

Downlands Grazing Partnership

Wildflower Nursery

Catalogue 2024



The List below notes all the species we grow on the nursery, current stock levels may differ.

The Nursery is open for plant sales on a Wednesday and Friday by appointment please call Sean or Damien on 07968832692 to book.

All 9cm plants are £4 each or 3 for £10. Prices include VAT.

We can also make a meadow selection for you this would be 10 plants with two grasses and a mix of perennials. Perfect as a starter and enough to cover two square metres. The cost of this is £34

<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow	A spreading perennial with dissected grey/green leaves and small, cream, or pink flowerheads in flat heads in summer. Many colour forms are available. A great addition to a perennial border or wildflower meadow.
<i>Achillea ptarmica</i>	Sneezewort	A vigorous clump forming perennial, it has narrow dark green leaves and pure white flower-heads in summer. Flowers are great for drying. A great addition to a perennial border or wildflower meadow.
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i>	Kidney Vetch	A medicinal biannual with a spreading habit. Bright yellow flowers are borne over a long period in summer, providing food for several beetle and moth larvae but, most importantly, is the sole food plant for the caterpillars of the Small Blue butterfly. It is also great for bees. Perfect in a wildflower meadow or perennial border.
<i>Briza media</i>	Quaking Grass	A clump-forming perennial grass with narrow blue-green leaves. Slender, upright stems bearing nodding, heart-shaped, purple-tinted green flowerheads are borne from spring to summer. Great in a wildflower meadow and perfect in any perennial border or planted in containers.
<i>Campanula glomerata</i>	Clustered Bellflower	A vigorous perennial forming an extensive clump of dark green leaves, and dense terminal racemes of deep violet-blue, bell-shaped flowers all summer. Grows well on Chalk soils.
<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	Common Harebell	A small perennial forming a clump of small, rounded basal leaves and slender, erect stems bearing narrower leaves and light blue, bell-shaped flowers in summer. Perfect in a wildflower meadow or perennial border.
<i>Carex flacca</i>	Glaucous Sedge	A small creeping evergreen grass, with stiff hair-like leaves green above and a glaucous blue beneath. In early summer, small purple-brown flower spikes are borne on arching stems. A great addition to a perennial border or wildflower meadow.

<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	Lesser Knapweed	An upright perennial with pinnately lobed leaves. Thistle-like black/brown flower heads, topped with an inflorescence of purple or pink in summer. Very hardy. Perfect in a wildflower meadow or perennial border.
<i>Centaurea scabiosa</i>	Greater Knapweed	An upright perennial with pinnately lobed leaves. Reddish-purple flowers heads to 5cm across, with enlarged outer florets are borne in summer. Perfect in a wildflower meadow or perennial border.
<i>Centaureum erythraea</i>	Centauray	A pretty little biennial, sometimes annual, it forms a basal rosette of deep green veined leaves. Pale pink tubular flowers are borne in summer. A great addition to a perennial border or wildflower meadow.
<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>	Wild Basil	A perennial with soft, hairy aromatic stems and light green leaves. Pinkish purple flowers in are produced in late summer. Has culinary uses and is great for bees and butterflies. Perfect in a wildflower meadow or perennial border.
<i>Cynosurus cristatus</i>	Crested Dog's-tail	A compact tufted grass. Its tall uniform flowers and seed heads have a purple haze when gently blowing in the wind. It's a perfect grass for use in a wildflower meadow as it will not outcompete the flowers and can also be used as a front border grass in a perennial border.
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Viper's-bugloss	A beautiful biennial, pink buds are borne in summer opening to a vivid blue. It is a magnet for bees and butterflies and makes a perfect addition to any wildflower meadow or perennial border.
<i>Filipendula vulgaris</i>	Dropwort	A striking perennial, it has toothed dark green leaves in a rosette. Sprays of creamy-white flowers tinged pink or red in bud are borne on slender stems in early and midsummer. A great addition to a perennial border or wildflower meadow.
<i>Galium verum</i>	Lady's Bedstraw	Ideal for a sunny wildflower or perennial border, in summer honey-scented golden-yellow flowers are produced. It has whorls of slender, dark green leaves, which have a pleasant smell when cut and dried. An important food source for caterpillars of the Broad-bordered Bee Hawk-moth. As the name suggests, it was used in Victorian times as a mattress-filler. Not only did it have a pleasant smell, but it also helped repel fleas.
<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	Common Rock-rose	A low growing, spreading evergreen shrub with small, oval leaves and bright sulphur yellow flowers produced from late spring to early autumn. Perfect in a wildflower meadow or perennial border.
<i>Hieracium pilosella</i>	Mouse-ear Hawkweed	A mat forming perennial with hairy green leaves that are white underneath. Bright yellow flowerheads marked red underneath, 2-3cm across are borne on leafless stems. Perfect in a wildflower meadow or perennial border.
<i>Hippocrepis comosa</i>	Horseshoe Vetch	A low, spreading woody perennial. Highly scented bright yellow flowers in May and early June are followed by seed pods which curl and resemble a string of horseshoes. Great as a ground cover plant or perfect in pots or hanging baskets to trail over the edges. It is great for bees, moths, butterflies, and caterpillars. Perfect in a wildflower meadow or perennial border.

<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	St John's-wort	An upright perennial with small green leaves and numerous clusters of star-shaped yellow flowers 1.5cm across. Perfect in a wildflower meadow or perennial border.
<i>Knautia arvensis</i>	Field Scabious	A clump-forming perennial with lax stems and lobed leaves. Bright lilac-blue flowerheads are borne in summer and autumn. Perfect in a wildflower meadow or perennial border.
<i>Leontodon hispidus</i>	Rough Hawkbit	A small perennial forming a rosette of coarsely hairy leaves, tall stalks bearing yellow, dandelion-like flower heads are borne in summer and early autumn. A great addition to a perennial border or wildflower meadow.
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	Oxeye daisy	A rhizomatous perennial with dark green, toothed spoon shape leaves and single flower heads with the classic white rays and yellow centre disks from May to September. Prefers moist but well-drained soil in full sun or partial shade. Perfect for flower meadows, borders and even pot growing. Height 1m.
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Bird's-foot trefoil	A perennial with small dark green leaves and a lax habit making it good for pots or baskets. Bright yellow pea-like flowers from red-tinged buds from late spring to early autumn. A good source of nectar for bees and a larval food source for some moths. Perfect for a wildflower meadow, pots, baskets, and perennial borders.
<i>Onobrychis viciifolia</i>	Sainfoin	A tall growing perennial with bright pink/red flower spikes in summer and autumn. It has nitrogen fixing properties and is a brilliant herbal remedy for grazing animals. The flowers of Sainfoin attract huge numbers of insects. Perfect in a wildflower meadow or perennial border.
<i>Origanum vulgare</i>	Wild Marjoram, Oregano	A woody-based perennial with small, aromatic, deep green leaves. Clusters of small pink flowers open from reddish buds in summer and early autumn. Has culinary uses and is great for pollinating insects. Perfect in wildflower meadows, pots and perennial borders.
<i>Pilosella aurantiaca</i>	Fox-and-cubs	A great little perennial that adds a dot of bright orange to any border or wildflower meadow in summer and autumn. Hairy rosettes of basal leaves produce bristly black stems with clusters of orange flowers. Grows well on poorer soils and tolerates dry, arid conditions, great for pollinators and perfect in a wildflower meadow, pots or in a border.
<i>Poterium sanguisorba</i>	Salad Burnet	A lovely little perennial with toothed green leaves. Clusters of ball shaped crimson flowers are borne from early summer to autumn, The foliage gives out a cucumber-scent when crushed and can be used in salads and as a flavouring. A great addition to a perennial border or wildflower meadow.
<i>Primula veris</i>	Cowslip	A spring perennial. Fantastic in an area without much grass but poor soil. The delicate flower head droops and is an important nectar source for emerging queen bumblebees.
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Selfheal	A low growing semi evergreen perennial with oblong or ovate deep green leaves. Short erect spikes of deep violet, sometimes pink or white, tubular flowers in summer and early autumn. Great as a ground cover in perennial borders or mixed in a wildflower meadow. Perfect for bees and butterflies, said to have healing properties.

<i>Pulsatilla vulgaris</i>	Pasque Flower	Perennial with ferny foliage & furry buds, opening to bell-shaped, pale to deep purple flowers in spring & early summer, followed by silky seed heads. Grow in fertile, very well-drained soil in full sun.
<i>Scabiosa columbaria</i>	Small Scabious	A large perennial up to 75cm, lower leaves are lobed, the upper ones more divided, large light bluish-purple flowerheads are borne in summer and early autumn. Perfect in a wildflower meadow or perennial border.
<i>Serratula tinctoria</i>	Saw-wort	A deciduous clump-forming perennial it has deeply cut dark green foliage and erect, wiry stems to 45cm. Smallish thistle-shaped uneven flowerheads of mauve purple are borne in late summer. Perfect in a wildflower meadow or perennial border.
<i>Succisa pratensis</i>	Devil's-bit Scabious	A tall perennial to 60cm, with a basal rosette of deep green leaves. Long branched stems bearing solitary light purple, pincushion-like flowerheads are borne in summer and autumn. A great addition to a perennial border or wildflower meadow.
<i>Verbena officinalis</i>	Common Vervain	A branched upright perennial wildflower to 70cm with deeply lobed mid-green leaves. In late summer it produces tall spikes with numerous delicate tiny pale purple flowers. Perfect for wildflower meadows and perennial borders.
<i>Viola tricolor</i>	Wild Pansy	A beautiful short-lived, evergreen perennial with spreading stems. From spring to autumn, multi-coloured blooms are borne. These have dark purple upper petals, pale purple or pale-yellow middle petals and a dark yellow lower petal with dark streaks. A great addition to a perennial border or wildflower meadow. Also perfect for containers.

We also have volunteering opportunities on the Nursery and Farm on Wednesdays, please contact Sean or Damien on 07968832692 or email them at downlands.grazing@surreycc.gov.uk

We are regularly looking for stock checkers to ensure the welfare of our livestock, on the sites we manage across the North Downs.

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