



Cuckoo Flower



Marsh Marigold



Himalayan Balsam



Ramsons



Ragged Robin



Purple Loosestrife

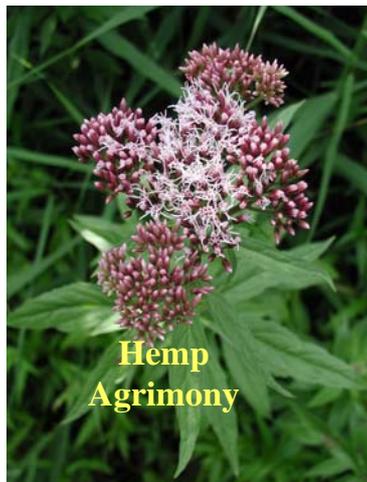


Willow Herb

Dibbinsdale's Wetland Flowers



Snowdrops



Hemp Agrimony



Meadowsweet



Top row –
Opening fern in spring
Climbing ivy on tree stump
Clump of primrose

Some of Dibbinsdale's woodland plants

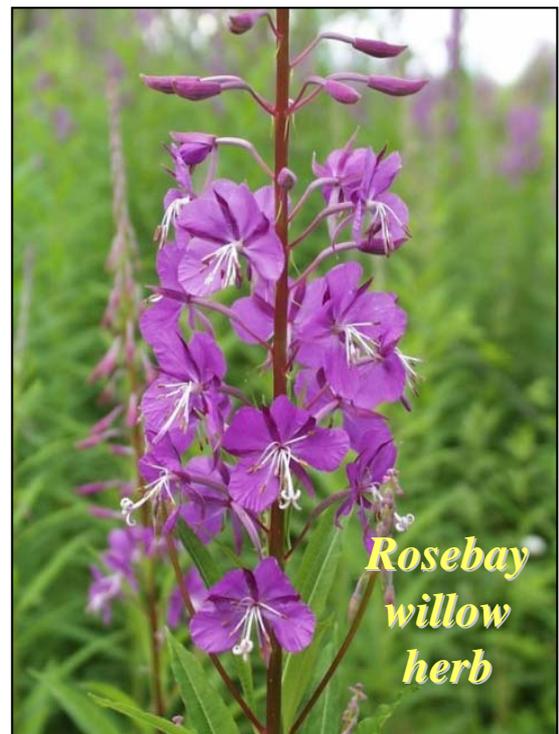
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Bottom row –
Wood sorrel on a sycamore
Wood rush on the cliff
Bluebells in Marfords Wood



Grassland Flowers



Flowers of the grassland are suited to light open spaces and life among grasses. Some like the thistle are prickly and not nice to eat. Grazing animals like rabbits will leave them alone. The purple flower heads are loved by insects. The seeds are eaten by birds

The rosebay willow herb is a plant that does very well in the grassland. It is a perennial plant. This means it will grow back every year and not die off in winter. It does well because it makes millions of seeds that blows across the meadow like fluff in the late summer. It is sometimes known as 'fireweed' because it does well when there are fires on the meadow.

Buttercups are a well known grassland plant. They do well because they stay low to the ground. This means that grazing and grass cutting does not kill them. They send out shoots that 'piggy back' over the ground and so spread the plant.

The small birds foot trefoil is often known as 'bacon and eggs' because of the yellow and orange colours. It is in the same plant family as the pea. It makes little pods and seeds like the pea. It also has plant 'tendrils'. It uses these to hold on to plants around it like fingers.