



Nature
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Our Urban Meadow Flowers

We have many plants on our Urban Meadow at Amgueddfa Genedlaethol Caerdydd - National Museum Cardiff. Here are five plants which frequently flower in the summer. You can find them in gardens, roadside verges and by hedges too. They are native which means they came here a long time ago without the help of people. Find them but don't pick them and leave them for pollinators to visit. Share your finds with us on Twitter @CardiffCurator.

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Yarrow
Achillea millefolium

The plant grows to 80 cm, has finely divided leaves, in Latin 'millefolium' means 'a thousand leaves'. White to pink flowers appear in May to July, visited by many insect pollinators, one plant can produce up to 6,000 seeds. It prefers dry areas, meadows, grassland.

Common Knapweed
Centaurea nigra

An erect plant covered in downy hairs which grows to a height of 1 m. Reddish to pinkish purple flowers in solitary heads, each one surrounded by small, overlapping leaflike bracts. It flowers from June to September. It grows in meadows, pasture, grassland.

Meadow Vetchling
Lathyrus pratensis

Tendrils help this plant to climb over other plants, the bright yellow pea-like flowers are above the foliage. Flowering from May to August. The stems grow to 1.2 m, are hairless and four-angled. It grows in grassy places, rough ground and meadows.

Field Scabious
Knautia arvensis

This erect, hairy plant grows to 1 m, often forming clumps. Lilac to bluish-lilac flowers arranged in flattish flower heads which look a bit like a pincushion. Flowering from July to October. It grows in woods, hedge banks, roadside verges and meadows.

Perforate St John's-wort
Hypericum perforatum

Plant with upright stems growing to 80 cm tall, with two ridges. Yellow flowers with black glands in June to September. Leaves with small translucent dots or glands. 'Perforate' means 'with small holes'. It grows in grassland, meadows, hedge bank, open woodlands.