

Spring flora walk April 2022

This is a combined list of plants seen on a route walked in the period 12-24 April 2022 by Caroline Beattie (with Sarah Graham-Brown on 12 April; on 23 April and with David Bevan on 24 April 2022, with additions from Lucy Roots

The walk took the main path from the Lodge through compartments U, V, and W in the northwest of the wood, down to the Moselle stream and returning to the lodge along the main valley path.

We thought it would be useful to post this list as a record of spring growth after two years of COVID lockdowns, in an area where a number of Ancient Woodland Indicator Species have flourished in previous years. Like other areas of the wood, increased footfall during the years of pandemic from 2020-2022 has led to trampling and compaction but 2022 was a very productive spring and it was heartening to see many species flourishing again – especially wood anemones and goldilocks buttercups.



Wood anemone



Goldilocks buttercups

Ranunculaceae

Wood anemone *Anemone nemorosa*

Goldilocks buttercup *Ranunculus auricomus*

Lesser celandine *Ranunculus ficaria*

Fagaceae

Oak *Quercus robur*

Betulaceae

Hornbeam *Carpinus betulus*

Hazel *Corylus avellana*

Caryophyllaceae

Chickweed *Stellaria media*

Red campion *Silene dioica*

Polygonaceae

Wood dock *Rumex sanguineus*

Hypericaceae

Tutsan *Hypericum androsaemum*

Violaceae

Early dog violet *Viola reichenbachiana*

Brassicaceae

Bittercress *Cardamine spp*

Grossulariaceae

Redcurrant *Ribes rubrum*

Rosaceae

Yellow flowered strawberry (listed in the 2007 flora as *Duchesnea indica*)

Wild pear *Pyrus pyraeaster* Wild cherry *Prunus avium*

Wild service-tree *Sorbus torminalis*

Rowan (mountain ash) *Sorbus aucuparia*

Hawthorn *Crataegus x media* (some definite hybrids as the group counted styles on the same plant, with the result that some flowers had one and others had two)

Onagraceae

Rosebay willowherb *Chamerion angustifolium*

Aquifoliaceae

Holly (female in flower) *Ilex aquifolium*

Oxalidaceae

Wood sorrel *Oxalis acetosella*

Geraniaceae

Shining crane's-bill *Geranium lucidum*

Herb-Robert *Geranium robertianum*

Apiaceae

Cow parsley *Anthriscus sylvestris*

Boraginaceae

Wood forget-me-not *Myosotis sylvatica*

Scrophulariaceae

Purple Foxglove *Digitalis purpurea*

Caprifoliaceae

Guelder-rose *Viburnum opulus*

Asteraceae

Wall lettuce *Mycelis muralis*

Dandelion *Taraxacum agg.*

Garlic mustard *Alliaria petiolata*

Araceae

Lords-and-ladies *Arum maculatum*

Liliaceae

Bluebells *Hyacinthodes non-scripta*

Araceae

Ramsons *Allium ursinum*

Dioscoreaceae

Black bryony *Tamus communis*

Sedges

Pendulous sedge *Carex pendula*

Remote sedge *Carex remota*

Wood-sedge *Carex sylvatica*