

A guide to the flowers to be found in Selsdon Wood in the summer months.

Assorted by colour.

Others

Glossary

Pinnate - compound leaf of paired leaflets with one at the end

Palmate - leaf with finger like lobes

Whorl - several leaves or flowers forming a ring around the stem

Umbel - flowers in spike but lower branches longer so that all are level making a flat cluster

Cleavers



May-Sept - everywhere

Leaves - in whorls

Flowers - very tiny, white

Stems & fruit cling to clothes

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Cuckoo Pint/Lords & Ladies



April-May - woodland paths

Leaves - large arrow shaped

Flowers - hidden in base

Fruit - spike of berries

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Dock



June-Aug - fields

Leaves - large, oval

Flowers - tiny, in spikes,
gree/pink

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Gooseberry



March-May - Langford's Way

Leaves - palmate - Stems -spiny

Flowers - 2-lipped, tiny, clusters

May be garden escapee

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Helleborine (Broad-leaved)



July-Sept - field edges

Tall - Leaves - large, oval

Flowers - medium, in spikes

Orchid family - uncommon

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Herb Paris



May-June - northern edge

Leaves - rounded, in rosette

Flowers - medium, starlike

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Mercury (Dogs)



Feb-May - woodland paths

Leaves - spear-shaped

Flowers - green, tiny, in tassels

Male & Female plants

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Nettle (Stinging)



June-Sept - woods

Leaves - heart-shaped

Flowers - tiny, in catkins

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Pineapple Mayweed



May-Nov - Langford's Way
Leaves - pinnate, threadlike
Flowers - green, small, rayless

Plantain (Greater)



June-Oct - fields
Leaves - large, oval
Flowers - tiny, in long spikes

Plantain (Ribwort)



April-Oct - fields
Leaves - narrow
Flowers - spikes, pale anthers

Raspberry



May-Aug - woodland paths
Leaves - pinnate, thorny
Flowers - small, few petals
Fruit - see insert

Toothwort



April-May - off East Gorse
Leaves - none
Flowers - medium in spike
Parasitic on roots of other plants

Traveller's Joy/Old Man's Beard



July-Sept - hedgerows
Leaves - spear-shaped
Flowers - small, green/cream
Fruit hairy -see inset

Wood Spurge



April-May - The Wend
Tall - Leaves - oval in whorl
Flowers - green, medium, round

Nightshade (Enchanter's)



June-Sept - woodland paths
Leaves - heart-shaped
Flowers - pinkish, tiny, in spikes