canals and riverbanks. Whorls of small white flowers up the stem. Pollinated by various small insects.

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| Lythrum salicaria <i>Purple Loosestrife</i> | Rootainers, 9cm | 60-120cm June-August |
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Tall strikingly attractive plant with reddish-purple spikes of flowers. Wet places and watersides. A 'must have' wildflower.

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| Malva moschata <i>Musk Mallow</i> | Rootainers, 9cm | 40cm July-August |
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Truly a lovely plant for open or slightly shady places, sometimes found on grassy banks but generally uncommon, large open flowers usually rose- pink but sometimes white. A good nectar plant.

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| Mentha aquatica <i>Water Mint</i> | 9cm | 20-90cm July-October |
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Pink flowered aromatic mint for wet locations.

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| Myosotis arvensis <i>Field Forget-me-not</i> | Roottrainers | Height 15 - 40cm. Annual or biennial so should be left to set seed. |

Most commonly found on dry arable field forget-me-not is a low growing species with tiny pale blue flowers with a yellow eye that appear from April to September.

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| Myrrhis odorata <i>Sweet Cicely</i> | 9cm | 60-100cm May-June |
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Large plant of damp places. White flat flower heads and attractively cut leaves. The whole plant smells of aniseed.

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| Origanum vulgare <i>Marjoram</i> | Roottrainers,9cm | 45cm. Plant full sun, harvest July-September |
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One of our native herbs found on calcareous sites, tolerant of dry conditions in full sun, aromatic when bruised, branching head of smallish rose-purple flowers with bracts tinged purple.

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| Phragmites australis <i>Common Reed</i> | Roottrainers | 2-3m August-September |
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The purple reed of wet areas forming reed beds, can be very invasive. Please enquire for prices or see our web page on Phragmites.

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| Pilosella aurantiaca <i>Fox and Cubs</i> | Black 9cm,Roottrainers | Best grown in a large area, a damp, sunny meadow is ideal. Height 30cm Flowers June and July. |
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Called Fox and Cubs because of the appearance of the open flowers (the fox), alongside the flower buds (the cubs). It has lovely, deep-orange flowers held in clusters on slender stems that emerge from a rosette of hairy foliage.

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| Plantago lanceolata <i>Ribwort Plantain</i> | Roottrainers | Height 10 - 50cm. Flowers April to October |

Plantains have their leaves at the base of a leafless flower stalk. In this abundant species the leaves are strap-shaped to long oval and are held more or less erect. The flowers are tiny in a dense spike.

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| Plantago major <i>Greater Plantain</i> | Roottrainers | Height 10 - 40cm. Flowers June to October |
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Found at the sides of paths and tracks and tolerant of trampling. The leaves are broadly oval and long stalked. Commonly known as 'rat's tail' because of the scaly, tail-like appearance of its flowers which are small and packed closely together.

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| Plantago maritima <i>Sea Plantain</i> | Roottrainers | Height 30cm. Flowers June - September. |
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Common in Saltmarshes, cliffs and short turf by the sea and also inland in damp grassy and rocky places. It has narrow fleshy leaves in upright tufts. Flower spikes have arrow shaped green bracts with translucent white sepals with a green midrib.

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| Plantago media <i>Hoary Plantain</i> | Roottrainers, 9cm | 10-40cm May - August |
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An attractive downy perennial with flowers on slender spikes. Each white flower with lilac anthers gives the plant a fluffy appearance. Lovely plant for short dry grassland, meadows and churchyards.

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| Potentilla palustre <i>Marsh Cinquefoil</i> | 9cm | Height 45cm. May-July. |
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A pretty red-purple flowered marginal plant flowering from a creeping base. Suitable for marshy meadows, ponds and wet heaths. Pollinated by a wide variety of insects.

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| Primula veris <i>Cowslip</i> | Roottrainers, 9cm | 20cm April-May |
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A well loved plant of open grassy usually calcareous sites, deep yellow, (a few of our plants if supplied when not in flower may prove to be the false oxlip, a natural cross between cowslip and primrose).

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| Primula vulgaris <i>Primrose</i> | Roottrainers,9cm | 10cm March-April |
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Well loved plant of hedge banks and open woods, pale yellow flowers, a source of nectar for night flying insects.

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| Prunella vulgaris <i>Selfheal</i> | Roottrainers,9cm | 20-30cm June-August |
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Commonly found in rough places, but only seen at its best when growing under fertile and open conditions. A dense terminal head of violet blue tubular flowers, leaves and stems frequently tinged purple. Frequented by bees.

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| Pulicaria dysenterica <i>Fleabane</i> | 9cm,Roottrainers | 45cm August-September |
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Frequent in open, damp places but quite tolerant of conditions, hairy undersides to the leaves give a grey hue, looks very effective in flower when planted in a mass, golden yellow blooms with yellow button centres.

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| Ranunculus acris <i>Meadow Buttercup</i> | Roottrainers,9cm | 30-90cm April-September |
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Bright yellow flowers, abundant in damp meadows and pastures. Rich in nectar, visited by many insects especially flies and small bees.

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| Ranunculus lingua <i>Greater Spearwort</i> | 9cm | 40-90cm July-September |
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Found in marshes, ponds, fens and ditches. A robust plant with large shiny buttercup flowers 2cm in diameter.

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| Rumex acetosa <i>Common Sorrel</i> | Roottrainers | Height 20 - 60cm. Flowers May - July |
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Found in meadows, pastures, woodland rides and verges. Leaves arrow shaped, the basal lobes pointing backwards, the upper leaves clasping the stem. Leaves often turning very red at fruiting time. Flowers in few branched or unbranched spikes, male and female

| Name | Pot Size | Height & Flowering Period |
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Salvia verbenacea
ssp. horminoides

Clary

A rough grassland and roadside plant. Slightly aromatic with spikes of small violet flowers with 2 white dots. Self pollinating.

Rootainers,9cm

30-80cm May-August

Sanguisorba
officinalis

Great Burnet

A much larger version of *Poterium sanguisorba* (Salad Burnet) but prefers damp conditions, flower heads like a dark crimson raspberry on branched stems.

9cm

60-90cm June-August

Sanicula europaea

Sanicle

A woodland plant of calcareous soils with white umbels of flowers and shiny green leaves. Pollinated by various small insects.

Saponaria officinalis

Soapwort

Found on verges and waste ground as well as damp woodland and along streams. A medium-tall, often clump forming perennial. Hairless foliage slightly bluish-green. Dense clusters of pink, sweetly scented flowers.

Rootainers

Height 30 - 90cm. Flowers July to October.

Scabiosa columbaria

Small Scabious

Generally more delicate than the larger field scabious, *Knautia*, but otherwise quite similar both in form and habitat.

9cm,Rootainers

60cm July-August

Scorzoneroideis
autumnalis

Autumn Hawkbit

Similar to *Leontodon hispidus* but a smaller, more wiry plant flowering later in the year.

9cm,Rootainers

5-45cm July-October

Scrophularia nodosa

Figwort

Frequent plant of damp hedgerows and woods, branching stems carrying many small reddish-brown and green flowers frequented by bees, needs closer inspection to appreciate their character.

Rootainers,9cm

80cm June-September

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Silene dioica

Red Campion

Roottrainers,9cm

75cm May-June

A common and very attractive hedgerow and woodland plant in shades of rose, a food plant for several moths.

Silene flos-cuculi

Ragged Robin

9cm,Roottrainers

30-45cm May-June

Not nearly as common as it was as damp meadows and marshes disappear. An attractive addition to pond margins and bog gardens, good size shaggy petals in rose, food plant for moths.

Silene latifolia

White Campion

Roottrainers,9cm

75cm May-August

Similar in form to *S. dioica* with which it will often hybridise, rather less vigorous, pure white, short-lived but self-seeds freely.

Silene vulgaris

Bladder Campion

Roottrainers,9cm

35-80cm June-August

A common plant of rough places, white flowers with a greenish inflated calyx, visited by bumble bees and moths.

Sparganium erectum

Branched Bur-reed

9cm

30-150cm June-August

Robust grass like plant with flowers in tiny spherical clusters which are conspicuous in fruit, stems of zig-zag appearance. Suitable for marshes, canals, rivers and streams.

Stachys officinalis

Betony

Roottrainers,9cm

30-55cm July-September

Found in woodland edges and hedge banks, prefers partial shade and lighter soils. Flowers in dense heads, bright red-purple.

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Stachys sylvatica

Hedge Woundwort

Roottrainers,9cm

65cm July-August

Commonly found in hedgebanks, similar to the previous species but with claret coloured flowers on a more extended spike, the flowers usually have attractive markings on the lower lip.

Succisa pratensis

Devil's Bit Scabious

Roottrainers,9cm

100cm June-October

Pretty blue pin cushion flower heads. A plant of wet meadows, damp woods on mildly acid to calcareous soils, also on drier chalk and limestone grassland. Pollinated by various bees and butterflies. The leaves are the food plant of the larvae of the Marsh

Tanacetum vulgare

Tansy

Roottrainers,9cm

30-100cm July-September

Golden yellow flat heads of flowers, fragrant leaves. Found on roadsides, hedgerows, wasteground, river and stream banks. Tolerant of most soils. Pollinated by a large variety of small insects and food plant for the Tansy beetle.

Teucrium scorodonia

Wood Sage

Roottrainers,9cm

15-30cm July-September

Found in woodland, hedgebanks and heaths, prefers drier noncalcareous sites, makes a spreading clump, flowers yellowish-green in spikes. Popular with bees.

Tragopogon pratensis

Goat's Beard

9cm

45-60cm June-July

Found commonly on roadside verges. The tuft of leek-like leaves give rise to a yellow flower head which opens only in the morning, then followed by a seed head not unlike a very large dandelion 'clock', useful addition to a grassy bank. Often biennial.

Trifolium pratense

Red Clover

9cm,Roottrainers

30cm May-September

Heads of pink/red pea flowers. Common plant of pastures, meadows, rough grassland roadside verges and cultivated ground on calcareous to weakly acid soils. Rich in nectar, attractive to bees and butterflies.

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Trollius europeus

Globe Flower

Roottrainers

Height 60 - 80cm.

Commonly known as the Globe Flower because of the globe shaped bright yellow flowers held above mid green foliage from May well into the summer. Grows well in damp soils.

Typha latifolia

Common Reedmace

Taupe 2L

1.5 - 2.5m June - August

A robust, reed like, waterside plant with sword like leaves and far creeping rhizomes forming extensive patches. Flowers in brown sausage like spikes exploding to release white fluffy seeds and hairs. Suitable for shallow ponds, ditches lakes etc. Can

Verbascum nigrum

Dark Mullein

9cm

50-120cm June-September

A wayside plant worthy of a place in the garden. Best on warm dry calcereous banks. Tall spikes of yellow flowers with purple stamens. Pollinated by a variety of insects.

Verbascum thapsus

Great Mullein

9cm

60-200cm June-August

Tall spires of yellow flowers, the whole plant densely covered in woolly hairs, prefers full sun. Stands dry soils. Biennial but produces copious amounts of seed.

Vicia cracca

Tufted Vetch

9cm

60-200cm July-September

Beautiful scrambling plant with many heads of blue- purple pea flowers, found in grassland and waysides.

Vicia sativa

Common Vetch

Roottrainers

Height 15 - 150cm. Flowers
May to September.

A sprawling or scrambling pea with bright pinkish-purple flowers. Very common in a wide variety of grassy places.

Name

Pot Size

Height & Flowering Period

Viola odorata

Sweet Violet

Roottrainers,9cm

up to 10cm March-April

A delightful sweet scented, spring flower, tolerant of most conditions though preferring light shade, good under shrubs and trees, purple flower, food plant for several butterflies and moths.

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