



# Wild flowers



*Discover and explore these beautiful flowers in the environment around us*

# Here is your challenge !

1. Read through this PowerPoint. Based on the information on each common wild flower, can you find out their names ? (see last slide for the answer if unsure)



2. When you are out for your walks, look out for these flowers.

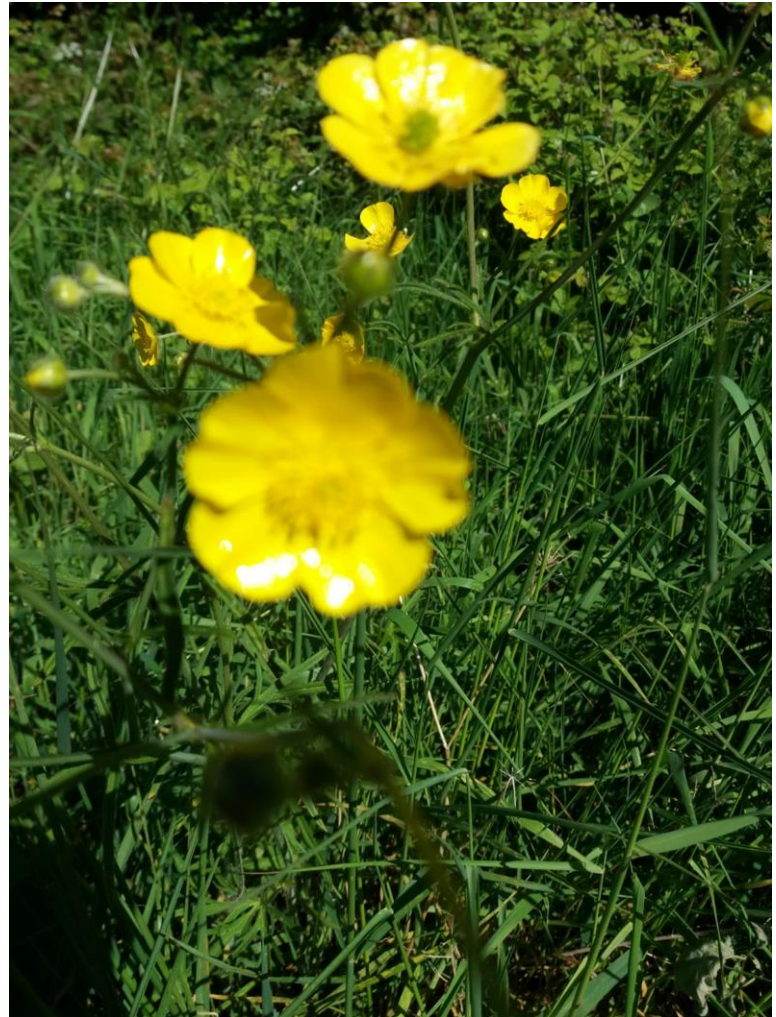


3. If you can, take a picture of the wild flowers that you see and make a note of the date and where you found it- woodland, hedgerow, side of road etc.



## Wild flower 1.

This is a bright yellow flower with glossy petals which attract small bees, hover flies and other insects which collect nectar from the base. It is widespread and common in damper grassland and sometimes in road verges.





## Wild flower 2.

This bright red flower colours the landscape when it sometimes appear in abundance on new road verges and waste land. The seeds of this flower can remain in the ground for decades germinating when exposed to sunlight.



## Wild flower 3.

This yellow flower is the only native wild iris in Ireland. Its rich, yellow flower is widespread in wetlands and by the sides of rivers, lakes and ponds. It produces seeds that float and are thus dispersed by water.





## Wild flower 4.

This flower is a member of the daisy family. It flowers from May to September. This familiar flower brightens our grass verges, meadows and many motorway embankments. The Irish for this flower is *nóinín mór*.



## Wild flower 5.

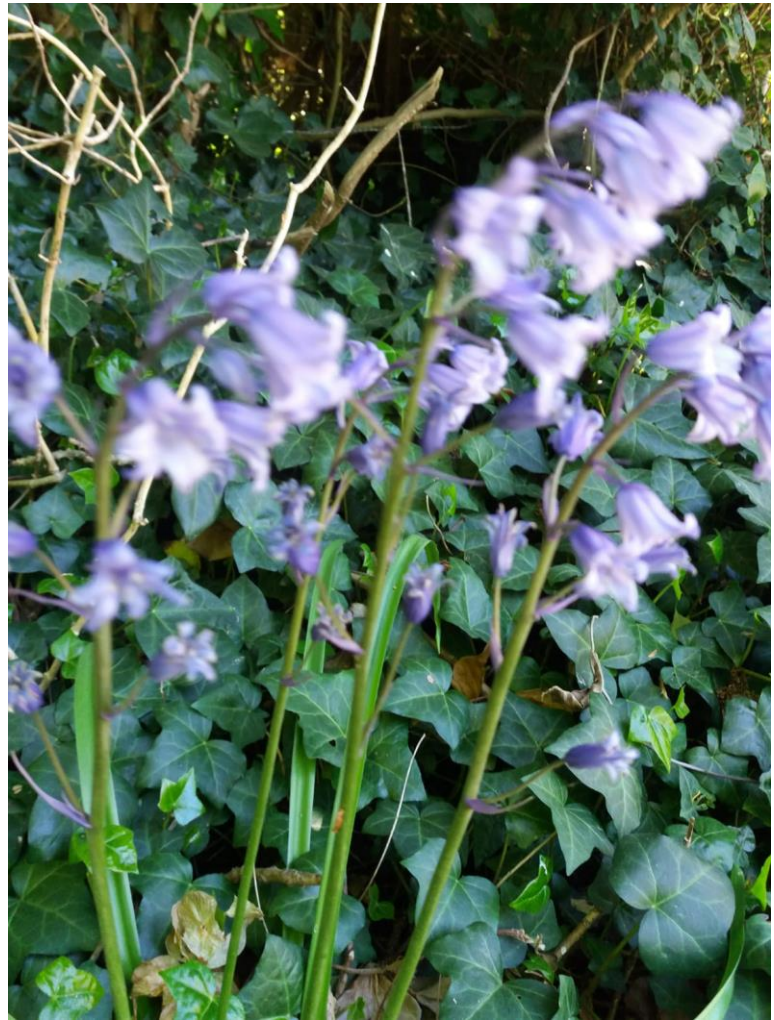
This flower is common in hedges, roadsides and shady places. It is very attractive to wildlife as each little individual flower contains a lot of nectar. It belongs to a family of flowers called *umbelliferae* because the heads of flowers on the plant are like an umbrella.





## Wild flower 6.

This flower is a favourite of many and is often found carpeting large areas of woodland. It can also be found on sea cliffs and in hedgerows. It flowers between April and June.





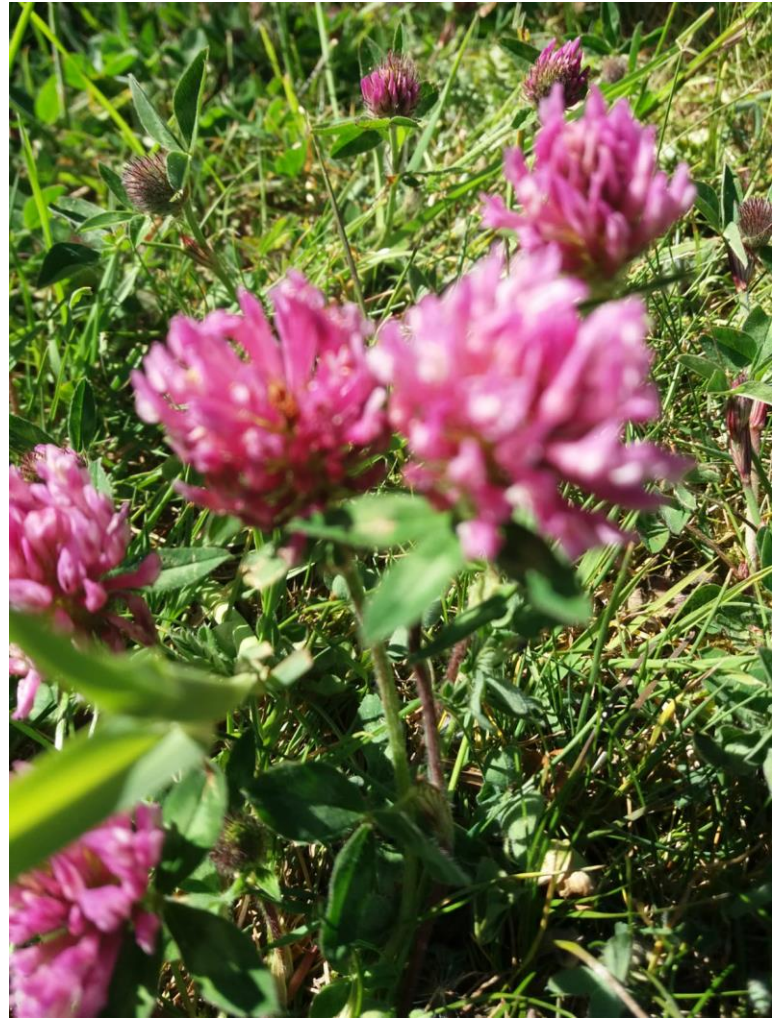
## Wild flower 7.

This tiny plant is widespread in shady places, on cliffs, walls and shingle beaches. Its stems are sprinkled with slender hairs.



## Wild flower 8.

Abundant in grassland and road verges, this flower is an important bee flower. It flowers from May to September. It belongs to the pea family.





# The names of the flowers.....

