

Wildflower Nature Trail

Inspired by Creative Arts...



Anna Airy – Children Blackberrying



William Logsdail - Garden Flowers

We have been inspired by artworks from our Usher Gallery collection to go on our own family local wildlife trail.

Why not have a go yourself and add up the number of flowers on our trail you can spot. You won't be able to pick blackberries until later in the year so what flowers can you spot instead?

Make your own...

You could even make your own flower nature trail from your garden or near your house. **Get creative...**



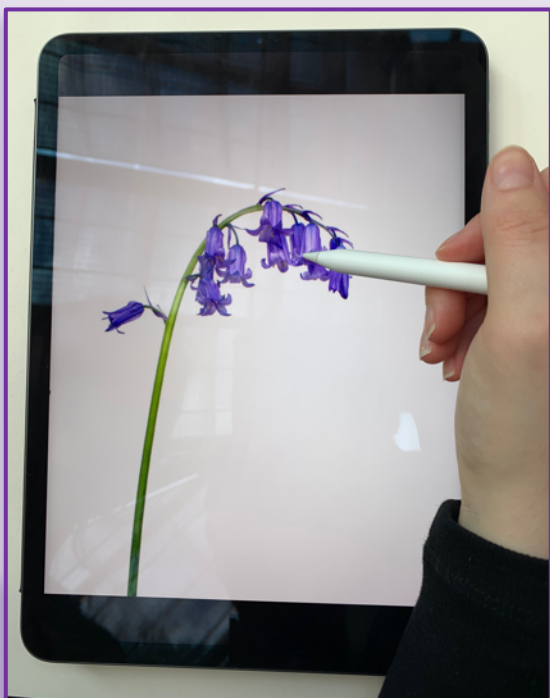
Peter De Wint – Foxglove

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When you have been on your nature trail why not have a go at drawing or painting your favourite flowers from your trail or in your garden.



We have chosen bluebells here and also used the tablet to digitally add colours.



Share Your Creations!

We would love to see what you make. Please send us your photos or tag us.



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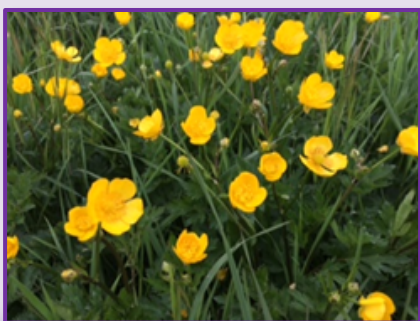
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How many can
you spot?

All the yellows!



Buttercup



The creeping buttercup is around 2 cm wide and is seen on grassland, parks and field edges. Traditionally, if a yellow reflection appears when the buttercup is held up to your chin, it is seen as meaning that you like butter!



Cowslip



The cowslip is closely linked with springtime. It was often used in garlands for May Day. It has green leaves close to the ground, a tall stalk and bunches of small yellow flowers. The word cowslip actually means cow-slop (or cow pool!) because of its usual habitat of meadows where cows would graze.



Dandelion



Often thought of as a weed, spring is the time dandelions can be seen all over grass verges, field edges, road sides, meadows and even gardens. The flower is a bright yellow colour which closes up at night. Counting down the clock is a traditional children's game played when blowing the white 'clocks' or parachute shaped seeds once the yellow flowering has finished.

From the yellows to the whites



Daisy



Daisies can be seen almost all year round. A popular Springtime activity enjoyed by many children (and adults!) is making daisy chain jewellery. Did you know that each petal on a daisy is actually an individual flower? This is because the flower heads are made up of lots of tiny flowers.

Hawthorn



In May you will often see hedgerows burst into life with white, sweet-smelling hawthorn blossom. Also known as 'May thorn', 'May tree' and 'May blossom'. The flowers were often used in traditional May Day garlands. The 'haws' are the red fruits often seen in autumn and winter.

White Dead Nettle



This type of nettle has white buds around the stem in between each layer of leaves. It is often found on roadside verges. If you spot nettles without white buds, be careful as they have a painful sting! White Dead Nettles do not sting. Lots of long tongued insects like the flowers of this nettle including the red mason bee.

From the whites to the blues



Cow Parsley



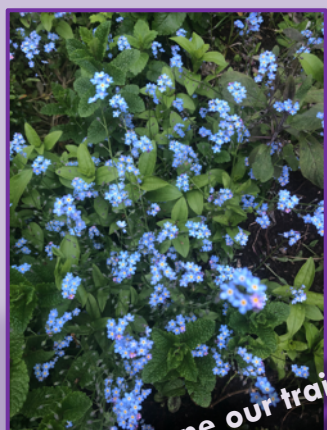
Bunches of small white flowers that look like umbrellas on tall stems are often found on road sides, hedgerows and in country lanes. They can be seen in May and June. Many creatures like Cow Parsley including butterflies, hoverflies and rabbits.



Bluebell



Bluebells are often found in woodland and can look like a beautiful violet carpet as millions of bulbs can exist in one wood. Some of you may even have them in your gardens. Look for nodding bell shaped flowers. Bluebells attract many insects, woodland butterflies, bees and hoverflies all feed on the nectar.



Forget-me-not



Tiny and pretty blue, yellow & white flowers. The bees and butterflies just love the nectar and pollen! Find them in woodland, hedgerows and verges

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