



MAY SPOTTER SHEET



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My name:

My age:

Cuckoo flower or Lady's Smock

Cardamine pratensis

This is a pretty flower with four equal-sized pink or white petals. The flowers are on a straight stalk and the leaves are divided. It is often found growing amongst grass, on verges in the towns and in damp meadows in the country. It blooms in the spring and it appears at the same time as the cuckoo returns.

When I found it:

Where I found it:

Ground Ivy

Glechoma hederacea

This is a low-growing plant with purple coloured flowers. It is not really a type of ivy and is actually in the same family of plants as mint. The leaves are soft and hairy and are on long stalks. The flowers are found in a circle at the base of the leaves. It is found in woods, hedge banks and bare places. It often grows in clumps.

When I found it:

Where I found it:

Hawthorn

Crataegus monogyna

Hedgerows full of white blossom in May are very likely be full of hawthorn. This is a shrub or small tree. The flower-heads have lots of flowers, each with 5 petals. The leaves have 5-6 rounded parts to them (lobes). The branches are thorny so take care. It sometimes is called "May" after the month in which it is in bloom.

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Bluebells

Hyacinthoides non-scripta

Lovely blue flowers, sometimes white. Found in woodlands. The bell-shaped scented flowers grow on a spike and the leaves are long and thin. Is your bluebell the true British bluebell? This has its flowers along one side so it droops over to one side, and the pollen inside the flowers is creamy white.

When I found it:

Where I found it:

Wild Strawberry

Fragaria vesca

This grows low to the ground. It has white flowers with five petals and a yellow centre. The leaves have three parts like a clover leaf (trefoil). The leaves are shiny on top, hairy underneath and have toothed edges. It is found in dry grassy places and in woods. In late summer and autumn, it will have tiny strawberries.

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Where I found it:

