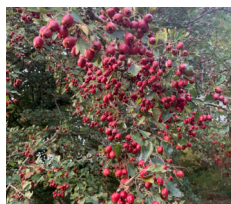


AUTUMN & WINTER

Birds and animals can eat things that people can't: don't try anything without checking that it is edible



Hawthorn berries – darken as they ripen and are tasty for birds

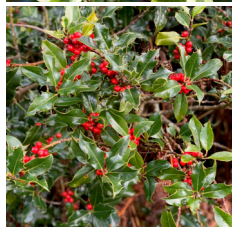


Blackberry – loved by birds and small mammals

Hedges



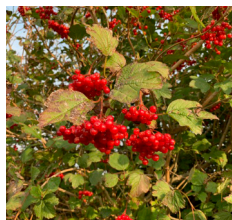
Blackthorn sloes – softened by frost are winter food for birds



Holly berries – a Christmas treat for birds

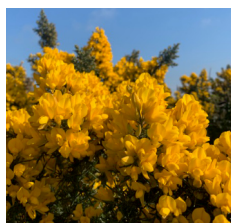


Ivy berries – ripen black and the birds love them



Wayfaring tree – bunches of glossy red berries are easy to spot

Coastal Heathland

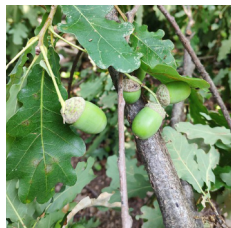


Gorse flowers – smell of coconut in the sun

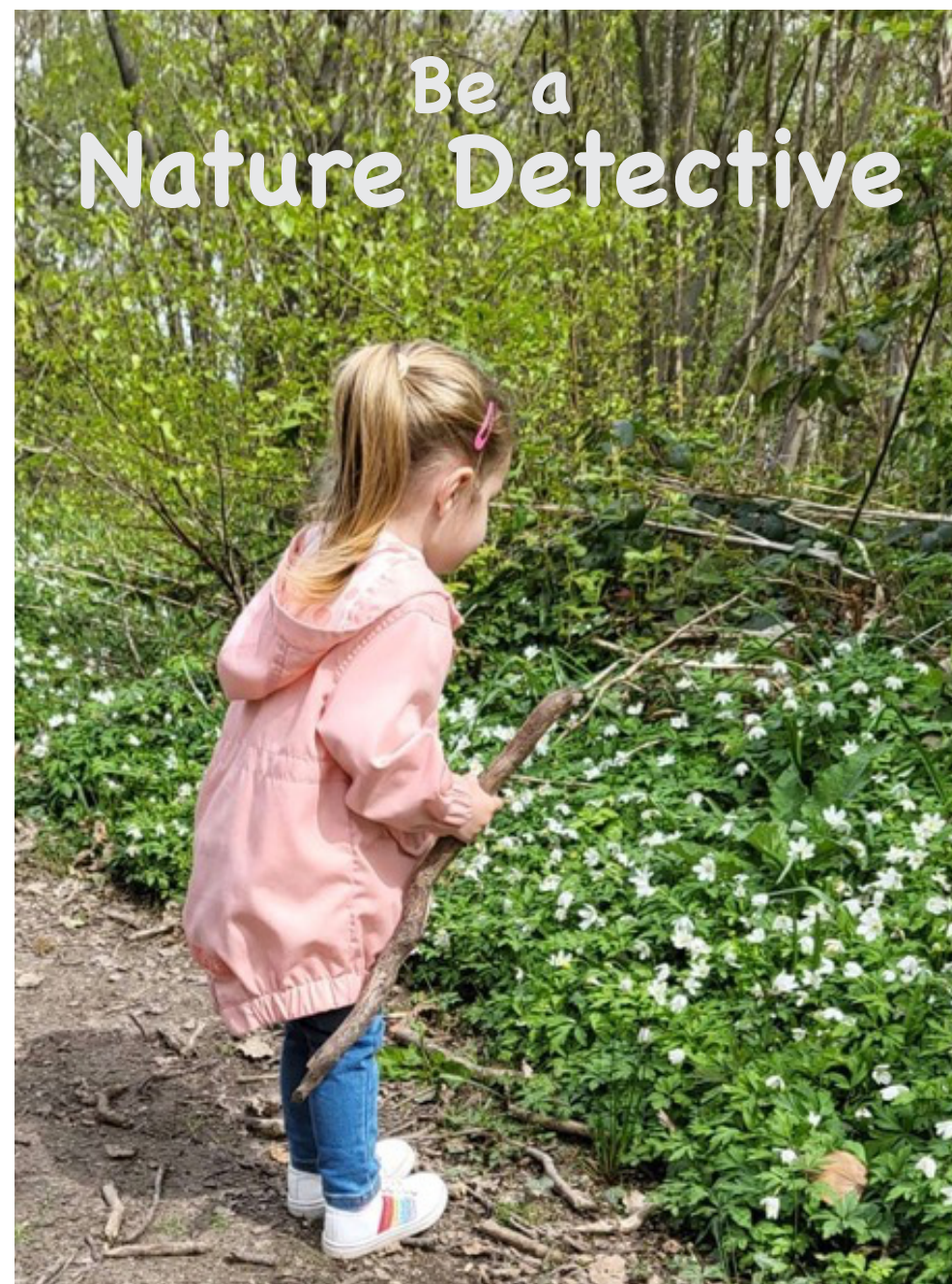
Woodland



Sweet Chestnut – a squirrel favourite that hides its nuts in spiky cases



English Oak – 5* wildlife hotel, look for long stalks on acorn cups



Be a Nature Detective



SPRING

Banks & Verges



Alexanders – insects like it, but too much of it smothers smaller plants.



Lesser Celandine – one of our first spring flowers



Red Campion – bright pink so easy to spot



Cuckoo Flower – opens at time the cuckoo returns

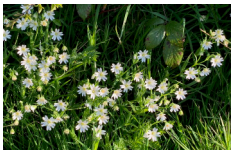


Three-cornered Leek – strong-smelling with triangular stems, it forms dense patches that smother more delicate spring flowers

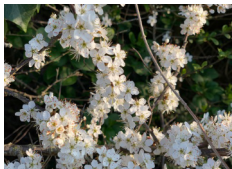


Sweet Violet – scented deep purple flowers in early spring

Hedges



Greater Stitchwort – has five petals each divided halfway to the base



Blackthorn blossom smothers the spiky branches of the tree



Pussy Willow – look for its furry catkins that the bees love

Coastal Heathland



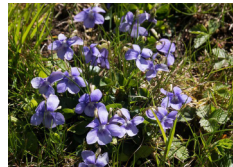
Gorse is common throughout the Country Park not just on coastal heathland

A habitat is where a plant is usually seen, but some grow in other places too

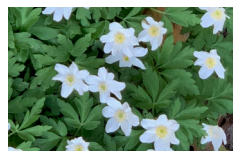
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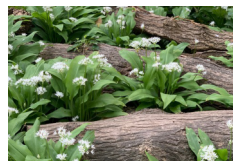
Bluebell – its nodding bells are all on one side of the stem



Dog Violet – pale lilac flowers



Wood Anemone grows in ancient woodland

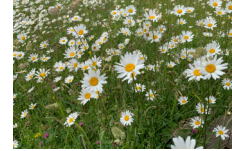


Wild Garlic leaves are very smelly

The library in the Bale House has lots of books about plants if you want to find out more

SUMMER

Grassland & Meadow



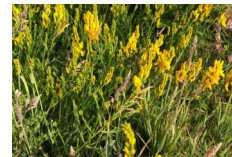
The tall **Oxeye Daisy** is also known as Moon daisy



Common Ragwort – food for stripy caterpillars



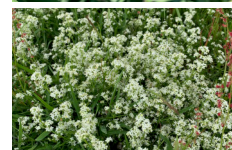
Wild Carrot – delicate feathery leaves smell caroty



Dyers Greenweed – yellow flowers were once used as a dye



Knapweed – loved by insects



Heath Bedstraw – tiny flowers with four petals carpet the ground

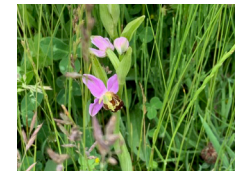


Birds-foot Trefoil – a low growing plant also known as eggs and bacon

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Pyramidal Orchid with pointy flowerhead



Bee Orchid – its flowers resemble bumble bees

Hedges



Honeysuckle – twines through trees and is sweetly scented



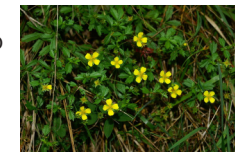
Hedge Woundwort – its leaves stink!

The Country Park is a Nature Reserve which is a place where our plants, birds, insects and mammals get special protection

Coastal Heathland



Bell Heather – small pink bells peeking through the gorse



Tormential – buttercup-like flowers but only four petals

Woodland



Foxglove – often grows on the edge of woodland