

What's in bloom in June?



Agrimony
Agrimonia eupatoria

Its tall spikes of small yellow flowers give it its name of 'church steeples'

Where to find it:
Hedgebanks & roadsides



Bee Orchid
Ophrys apifera

The name relates not only to its appearance, the dark brown bee is also hairy to touch.

Where to find it:
Pasture & chalk grassland



Common Sorrel
Rumex acetosa

Once cooked as a vegetable, modern foragers use the leaves in salads.

Where to find it:
Grassland, woods



Dog-rose
Rosa canina

Our native rose. Also known as 'sweet briar' and referred to by Shakespeare as 'eglantine'.

Where to find it:
Hedgerows



Foxglove
Digitalis purpurea

Once known as 'dead man's bells', those who heard them ring were not long for this world!

Where to find it:
Woods and banks



Milkwort
Polygala vulgaris

Known In Donegal as 'Fairy Soap' as it was believed fairies made a lather from its root & leaves.

Where to find it:
Grassland, heaths.



Self-heal
Prunella vulgaris

As its name suggests, it was once used as a remedy - particularly for sore throats.

Where to find it:
Lawns and meadows.



Scarlet Pimpernel
Anagallis arvensis

Closes up in bad weather, a trait that led to it being known as the 'shepherd's weatherglass'.

Where to find it:
Waste ground & sand dunes



Common Poppy
Papaver rhoeas

Springs quickly from seeds after soil is disturbed, hence its presence on the battlefields of WWI.

Where to find it:
Cultivated or disturbed ground



Yellow Iris
Iris pseudacorus

Also known as 'Yellow Flag', its presence in a river indicated shallow water & a likely ford.

Where to find it:
Damp places, lake & river margins