Wildflower meadows are butterfly magnets...

There are many advantages to having a wildflower meadow in your garden, and one of them is the array of butterflies that will be drawn to it for you to enjoy.

The next 11 pages list the species in our seed mix which have been highlighted as specifically attracting butterflies, as well as other insects.

Please note: this is not a list of all the species in our turf.

The list is colour coded, with each colour denoting at which stage within the lifecycle of the butterfly the plant is utilised.

benefits of a wildflower meadow

- **wildflower meadows are rare habitats...**

  When you consider that the UK has lost around 98% of its wildflower meadows, it highlights how rare these stunning habitats are.

  With an estimated 15 million gardens in Britain, the potential for supporting wildlife is huge. If only 1 percent of garden owners designate just a couple of square meters of their garden to becoming a wildflower meadow, it would surely help to ensure the sustainability of this ecologically vital habitat for future generations.

- **biodiversity**

  Biodiversity is our key resource and support system. It is critical for the functioning of ecosystems which supply us with products and services; oxygen, food, fresh water, medicines, and a stable climate to name a few. It helps sustain the human existence and our quality of life.

  A wildflower meadow naturally produces a biodiverse habitat, supporting birds, mammals, bees, butterflies and other invertebrate species.

- **aesthetics**

  The mix that we use at Wildflower Turf uses native perennial species, which produce a changing palette of colour throughout the seasons. Additionally, many species grow to 18 inches high creating a stunning visual impact.

- **low maintenance**

  The nature of the Wildflower meadow requires little maintenance; an autumn cut is all that is needed.
Common Sorrel
*Rumex acetosa*

- Small Copper
- The leaves are eaten by the larvae of several species of Lepidoptera (includes moths and the three superfamilies of butterflies, skipper butterflies, and moth-butterflies)
- Blood-vein moth

Common Toadflax
*Linaria vulgaris*

- Spotted Fritillary
- Buff-tailed Bumblebee
- Common Carder Bee
- Red-tailed Bumblebee
- White-tailed Bumblebee

Common Vetch
*Vicia sativa*

- Narrow-bordered Five-spot Burnet Moth
- Good mid-peak season nectar source for bees
- Various wasps
Meadow Buttercup
*Ranunculus acris*

Meadow Cranes-bill
*Geranium pratense*

Meadowsweet
*Filipendula ulmaria*

Various Bees
Flies
Moths

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Mallow Skipper
Painted Lady

Green-veined White Butterfly
Buff-tailed Bumblebee
Common Carder Bee
Red-tailed Bumblebee

White-tailed Bumblebee
Ox-eye Daisy
Leucanthemum vulgare

- Common Malachite Beetle
- Helophilus pendulus (a hoverfly)
- Marmalade Hoverfly
- Oedemera nobilis (a thick-legged flower beetle)

Mallow Musk
Malva moschata

- Essex Skipper
- Gatekeeper
- Large Skipper
- Marsh Fritillary
- Meadow Brown
- Red Admiral
- Small Skipper
- Small Tortoiseshell
- Small White

Ragged Robin
Lychnis flo-cuculi

- Humming Bird hawk Moth
- Various bees
- Various insects

- Lime-spec pug Moth
- Provides nectar & pollen for Beetles, bees and Moths
Red Campion
Silene dioica

- Early source of nectar for bees
- 24-spot Ladybird
- Various Ladybird species

Ribwort Plantain
Plantago lanceolata

- Granville Fritillary
- Heath Fritillary
- Heart and dart moth (Agrotis exclamationis)
- Many small butterflies
- Moths

Salad Burnet
Sanguisorba minor

- Grizzled Skipper
- Various Bees
- Various wasps
Various Bees
Various wasps

Purple Cloud
Various Bees
Various Wasps
Various Beetles

Reals Wood White
Short-tailed Blue
Wood White
Narrow-bordered
Fire-spot Burnet Moth
Bumble Bee
Common Malachite Beetle
Dance Fly
22-spot Ladybird
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Lagria hirta - a darkling Beetle
Rhagium mordax - a Longhorn Beetle
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Bees
Moths
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Chequered Skipper
Large Blue
Large Heath
Scotch Angus
Small Copper
Chequered Skipper
Large Blue
Large Heath
Scotch Angus
Small Copper

White Campion
Silene (suffolka)
White Campion
Silene (suffolka)

Wild Majoram
Majorana origanum
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Wild Carrot
Daucus carota
Wild Carrot
Daucus carota
Wild Red Clover

*Trifolium pratense*

- Clouded Yellow
- Pale Clouded Yellow
- Essex Skipper
- Painted Lady
- Small Skipper
- Narrow-bordered Five spot Burnet Moth
- Good nectar source for bees

Yarrow Milfoil

*Achillea millefolium*

- Various Flies
- Lime spec Pug Moth

Yellow Rattle

*Rhinanthus minor*

- Good mid-peak season nectar source for bees
- Buff-tailed Bumblebee
- Red-tailed Bumblebee
- White-tailed Bumblebee

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Crested Dogtail
(Festuca ovina)

Sheep’s Fescue
(Festuca ovina)

Slender Fescue
Creeping Red
(Festuca rubra trichophylla)

Gatekeeper
Grayling
Marbled White
Silver Spotted Skipper
Meadow Brown

Gatekeeper
Grayling
Marbled White
Meadow Brown
Small Heath

Lime-spec pug Moth
Various Butterflies

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