

Floral Survey of Hawkshill Common 2011

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Introduction

Following on from the survey carried out last year, there appears to be no great change in the habitat or reduction of species. The one disappointment worthy of note is that I was unable to find any violets this year. This may be due to the very dry period in April.

Maintenance of the whole area is important, particularly the west facing bank, to make sure invasive species such as Bramble, Hawthorn, Ivy, Nettle and Sycamore do not take a dominant hold.

It is the chalk loving plants that are most important, as they are most sensitive to any changes that may take place. These are marked on the list by an asterisk *.

The total number of species is slightly up on last year. Of course, it is possible that some species may have been overlooked.

Species	Dates seen on West Facing Bank	Dates seen on Hawkshill Common
Alexanders	Apr	
Agrimony	June, July	June, July
Autumn Hawbit	Sept	
Birdsfoot Trefoil	June, July, Aug	June, July
Black Hoarhound	July, Sept	June
Black Medick	Aug	June
Bladder Champion	June	July
Bristly Ox-Tongue	July, Aug, Sept	June, July
Bulbous Buttercup	Apr, May, June	
Burnet Saxifrage	Aug, Sept	July, Sept
Carline Thistle*		June
Cat's Ear	June, July	June, July
Colombine	Jun, July	
Common Mallow		June, July
Common Ragwort	July, Aug,	June, July, Sept
Common Toadflax		June
Common Vetch		June
Cow Parsley	Apr	
Cowslip	Apr, May	
Creeping Buttercup		June
Creeping Cinquefoil		June, July
Creeping Thistle	June, July	July, Aug
Crisp Dock		July
Cuckoo Pint		April, May
Curled Dock	June	
Dandelion	Apr, May	June, Sept
Daisy	Apr, May, June	
Dog Rose	June	June

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Dwarf Thistle*	Aug, Sept	
Eyebright*	Aug, Sept	
Fairyflax*	Aug	
Field Bindweed	June	June, July
Field Scabious*		July
Garlic Mustard	May, June	
Goat's Beard	June, July	June, July
Goosegrass	June, July	
Great Bindweed		July, Aug
Greater Bird's Foot Trefoil		Sept
Greater Knapweed	June, July, Aug, Sept	June, July
Greater Plantain	July	
Ground Elder	June	
Ground Ivy	Apr, May	
Hairy Willowherb	July	
Harebell*	July, Aug, Sept	
Hawkesbeard	July	
Hedge Bedstraw	July, Aug	
Hedge Garlic	June	
Hedge Mustard	June	June
Hedge Parsley	Sept	
Herb Robert	June, July, Aug	
Hoary Mustard	Aug, Sept	
Hoary Plantain	Aug	
Hoary Ragwort		June
Hogweed	June, July	June, July
Honeysuckle		Aug
Hop Trefoil		June, July
Horse Radish		Aug, Sept
Horseshoe Vetch*	June, July	
Kidney Vetch*	June, July	June
Lady's Bedstraw	June, July	
Large Flowered Evening Primrose	Sept	
Lesser Hawkbit	June	
Lesser Knapweed	June, July, Aug, Sept	June, July, Aug, Sept
Lesser Trefoil	June	
Majoram	June, July, Aug, Sept	Sept
Meadow Buttercup	Sept	June, July, Sept
Meadow Vetchling	July	July
Mignonette	June, July, Aug, Sept	June, July, Aug, Sept
Milkwort	Apr, May, June, Aug	
Mugwort		June
Nipplewort	Aug	Aug
Ox-Eye Daisy	June, July, Aug, Sept	June, July, Aug, Sept
Pyramidal Orchid		June, July
Pineapple Weed		June, July
Poppy		June, July
Prickly Lettuce	June, July, Aug, Sept	
Prickly Sowthistle	June	
Primrose	Apr, May	
Purple Toadflax	June	June
Ragwort	July, Aug	July, Aug

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Red Bartsia	July, Aug, Sept	July, Aug, Sept
Red Clover	Aug, Sept	June, July, Aug, Sept
Ribwort Plantain	June, Aug, Sept	June, July
Rough Hawkbit	June, July, Aug	June, July, Aug, Sept
Sainfoin	June, July	June, July
Salad Burnet*	May, June, July	
Shepherd's Purse		June
Selfheal		June, July
Small Scabious*	July, Aug, Sept	
Smooth Hawksbeard	June, July	June, July
Smooth Sowthistle	June, July, Aug, Sept	June, July, Aug, Sept
Spanish Bluebell	May	
Spring Sedge	Apr, May	
Squinancy Wort	July, Aug	
Stinking Iris	June	
St John's Wort Imperforate	June, July Aug, Sept	
Teasel	July	June
Travellers Joy	June, July, Aug, Sept	
Tufted Vetch	July	
Upright Hedge Parsley	June, July, Aug	July
Vipers Buglos		July
White Campion		June
White Clover		June, July
Wild Carrot	June, July, Aug, Sept	June, July, Sept
Wild Parsnip	Aug,	Sept
Wild Strawberry	July	
Wild Thyme*	July, Aug	
Woody Nightshade	July, Aug, Sept	
Yarrow	July	Sept
Zig-zag Clover		July, Sept
<u>Grasses</u>		
Barren Brome		June
Cocksfoot	June, July, Aug	June, July
Couch	July	June, July
False Oat	July	June
Lesser Cat's Tail	July, Aug, Sept	June
Meadow Fescue	June, July, Aug	
Perennial Rye	June	
Red Fescue	July	June
Rye Grass		
Soft Brome	June, July	
Smooth Bent	Aug	
Smooth Brome		June
Wall Barley	June	June, July

Total Number of Species: 123

Nuisance Plants on West Facing Bank

Bramble, Hawthorn, Ivy, Nettle, Sycamore