



# PLANTS ON HARPENDEN COMMON

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## Plants seen on Harpenden Common, 1942 to 2001

Compiled from the booklet produced by Joan Thurston for the Harpenden Society in 1987 and amended in 1988, with recent additions by Ian Denholm and Richard Bromilow. The help of various people who contributed to the original booklet is gratefully acknowledged.

The 293 species are arranged according to their general category – trees, grasses etc. Within groups, they are in alphabetical order of Latin names, thus placing closely related species together e.g. five *Senecio* spp. (Ragworts and Groundsels).



Latin names follow Clapham, Tutin & Warburg 'Excursion Flora of the British Isles' 3rd Edition, 1981 updated with subsequent nomenclatural changes. The English names are based largely on Dony, Rob & Perring 'English Names of Wild Flowers' 1st Edition, 1974. Joan Thurston used Latin names found in Keble Martin 1969.

Origins are as per the key on each page. Where no origin is stated, plants are assumed to be part of the natural vegetation, regardless of date of introduction to Britain.

Not all of these plants are to be seen in any one year, but many reappear either by re-introduction or from dormant seeds. A number of species recorded in the earlier surveys no longer occur on the Common.

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# KEY

## SURVEYS UNDERTAKEN

- 1 = Joan Thurston 1942-86  
 2 = Joan Thurston supplementary list 1988  
 3 = Ian Denholm 1989 – 2001  
 4 = Councillor Richard Bromilow 2001

## ORIGINS

- P Planted  
 G Garden Origin  
 S Seeds in soil brought from elsewhere  
 D Dumped (and growing in the following year)

# HERBS

Latin Name	English Name	Origins	Survey No
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow		1
<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>	Ground Elder		1
<i>Aethusa cynapium</i>	Fool's Parsley		1
<i>Agrimonia eupatoria</i>	Agrimony		1
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Garlic Mustard		1
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel	S	1
<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	Cow-parsley		1
<i>Aphanes arvensis</i>	Parsley-piert		1
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i>	Mugwort		1
<i>Arum italicum</i>	Italian Arum	P	2
<i>Arum maculatum</i>	Lords-and-Ladies		1
<i>Asparagus officinalis</i>	Asparagus	G	4
<i>Aster novi-belgii</i>	Michaelmas Daisy	G	1
<i>Ballota nigra</i>	Black Horehound		1
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Lawn Daisy		1
<i>Beta vulgaris</i>	Spinach Beet	S	1
<i>Brassica nigra</i>	Black Mustard	S	1
<i>Bryonia dioica</i>	White Bryony		1
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Marsh Marigold	P	4
<i>Calystegia sylvatica</i>	Great Bindweed		1
<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	Harebell		1
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Shepherd's Purse		1
<i>Cardamine pratensis</i>	Lady's Smock		1
<i>Carduus acanthoides</i>	Wetted Thistle		3
<i>Carduus nutans</i>	Musk Thistle	G	1
<i>Centaurea montana</i>	Perennial Cornflower	G	3
<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	Knapweed		1
<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>	Common Mouse-ear		1
<i>Cerastium glomeratum</i>	Sticky Mouse-ear		1
<i>Ceratophyllum demersum</i>	Hornwort	P	4
<i>Chamaenerion angustifolium</i>	Rosebay Willowherb		1
<i>Chelidonium majus</i>	Greater Celandine		1
<i>Chenopodium album</i>	Fat Hen	S	1
<i>Chrysanthemum leucanthemum</i>	Ox-eye Daisy		1
<i>Chrysanthemum vulgare</i>	Tansy		1
<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	Chicory		1
<i>Circaea lutetiana</i>	Enchanter's-nightshade		3
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Creeping Thistle		1
<i>Cirsium palustre</i>	Marsh Thistle		1
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Spear Thistle		1

Latin Name	English Name	Origins	Survey No
<i>Cochlearia danica</i>	Danish Scurvy Grass		4
<i>Conopodium majus</i>	Pignut		2
<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	Lily-of-the-valley	G	4
<i>Convolvulus arvensaria</i>	Field Bindweed		1
<i>Coronopus squamatus</i>	Swine-cress		3
<i>Crepis capillaris</i>	Smooth Hawkbeard		1
<i>Crepis vesicaria ssp taraxicifolia</i>	Beaked Hawkweed		2
<i>Dactylorhiza fuchsii</i>	Common Spotted Orchid		1
<i>Dactylorhiza maculata</i>	Heath Spotted Orchid		1
<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	Foxglove		1
<i>Doronicum pardalianches</i>	Leopards Bane	G	4
<i>Epilobium ciliatum</i>	American Willowherb		3
<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	Codlins-and-Cream		1
<i>Epilobium montanum</i>	Broadleaved Willowherb		1
<i>Eriophila verna</i>	Whitlow Grass		2
<i>Euphorbia peplus</i>	Petty Spurge		1
<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>	Meadowsweet		1
<i>Fagopyrum esculentum</i>	Buckwheat	G	1
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>	Common Fumitory	S	1
<i>Galeopsis tetrahit</i>	Hemp-nettle		1
<i>Galium album</i>	Hedge Bedstraw		1
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers		1
<i>Galium saxatile</i>	Heath Bedstraw		1
<i>Galium verum</i>	Lady's Bedstraw		1
<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Cut-leaved Cranesbill		1
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Soft Cranesbill		1
<i>Geranium pyrenaicum</i>	Doves-foot Cranesbill		1
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert		1
<i>Geranium versicolor</i>	Pencilled Cranesbill	G	3
<i>Geum urbanum</i>	Herb Bennet		1
<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>	Ground Ivy		1
<i>Gnaphalium uliginosum</i>	Marsh Cudweed		3
<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>	Hogweed		1
<i>Hieracium trichocaulon</i>	Hawkweed		1
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Perforate St John's Wort		1
<i>Hypochoeris radicata</i>	Cat's Ear		1
<i>Iris foetidissima</i>	Stinking Iris	G	4
<i>Knautia arvensis</i>	Field Scabious		1
<i>Lamium album</i>	White Deadnettle		1
<i>Lamium purpureum</i>	Red Deadnettle		1
<i>Lathyrus pratensis</i>	Meadow Vetchling		1
<i>Lemna minor</i>	Common Duckweed		3
<i>Leontodon autumnalis</i>	Smooth Hawkbit		1
<i>Leontodon hispidus</i>	Rough Hawkbit		1
<i>Lepidium draba</i>	Hoary Cress		1
<i>Linaria purpurea</i>	Purple Toadflax	G	1
<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>	Common Toadflax		1
<i>Linum catharticum</i>	Fairy Flax		3
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Birdsfoot Trefoil		1
<i>Lychnis flos-cuculi</i>	Ragged Robin		1



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<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>	Yellow Loosestrife		1
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	Purple Loosestrife	P	4
<i>Malva moschata</i>	Muskmallow		1
<i>Malva neglecta</i>	Dwarf Mallow		1
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	S	1
<i>Matricaria matricarioides</i>	Pineapple Weed		1
<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Black Medick	S	1
<i>Melilotus altissima</i>	Tall Melilot	S	1
<i>Mercurialis perennis</i>	Dog's Mercury		1
<i>Minuartia hybrida</i>	Fine-leaved Sandwort		4
<i>Moehringia trinervia</i>	Three-nerved Sandwort		3
<i>Myosotis sylvatica</i>	Wood Forget-me-Not	G	1
<i>Nymphaea alba</i>	White Water-lily	G/P	3
<i>Odontites verna</i>	Red Bartsia		1
<i>Orchis morio</i>	Green-winged Orchid		4
<i>Oxalis acetosella</i>	Wood Sorrel		2
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	Common Red Poppy	S	1
<i>Pentaglottis sempervirens</i>	Alkanet	G	1
<i>Pilosella aurantiaca</i> (ssp. <i>brunneocroceum</i> )	Orange Hawkweed = Hen-and-Chickens	G	1
<i>Pilosella officinarum</i>	Mouse-ear Hawkweed		1
<i>Pimpinella saxifraga</i>	Burnet Saxifrage		1
<i>Plantago coronopus</i>	Buckshorn Plantain	S	2
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain		1
<i>Plantago major</i>	Broad-leaf Plantain		1
<i>Plantago media</i>	Hoary Plantain		1
<i>Polygonatum multiflorum</i>	Solomon's Seal	G	1
<i>Polygonum arenastrum</i>	Small-leaved Knotgrass		3
<i>Polygonum aviculare</i>	Knotgrass	S	1
<i>Polygonum convolvulus</i>	Black Bindweed	S	1
<i>Polygonum lapathifolium</i>	Pale Persicaria		3
<i>Polygonum persicaria</i>	Persicaria	S	1
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	Curled Pondweed	P	4
<i>Primula veris</i>	Cowslip		2
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Selfheal		3
<i>Pulmonaria officinalis</i>	Lungwort	G	3
<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Meadow Buttercup		1
<i>Ranunculus auricomus</i>	Wood Goldilocks		1
<i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i>	Bulbous Buttercup		1
<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	Lesser Celandine		3
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Creeping Buttercup		1
<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i>	Wild Radish		1
<i>Rhinanthus minor</i>	Yellow Rattle		1
<i>Rorippa palustris</i>	Marsh Yellow-cress		1
<i>Rumex acetosa</i>	Common Sorrel		1
<i>Rumex acetosella</i>	Sheep's Sorrel		1
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	Curled Dock		1
<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>	Broad-leaved Dock		1
<i>Rumex sanguineus</i>	Wood Dock		3
<i>Sagina procumbens</i>	Procumbent Pearlwort		3

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<i>Scleranthus annuus</i>	Annual Knawel		1
<i>Senecio erucifolius</i>	Hoary Ragwort		1
<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	Ragwort	S	1
<i>Senecio sylvaticus</i>	Wood Groundsel		1
<i>Senecio viscosus</i>	Sticky Groundsel		1
<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	Groundsel		1
<i>Silene alba</i>	White Campion		1
<i>Silene dioica</i>	Red Campion		1
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>	Bladder Campion		1
<i>Sinapis arvensis</i>	Charlock	S	1
<i>Sisymbrium officinale</i>	Hedge Mustard		1
<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	Woody Nightshade		1
<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	Black Nightshade	S	1
<i>Solanum tuberosum</i>	Potato	D	1
<i>Solidago gigantea</i>	Golden Rod	G	1
<i>Sonchus arvensis</i>	Field Sow-thistle		1
<i>Sonchus asper</i>	Prickly Sow-thistle	S	1
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Smooth Sow-thistle	S	1
<i>Spergularia rubra</i>	Sand Spurrey		3
<i>Stachys sylvatica</i>	Wood Betony		1
<i>Stellaria graminea</i>	Lesser Stitchwort		1
<i>Stellaria holostea</i>	Greater Stitchwort		1
<i>Stellaria media</i>	Chickweed		1
<i>Tamus communis</i>	Black Bryony		3
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	Dandelion		1
<i>Thalictrum minus</i>	Lesser Meadow Rue	G	1
<i>Thlaspi arvense</i>	Penny-cress	S	1
<i>Thymus serpyllum</i>	Common Thyme		4
<i>Torilis japonica</i>	Hedge-parsley		1
<i>Tragopogon pratense</i>	Goatsbeard		1
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop Trefoil		2
<i>Trifolium dubium</i>	Lesser Yellow Trefoil		1
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Red Clover		1
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover		1
<i>Tripleurospermum maritimum</i>	Scentless Mayweed	S	1
<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	Colt's-foot		3
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Stinging Nettle		1
<i>Urtica urens</i>	Annual Nettle	S	1
<i>Valerianella carinata</i>	Keeled-fruited Cornsalad		3
<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>	Common Mullein		1
<i>Veronica agrestis</i>	Field Speedwell	S	1
<i>Veronica arvensis</i>	Wall Speedwell		3
<i>Veronica chamaedrys</i>	Germander Speedwell		1
<i>Veronica filiformis</i>	Slender Speedwell		3
<i>Veronica hederifolia</i> ssp. <i>lucorum</i>	(Pale) Ivy-leaved Speedwell		3
<i>Veronica persica</i>	Common Field Speedwell		3
<i>Veronica serpyllifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Speedwell		3
<i>Vicia angustifolia</i>	Narrow-leaved Vetch		1
<i>Vicia cracca</i>	Tufted Vetch		1
<i>Vicia sativa</i>	Common Vetch	S	1

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<i>Vicia sepium</i>	Bush Vetch		1
<i>Viola canina</i>	Heath Violet		1
<i>Viola odorata</i>	Sweet Violet		1
<i>Viola reichenbachiana</i>	Early Dog-violet		3
<i>Viola riviniana</i>	Common Dog-violet		3

### GRASSES, RUSHES AND SEDGES

Latin Name	English Name	Origins	Survey No
<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>	Creeping Bent		1
<i>Agrostis tenuis</i>	Common Bent		1
<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i>	Meadow Foxtail		1
<i>Anisantha sterilis</i>	Barren Brome		2
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet Vernal Grass		1
<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>	False Oat		1
<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	False Brome		3
<i>Briza media</i>	Quaking-grass		3
<i>Bromus hordeaceus</i>	Soft Brome		1
<i>Bromopsis ramosa</i>	Hairy Brome		3
<i>Bromopsis erecta</i>	Upright Brome		1
<i>Carex flacca</i>	Glaucous Sedge		1
<i>Carex riparia</i>	Great Pond Sedge	P	4
<i>Cynosurus cristatus</i>	Crested Dog's-tail		3
<i>Dactylus glomerata</i>	Cocksfoot		1
<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>	Tufted Hair Grass		1
<i>Elytrigia repens</i>	Couch		1
<i>Festuca arundinacea</i>	Tall Fescue		2
<i>Festuca ovina</i>	Sheep's Fescue		1
<i>Festuca pratensis</i>	Meadow Fescue		3
<i>Festuca rubra</i>	Red Fescue		1
<i>Glyceria maxima</i>	Reed Sweet Grass		1
<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	Yorkshire Fog		1
<i>Hordeum murinum</i>	Wall Barley		1
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Soft Rush		1
<i>Juncus inflexus</i>	Hard Rush		3
<i>Koeleria macrantha (K. cristata)</i>	Crested Hair-grass		3
<i>Lolium perenne</i>	Perennial Rye-grass		1
<i>Luzula campestris</i>	Field Woodrush		1
<i>Milium effusum</i>	Wood Millet		3
<i>Phleum bertolonii</i>	Lesser Catstail		1
<i>Phleum pratense</i>	Timothy		1
<i>Poa annua</i>	Annual Meadow-grass		1
<i>Poa nemoralis</i>	Wood Meadow-grass		3
<i>Poa pratensis</i>	Smooth Meadow-grass		1
<i>Poa trivialis</i>	Rough Meadow-grass		1
<i>Trisetum flavescens</i>	Yellow Oat-grass		3
<i>Typha latifolia</i>	Broad-leaved Reed Mace	P	4



## BULBS

Latin Name	English Name	Origins	Survey No
<i>Crocus hybridus</i>	Dutch Crocus	P	1
<i>Galanthus nivalis</i>	Snowdrop	P	1
<i>Hyacinthoides hispanicus</i>	Spanish Bluebell	G	3
<i>Hyacinthoides non-scriptus</i>	Bluebell		1
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow Flag	G/P	3
<i>Narcissus</i> (hybrids)	Daffodil	P	1
<i>Ornithogalum umbellatum</i>	Star of Bethlehem	D	1



## FERNS

Latin Name	English Name	Origins	Survey No
<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i>	Male Fern		1
<i>Dryopteris dilatata</i>	Broad Buckler Fern		2
<i>Dryopteris spinulosa</i>	Narrow Buckler Fern		2
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken		1





## TREES, SHRUBS AND WOODY CLIMBERS

Latin Name	English Name	Origins	Survey No
<i>Acer campestre</i>	Field Maple		1
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Sycamore		1
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Horse Chestnut	P	1
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	Alder	P	2
<i>Berberis aggregata</i>	Berberis	P	1
<i>Berberis hookeri</i>	Berberis	P	1
<i>Betula pendula</i>	Silver Birch	G/P	1
<i>Betula pubescens</i>	Downy Birch	P	1
<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>	Heather		1
<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	Travellers Joy/ Old Man's Beard		1
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Hazel		1
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn		1
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Beech	P	1
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Ash		1
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy		1
<i>Hedera helix</i> spp <i>hibernica</i>	Irish Ivy	G	1
<i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i>	Common Hydrangea	P	1
<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Holly		1
<i>Juglans regia</i>	Walnut	G	1
<i>Laburnum anagyroides</i>	Common Laburnum	P	2
<i>Larix decidua</i>	Larch	P	1
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	Privet		1
<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i>	Honeysuckle		1
<i>Malus domestica</i>	Cultivated Apple	G	1
<i>Malus sylvestris</i>	Crab Apple		1
<i>Picea abies</i>	Norwegian Spruce	P	1
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	Scots Pine	P	4
<i>Pinus nigra</i> spp <i>maritima</i>	Corsican Pine	P	1
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Blackthorn		1
<i>Prunus avium</i>	Wild Cherry, Gean		1
<i>Pyrus pyraeaster</i>	Pear	G	1
<i>Quercus cerris</i>	Turkey Oak	G	1
<i>Quercus robur</i>	English Oak		1
<i>Ribes nigrum</i>	Blackcurrant	G	1
<i>Ribes rubrum</i>	Redcurrant	G	1
<i>Ribes sanguineum</i>	Flowering Currant	G	2
<i>Ribes uva-crispa</i>	Gooseberry	G	1
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	False Acacia	P	1
<i>Rosa arvensis</i>	Trailing Rose (white)		2
<i>Rosa canina</i>	Dog Rose, Wild Rose		1
<i>Rosa rugosa</i>	Ramanas Rose	P	1
<i>Rubus fruticosus</i>	Blackberry		1
<i>Rubus idaeus</i>	Wild Raspberry		1

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<i>Salix babylonica</i>	Weeping Willow	P	1
<i>Salix caprea</i>	Pussy Willow, Sallow		1
<i>Salix fragilis</i>	Crack Willow	P	1
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Elder		1
<i>Sarothamnus scoparius</i>	Broom		1
<i>Sorbus aria</i>	Whitebeam	P	1
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	Rowan	G	1
<i>Swida sanguinea</i>	Dogwood	P	1
<i>Syringa vulgaris</i>	Lilac	P	1
<i>Taxus baccata</i>	Yew	G	1
<i>Tilia europaea</i>	Common Lime	P	1
<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	Gorse		1
<i>Ulmus glabra</i>	Wych Elm		1
<i>Ulmus procera</i>	English Elm		1
<i>Viburnum opulus</i>	Guelder Rose	P	4







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