














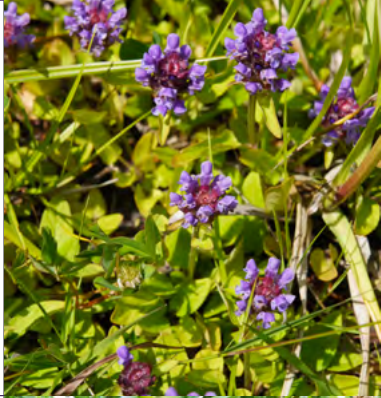



# Every flower counts Identification sheet



## Thirteen common lawn flowers

Type of flower	Picture	What to count	How to identify
<b>Daisy</b> <i>Bellis perennis</i>		Each flower-head that is open 	These familiar lawn flowers have a disc of small white petals surrounding a bright yellow centre, the whole flower 16-25mm across. They are supported by a single stem which grows from a group of dark green rounded leaves. The petals are often tinged with pink on the outside.  <a href="https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/daisy">https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/daisy</a>
<b>Dandelion</b> <i>Taraxacum agg.</i>		Each flower-head that is open 	These familiar flowers form a bright yellow disc of tightly packed petals. They are supported by a single stem which is hollow and rises above a rosette of jaggedly toothed leaves. The flowers are followed by fluffy white seed head.  <a href="https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/dandelion">https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/dandelion</a>
<b>Creeping Buttercup</b> <i>Ranunculus repens</i>		Each individual open flower 	Creeping buttercup has shiny yellow flowers on a stem that has a groove along its length. The sepals cup the petals. The stems creep along the ground and root at the nodes. The notched, hairy leaves are divided into three-lobes, the central lobe having a small stalk. Compare with Meadow Buttercup.  <a href="https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/buttercups">https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/buttercups</a>
<b>Common Mouse-ear</b> <i>Cerastium fontanum</i>		Each individual open flower 	A small plant with soft, hairy grey-green leaves in pairs along the stem. The white flowers are carried in clusters on thin stems, they are very small (3-12 mm across) and have 5 petals each with a deep notch at the tip. Only a few flowers are usually open at a time.  <a href="https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/common-mouse-ear">https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/common-mouse-ear</a>






<p><b>Cuckooflower</b> <i>Cardamine pratensis</i></p>		<p>Each individual open flower</p>	<p>A beautiful flower with stems up to 60cm tall carrying clusters of large, 4 petalled flowers 12-18 mm across. These are white, lilac or pale pink. Leaves have a central stem with a row of little rounded leaflets on each side.</p> <p><a href="https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/cuckooflower">https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/cuckooflower</a></p>
<p><b>Dovesfoot Cranesbill</b> <i>Geranium molle</i></p>		<p>Each individual open flower</p>	<p>A small plant with hairy stems and rounded leaves with lots of lobes and notches in the edge. The pink flowers are 6-14 mm across and each of the five petals has a notch at the tip. If the flowers are 2-8mm across you might have small-flowered crane's-bill.</p> <p><a href="https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/doves-foot-cranes-bill">https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/doves-foot-cranes-bill</a></p>
<p><b>Bird's-foot Trefoil</b> <i>Lotus corniculatus</i></p>		<p>Each individual open flower</p>	<p>A low, spreading plant with bright yellow pea-like flowers carried on short stems in clusters of 2-7. Flowers may be tinged with red or orange. Leaves are small and blue-green with 3 leaflets (trefoil) and two more where they join the stem.</p> <p><a href="https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/birds-foot-trefoil">https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/birds-foot-trefoil</a></p>
<p><b>Germander Speedwell</b> <i>Veronica chamaedrys</i></p>		<p>Each individual open flower</p>	<p>A small, spreading plant to 20 cm tall, with two rows of long hairs on either side of the stems. Leaves can be up to 2.5 cm long, toothed and hairy. Flowers carried in small spikes on small stems, bright blue with a white centre, 1cm across. Compare with thyme-leaved speedwell.</p> <p><a href="https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/germander-speedwell">https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/germander-speedwell</a></p>
<p><b>Mouse-ear Hawkweed</b> <i>Pilosella officinarum</i></p>		<p>Each whole open flower-head</p>	<p>This plant forms spreading patches with rosettes of dark green, rounded hairy leaves that are distinctly paler underneath. The flowers form a yellow or pale yellow disc of tightly packed petals, 15-25mm across. These are carried on a single stem which is solid (not hollow).</p> <p><a href="https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/mouse-ear-hawkweed">https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/mouse-ear-hawkweed</a></p>









<p><b>Self-heal</b> <i>Prunella vulgaris</i></p>		<p>Each individual open flower</p>	<p>This very common lawn flower often forms mats or patches. The quirky flowers are formed of a squarish, compact head on a short erect stem up to 20cm tall, from which the large violet-blue flowers emerge. These are 10-14mm long and a few open on the flowerhead at a time. The leaves are hairy, often purple tinged and oval to diamond-shaped.</p> <p><a href="https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/selfheal">https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/selfheal</a></p>
<p><b>Thyme-leaved Speedwell</b> <i>Veronica serpyllifolia</i></p>		<p>Each individual open flower</p>	<p>A tiny speedwell with small, spreading stems. These carry pairs of rounded, hairless and untoothed leaves. The upright flower stalks carry many small flowers, 5-6mm wide, white with blue or purplish lines (mainly at the top). Only a few flowers open at a time and the whole plant can sometimes be yellowish in colour.</p> <p><a href="https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/thyme-leaved-speedwell">https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/thyme-leaved-speedwell</a></p>
<p><b>White Clover</b> <i>Trifolium repens</i></p>		<p>Each whole flower-head with any open flowers</p>	<p>A familiar flower that forms large mats or patches of spreading stems. The leaves have three oval leaflets, often marked with a white band. The long-stalked flowerheads carry many tiny white or pale pink flowers in a ball.</p> <p><a href="https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/white-clover">https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/white-clover</a></p>
<p><b>Field Forget-me-not</b> <i>Myosotis arvensis</i></p>		<p>Each individual open flower</p>	<p>A small, upright, well-branched annual to 30-40cm with strap-shaped, hairy leaves. The flowers are 3-5mm across and carried in clusters on slowly-unfurling stems. This is the most common forget-me-not on dryish soils.</p> <p><a href="https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/forget-me-not-common">https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/forget-me-not-common</a></p>



## 13 flowers of “no mow” lawns not cut until late summer

Type of flower	Picture	What to count	How to identify
<b>Cat’s-ear or Rough Hawkbit</b> <i>Hypochaeris radicata</i> or <i>Leontodon hispidus</i>		Each flower-head that is open. 	These flowers look a bit like dandelions but their leaves are hairy (smooth in dandelion). They’re usually taller too – up to 40cm high. Like dandelions, they have flowers arranged in discs of bright yellow petals.
<b>Cow Parsley</b> <i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>		Each main umbel with any open flowers. 	Very familiar flower of road verges and waysides, cow parsley grows to over a metre tall and has finely-divided fern-like leaves with pointed tips. The small white flowers are arranged in groups like little umbrellas about 6 cm across - count each of the main umbels coming from one point. Don’t confuse with hogweed which has coarse leaves without fine pointed tips. See also wild carrot. <a href="https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/cow-parsley">https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/cow-parsley</a>
<b>Common Knapweed</b> <i>Centaurea nigra</i>		Each flower-head that is open. 	A very common and familiar flower of grasslands and meadows, common knapweed bears vibrant pinkish purple flowers in summer, each of which is shaped a little like a shaving brush. These are carried on branching stems up to 80cm tall that are clothed with hairy leaves which are often deeply toothed and lobed.
<b>Field Scabious</b> <i>Knautia arvensis</i>		Each whole flower-head with any open flowers (look for the protruding stamens). 	This is a stout plant to a metre tall, with branching stems carrying large, rounded flowerheads 3-4cm across. From the side, the pinkish-lilac flowers look like pincushions with lots of stamens sticking out. The hairy leaves have a central stem with lots of leaflets looking like ladders. <a href="https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/field-scabious">https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/field-scabious</a>

<p><b>Meadow Buttercup</b> <i>Ranunculus acris</i></p>		<p>Each individual open flower.</p>	<p>This is our tallest buttercup, with upright branching stems to 60cm. These carry bright yellow, 5-petalled flowers, the stalks of which are not grooved (compare with creeping buttercup). The sepals cup the petals (if they're reflexed you could have bulbous buttercup), and the leaves are deeply divided into long, narrow leaflets.</p> <p><a href="https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/meadow-buttercup">https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/meadow-buttercup</a></p>
<p><b>Meadow Crane's-bill</b> <i>Geranium pratense</i></p>		<p>Each individual open flower.</p>	<p>A large, clump-forming plant up to 80cm tall with deeply divided leaves. The large flowers are carried in clusters on stout stems and each is 3-4cm across, 5-petalled and violet-blue to sky-blue with paler veins.</p> <p><a href="https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/meadow-cranes-bill">https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/meadow-cranes-bill</a></p>
<p><b>Meadow Vetchling</b> <i>Lathyrus pratensis</i></p>		<p>Each individual open flower.</p>	<p>A climbing or scrambling plant with narrow, grey-green leaves that have tendrils. Note that the stem is angled with distinct corners. The bright yellow, pea-like flowers are carried in clusters of 5-12 on long stems.</p> <p><a href="https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/meadow-vetchling">https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/meadow-vetchling</a></p>
<p><b>Musk Mallow</b> <i>Malva moschata</i></p>		<p>Each individual open flower.</p>	<p>An upright, bushy plant with stiff leaves that are deeply divided into narrow segments. The very large, rose-pink flowers are 3-6cm across and have 5 petals (sometimes more) which are flat or shallowly lobed or ruffled on their outer edge. There is a distinct central 'boss' of stamens and stigmas.</p> <p><a href="https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/musk-mallow">https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/musk-mallow</a></p>
<p><b>Ox-eye Daisy</b> <i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i></p>		<p>Each whole flower-head.</p>	<p>This very familiar plant has large daisy-type flowers with a disc of large white petals surrounding a bright yellow centre, the whole flower 2.5 to 5cm across. These are carried on tall branching stems up to 70cm tall, clothed with oblong, toothed leaves.</p> <p><a href="https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/oxeye-daisy">https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/oxeye-daisy</a></p>

<p><b>Red Clover</b> <i>Trifolium pratense</i></p>		<p>Each whole flower-head with any open flowers.</p> 	<p>Very similar to white clover, but with globular heads of tiny pinkish-purple flowers. The leaves are also larger with a prominent white mark and each leaflet is more pointed. The whole plant tends to be larger (up to 50cm) and more bushy than white clover.</p> <p><a href="https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/red-clover">https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/red-clover</a></p>
<p><b>Tufted Vetch</b> <i>Vicia cracca</i></p>		<p>Each individual open flower.</p> 	<p>This plant climbs or scrambles over other plants to a height of 2 metres. The bluish-purple, pea-like flowers are carried on long stem ending in a spike that might have 10-40 flowers. The leaves have a central stem with two rows of small, grey-green leaflets and end in a tendrils.</p> <p><a href="https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/tufted-vetch">https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/tufted-vetch</a></p>
<p><b>Wild Carrot</b> <i>Daucus carota</i></p>		<p>Each main umbel with any open flowers.</p> 	<p>This stout plant grows to a metre tall and produces very hairy leaves that are finely divided like those of edible carrots. The small white or pinkish flowers are arranged in large, often domed heads like umbrellas, about 6-7 cm across - count each of the main umbels coming from one point. Unlike cow parsley, there is a "ruff" of green bracts immediately below each umbel. Don't confuse with hogweed which has coarse leaves without fine pointed tips.</p> <p><a href="https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/wild-carrot">https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/wild-carrot</a></p>
<p><b>Yellow Rattle</b> <i>Rhinanthus minor</i></p>		<p>Each individual open flower (look for the blue stamens).</p> 	<p>A small upright and often well branched plant to 50cm with leafy spikes of yellow flowers. These emerge from a pale, inflated calyx and are distinctly hooded above the blue stamens, with a yellow lip protruding below. The leaves are long, narrow and toothed.</p> <p><a href="https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/yellow-rattle">https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/plant-fungi-species/yellow-rattle</a></p>