

March - April



Wood Anemone or Wind Flower – woodland and in places which may have been wooded. Often growing in large patches. The flowers face towards the springtime sun and follow its daily progress through the leafless woodland canopy. An indicator that the woodland is ancient.



Ground Ivy – woodland, grassland, field boundaries, verges, beneath hedges. Usually in shade and forming a ‘carpet’. It has a distinct and pleasing smell – very much of walking through fresh grass at the beginning of spring. It is a dead nettle not an ivy, but it does grow long trailing ivy-like stems.



Celandine – everywhere – woodland, grassland, verges, riverside, mostly where it is shaded and slightly damp. The very first gold of spring with heart-shaped leaves.



Lady's Smock, Milkmaids or Cuckoo Flower – damp woodland and grassland, along ditches, near ponds and riverside. The flowers vary in colour from white to lilac. Often grows in drifts or patches. At their finest when the cuckoo returns.



Blackthorn – woodland edge and hedgerows. The pure white flowers grow from black, leafless twigs in dense clusters often around ferociously sharp spines. Hedgerows and thickets of blackthorn provide excellent cover and safe nesting sites for birds.

Discovered the flower	Photographed the flower	Emailed photo of flower