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NOVEMBER SPOTTER SHEET



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My name:

My age:

Can you find all the wild flowers on this sheet? Post your pictures on the Herbology Facebook group, or on Twitter and Instagram using the #herbologyhunt hashtag. wildflowerhour.co.uk/herbologyhunt



Picture from Wikipedia

Pineappleweed.

Matricaria discoidea

This has small yellow-green flowers shaped like a cone. They look like the middle part of a daisy flower, but without the white petals. The leaves are feathery and the stem is branched. The plant is small and grows in bare and waste places, where the ground is well-trodden. It has the scent of pineapple when it is crushed. It used to only grow in Asia but has been spread around the world. It was originally kept at Kew Gardens. It "escaped" in 1871 and spread rapidly into the wild.



Where I found it:

When I found it:



Field speedwell

Veronica persica

This four-petalled flower is bright blue with white streaks, especially on the lowest petal. Flowers grow on their own along the stalk. The plant is small with hairy, toothed oval leaves. It grows very close to the ground. The plant was introduced to Britain from Asia in the 1800s. It is found as a weed in gardens, road verges and fields. Its common name comes from folklore as it was said to bring good luck to travellers.

Where I found it:

When I found it:



Common mouse-ear chickweed.

Cerastium fontanum

This low-growing plant has tiny, white, five-petalled flowers. The petals have notches in them and green sepals appear between the petals. Its dark green hairy leaves are oval, in opposite pairs and thinner near the stem. It grows in clumps.. It is a common weed in gardens, grassy and bare ground. Its seeds can survive in the ground for up to 40 years.

Where I found it

When I found

Himalayan Balsam:

Impatiens glandulifera

This tall plant (up to 2m), is found growing in bare places, along streams or where the ground is wet. It has large pink flowers, made up of two 2 "lips". The leaves have small red "teeth" along them. They are arranged opposite each other or in threes. The plant was introduced to Britain from India in 1839 as a garden plant, but it quickly "escaped" to grow in the wild. It can be a problem as it "takes over" from native plants

When I found it:

Yarrow.

Achillea millefolium.

The flower is a head of small white or pink individual flowers that form a shape like that of an umbrella. It has dark green feathery leaves. Yarrow has a sweet smell. It was once used in potions to stop blood flow. In Greek myth, Achilles the Greek hero carried yarrow to help heal wounds. It is found in grassy areas and is an important food plant for many moths.

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