



Wildflowers in South Armagh



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Wildflowers in South Armagh Booklet

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Aims of the Booklet

- To increase interest in botany in the area and hopefully generate records
- To promote the Ring of Gullion AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty)
- To encourage the use of native wildflower seed to create pollinator friendly areas
- Aimed at beginners and improvers

Content

- Species are grouped by habitat
- Each species contains key identification information, distribution and similar or confusion species
- More common plants were chosen for the seed collecting section and have information on collecting, sowing and general care
- Glossary of botanical terms
- Further Reading



Sheep's Bit – (*Jasione montana*) – Duán na gcaorach – Campanulaceae

Flowers: June-August

Erect, biennial, ranging from 5-50cm in height. Leaves in basal rosette, linear-lanceolate, leaves on stem, small and unstalked. Flowering head tightly packed with small flowers, bright blue in colour. Found in grasslands, heaths and rocky areas. **Occasional in South Armagh; common in coastal regions of Ireland, rare in centre.**

Similar Species: Devil's-bit Scabious (*Succisa pratensis*).

Species descriptions:

- English, Scientific and Irish Names
- Flowering period and general description
- Habitat and Distribution within S. Armagh and the rest of the Island



Thanks for Listening!