

Wildflower Guide

Explore some of the wildflowers commonly found within Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

Can you find them all?

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Daisy

Noínín

Colour: White with specs of yellow underneath

Leaves: Spoon shaped with a leathery texture, bluntly toothed

Habitat: Short grasslands

Blooming Time: Found all year round

Poisonous: No



Dandelion

Cáisearbhán

Colour: Yellow

Leaves: Long with
a deep tooth

Habitat:

Grasslands,
pathways, sandy
ground, cultivated
grounds

Blooming Time:

March-October

Poisonous: No



Blue Bell

Coinnle corra

Colour: Blue,
occasionally can be
white. Flowers droop
on one side of the
stalk

Leaves: Glossy,
fleshy and linear

Habitat:
Grasslands,
deciduous
woodlands and
hedge banks

Blooming Time:
April-May

Poisonous: No



Buttercup

Fearbán reatha

Colour: Golden yellow with 5 petals.

Leaves: Long stems with basal leaves containing 3 segments

Habitat:
Grasslands

Blooming Time:
May-August

Poisonous: No



Primrose

Sabhaircín

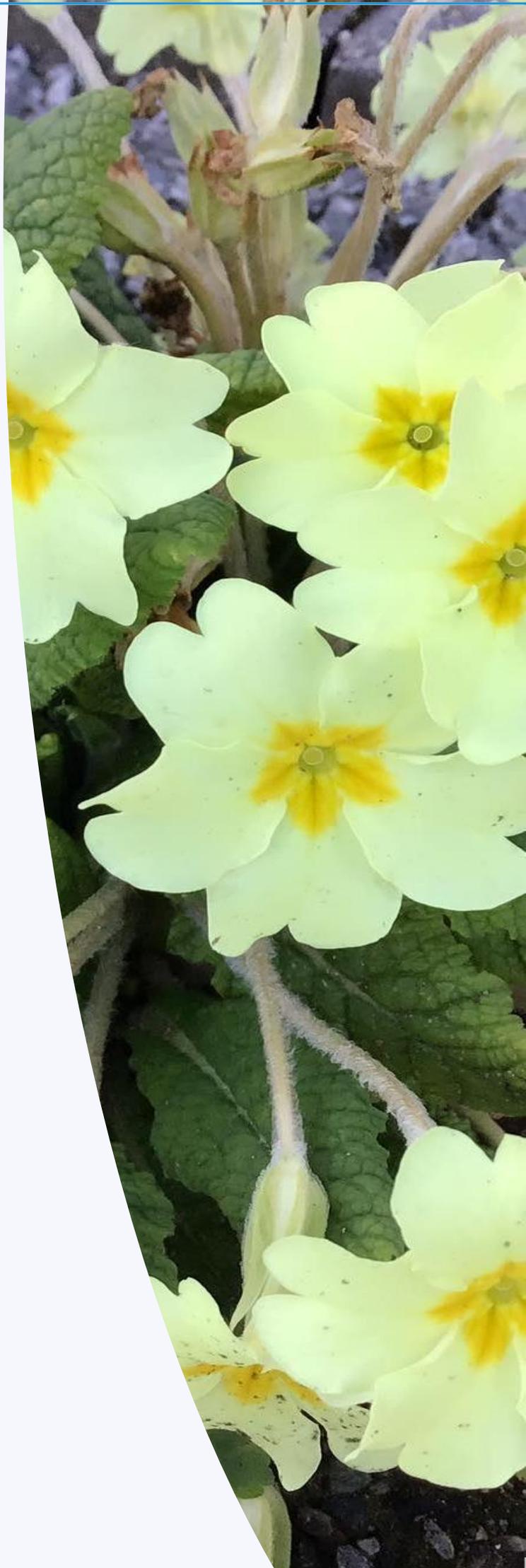
Colour: Pale yellow (common) , can also occur as white or pink with a yellow centre.

Leaves: Hairy stalks with basal leaves that are wrinkled and have a hairy underside.

Habitat: Woodlands, meadows, roadsides and hedgebanks.

Blooming Time:
December-May

Poisonous: No



Fox Glove

Lus Mór

Colour: Pink/purple bell shaped flowers with dotted throats. Flowers can be white sometimes

Leaves: Basal leaves with a soft underside. Tall stalks reaching heights of 60-180cm.

Habitat: Woodlands, common in gardens, roadsides, heaths

Blooming Time: May-August

Poisonous: Yes, do not touch a fox glove if you find one.



Gorse

Ateann gallda

Colour: Bright yellow, coconut scented

Leaves: Very spiny stems

Habitat: Grasslands and heaths

Blooming Time:
Found all year round

Poisonous: No



Hawthorn

Sceach gheal

Colour: White 5 petaled flowers, can sometimes be blushed pink

Leaves:
Deciduous shrub or tree

Habitat:
Woodlands, roadsides, fields and hedgerows

Blooming Time:
April-May

Poisonous: No



Groundsel

Grúnlas

Colour: Yellow flowers. When the plant is young it will be flowerless

Leaves: Leaves are narrow, lobe toothed, irregularly pinnate and jagged. Generally has a weak stem that grows as the fruit ripens.

Habitat: Found in open disturbed ground

Blooming Time: January-December

Poisonous: No



Elder

Trom

Colour: Creamy white flowers with purple berries.

Leaves: Elder contains 5-9 leaves that are toothed. They are part of a deciduous tree or shrub.

Habitat: Found in woodlands, hedgerows and scrubs

Blooming Time: June- September

Poisonous: No



Common Poppy

Cailleach dhearg

Colour: Bright scarlet with overlapping petals

Leaves: pinnate leaves and coarse toothed. Tall stems with hairs

Habitat: Roadsides, gravel pits and arable land.

Blooming Time: June-September

Poisonous: No



Keeping your garden bee friendly

Hanging Baskets and Window Boxes

If you don't have a garden to plant pollinators, add some window boxes or hanging baskets with pollinator friendly flowers to your windows.



Slow to Mow

Reducing the amount you mow your lawn is the most cost effective way to help reduce a decline in pollinator species.

Why not leave a patch of grass in your garden that you no longer cut? Bumble bees love a patch or area of long grass to use as a shelter during nesting periods. These patches will also create a short meadow that soon will be blooming with wild flowers and species that pollinators love.

Plant some Pollinator Friendly Herbs

Plant a herb patch in your garden. The following herbs are pollinator friendly and make a great addition to your kitchen for cooking!

- Rosemary
- Chives
- Fennel
- Mint
- Oregano
- Sage
- Thyme
- Mint



Definitions

Wildflowers:

A wildflower means a flower that grows naturally in the wild and has not been planted intentionally



Habitat: is the place where a plant or animal naturally or normally lives and grows.



Toothed: A toothed leaf refers to a leaf that has an irregularly notched margin



Definitions

Pinnate: A plant having leaflets arranged in a feather like shape, with leaflets found on either side of the stem in pairs opposite each other.



Basal: Basal leaves are leaves that grow from the lowest part of the stem



Grasslands: These are areas that are dominated by grasses as the main form of vegetation.



Definitions

Hedgerows: A hedgerow can be defined as a line of closely spaced woody shrubs to form a continuous barrier.



Heath: This is a shrubland habitat. It is often characterised with infertile acidic soils and contains low growing woody vegetation.



Deciduous: This is a tree or shrub that sheds its leaves annually.



Find out more

National Pollinator Plan

Find out more information on how to keep your garden pollinator friendly by accessing the National Pollinator Plan.

This plan can be found [here](#) and is supported by Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown County Council



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