



JANUARY SPOTTER SHEET



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My name:

My age:

Shepherd's-Purse

Capsella bursa-pastoris

This plant has flat seedpods shaped like hearts. People thought these looked like purses. It is found in fields, waste areas, roadsides and in gardens. It is in the same group of plants that we get cabbages, radishes and turnips from! It has small white flowers with four petals.

When I found it:

Where I found it:

Gorse

Ulex sp.

Be careful: this plant has sharp spiny leaves! There is a saying, "kissing is out of fashion when gorse is out of bloom." This means that there will always be people kissing, because gorse is always in flower. It is found in so many different places and has yellow pea-like flowers.

When I found it:

Where I found it:

Groundsel

Senecio vulgaris

This has small yellow flowers. Its seeds look like tiny dandelion clocks. Some people said that the hairy seeds look like the white hair of an old man and called it the "old man in the spring" The stem is hollow.

When I found it:

Where I found it:

Chickweed

Stellaria media

This plant has a white flower which looks like a star. One plant can make many seeds so it can grow new plants very quickly. The leaves and seeds are eaten by many animals. Chickens liked it so much it was called "chickweed".

When I found it:

Where I found it:

Daisy

Bellis perennis

These flowers go to sleep at night! The pretty white petals fold in over the yellow centre. You can make daisy chains out of them. The leaves are found in a group at the bottom of the stem. They grow in a ring called a rosette.

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Where I found it:

