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## ... Wildflowers from Seed

[packetseeds.com](http://packetseeds.com) offers you a range of three separate wildflower seed mixtures. Each 95p packet contains approximately 3 grams of seed, enough to sow 1 m<sup>2</sup> at the recommended rate. Mixtures are balanced so that after germination you can expect similar proportions of each species.

**General Purpose** standard mixture— use in open spaces

**Shaded Areas** mixture—use under trees or in dark corners

**Butterfly** mixture—use to encourage butterflies and other insects into your garden

**Sowing:** Mixtures are to be sown at a standard rate of 3 grams per square metre. You can sow either in the Autumn or Spring, whenever the growing conditions are favourable. Sow your mixture onto a fine seedbed. Wildflowers prefer soils with low nutrient levels.

Recommended sowing rate for all mixtures: 3g per m<sup>2</sup>.

The **General Purpose** mixture contains the following species:

Achillea millefolium	Yarrow	Grassland	Medium	White
Centaurea nigra	Common Knapweed	Grassland	Medium	Purple
Centaurea scabiosa	Greater Knapweed	Grassland Lime	Medium/Tall	Purple
Daucus carota	Wild Carrot	Grassland	Medium	White
Galium verum	Lady's Bedstraw	Grassland Dry	Short/Medium	Yellow
Hypericum perforatum	Common St Johns Wort	Grassland	Medium	Yellow
Knautia arvensis	Field Scabious	Grassland Dry	Tall	Lilac
Leucanthemum vulgare	Ox-eye Daisy	Wasteland	Medium/Tall	White
Lotus corniculatus	Birdsfoot Trefoil	Grassland	Short/Prostrate	Yellow
Prunella vulgaris	Self Heal	Grassland	Short/Medium	Purple
Ranunculus acris	Meadow Buttercup	Grassland	Medium	Yellow



Lotus corniculatus (Birds Foot Trefoil)



Leucanthemum vulgare (Ox Eye Daisy)



Knautia arvensis (Field Scabious)

The **Shaded Areas** mixture contains the following species:

<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow	Grassland	Medium	White
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Garlic Mustard	Woodland	Medium	White
<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	Common Knapweed	Grassland	Medium	Purple
<i>Centaurea scabiosa</i>	Greater Knapweed	Grassland Lime	Medium/Tall	Purple
<i>Digitalis pupurea</i>	Foxglove	Woodland	Tall	Purple
<i>Galium mollugo</i>	Hedge Bedstraw	Grassland/ Woodland	Short/ Medium	White
<i>Geum urbanum</i>	Wood Avens	Woodland	Medium	Yellow
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Self Heal	Grassland	Short/ Medium	Purple
<i>Silene dioica</i>	Red Campion	Grassland	Tall	Red
<i>Stachys officinalis</i>	Betony	Grassland	Short	Purple
<i>Teucrium scorodonia</i>	Wood Sage	Woodland	Medium	Cream
<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>	Great Mullein	Grassland Dry	Tall	Yellow



*Digitalis purpurea*  
(Foxglove)



*Centaurea nigra* (Common  
Knapweed)



*Achillea millefolium* (Yarrow)

The **Butterfly mixture** contains the following species:

<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow	Grassland	Medium	White
<i>Centaurea scabiosa</i>	Greater Knapweed	Grassland Lime	Medium/Tall	Purple
<i>Knautia arvensis</i>	Field Scabious	Grassland Dry	Tall	Lilac
<i>Leontodon hispidus</i>	Rough Hawkbit	Grassland Dry	Medium	Yellow
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	Ox-eye Daisy	Wasteland	Medium/Tall	White
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Birdsfoot Trefoil	Grassland	Short/Prostrate	Yellow
<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Meadow Buttercup	Grassland	Medium	Yellow
<i>Scabiosa columbaria</i>	Small Scabious	Grassland	Tall	Lilac
<i>Stachys officinalis</i>	Betony	Grassland	Short	Purple
<i>Succisa pratensis</i>	Devils Bit Scabious	Grassland Damp	Medium	Blue

**Growing:** general advice on the sowing and growing of wildflower seeds.

- Sowing can be at any time of year, but best results for germination if sown when high soil moisture conditions can be maintained.
- Wildflowers can be sown with grass seed, but care should be taken since the grass can smother the wildflowers.
- Clear ground of grass and weeds either by repeated turning of the soil or by treating with herbicide.
- Avoid fertilisers—wildflowers thrive better in low nutrient soil conditions.
- A fine tilth in the seed bed is better than a coarse tilth.
- Broadcast the seed by hand, making this as uniform distribution as possible.
- After sowing firm down the bed to press seed into the soil.
- After establishment treat as a meadow—mow at the end of the season, remove the cuttings after leaving for a little while for the seeds to ripen and fall.