



FEBRUARY SPOTTER SHEET



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Coltsfoot.

Tussilago farfara

This has a dandelion-like yellow flower. The flower stalk has tiny reddish leaves sticking out from it. (bracts). To find it look on banks and roadsides where the ground is rough. When the leaves appear, they are rounded and look like horse's hooves. The leaves are also covered in hairs and are very soft.

When I found it:

Where I found it:

Ivy-leaved toadflax

Cymbalaria muralis

This has tiny purple and lilac flowers. The flower has two parts that look like lips. It grows on walls and in rocky, stony places. The seed stalk bends away from the light. It finds new cracks higher up and drops seeds into them. This plant was new to Britain about 400 years ago. think it was brought in with some Italian statues!

When I found it:

Where I found it:

Annual meadow grass.

Poa Annua

Grass flowers are not brightly coloured - they are mostly green. Their pollen is spread by the wind. The flower head is shaped like a triangle. The flowers are on many branches (a panicle). This grass grows on waste ground and on lawns. It is found everywhere in the world, even the Antarctic!

When I found it:

Where I found it:

Hazel

Corylus avellana

This has lovely soft hanging yellow flowers often called catkins. These are the male flowers. It has tiny, red, female flowers too. Hazel is found in many woodlands and hedges and grows under the other trees. The female flower grows into a hazelnut. Its leaves are hairy and soft.

When I found it:

Where I found it:

Dandelion

Taraxacum officinalis

This plant grows everywhere. It has a bright yellow flower. Its leaves have sharp edges which look like lion's teeth. Each seed has a hairy "parachute" and the seed head is a ball of fluff. It has a deep root that is hard to dig up. Even a small part of the root can grow into a new plant.

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