

COMMON SPOTTED ORCHID
Dactylorhiza fuchsii



ROSEBAY WILLOWHERB
Chameria angustifolium



RED CAMPION - *Silene dioica*

Silenus, drunken, merry god of the woodlands, in Greek mythology, gave his name to the red campion, which enlivens the edges of woods and hedgerows with its bright flowers of all shades from red, through pink, to pure white. Campions were associated with snakes, the pounded seed being used to treat snake-bites.



RECORD OF FLOWERS SEEN

Flower illustrated	seen	Other flower	seen
Gorse			
Spear Thistle			
Common Dog Violet			
Lesser Celandine			
Lesser Periwinkle			
Pink Purslane			
Hedge Woundwort			
Dog Rose			
Wood Anemone			
Foxglove			
Leopardsbane			
Common Spotted Orchid			
Rosebay Willowherb			
Red Campion			
Great Bindweed			

Background illustration: GREAT BINDWEED *Calystegia sepium*

FLOWERS OF CORSTORPHINE HILL

Corstorphine Hill is home to some 300 species of flowers and plants. Many are common; some are rare or unusual, such as Moschatel, Climbing Corydalis, Little Balsam and Blue Sow-Thistle. Take care, some are poisonous.

Special to the hill are the drifts of Bluebells on the east slopes in Spring, a feature it shares with its nearby companion, Ravelston Woods.

The Botany Group of the *Friends of Corstorphine Hill* have been recording, painting and photographing the flowers as they change through the seasons. A selection of this great variety of flowers on the hill are shown and described in this leaflet.

Come and see the flowers for yourself. Record what you see, and let us know if you spot anything interesting or unusual through our website: www.corstorphinehill.org.uk

Most of the hill is a Public Park and a Local Nature Reserve, owned and managed by the Recreation Department of the City of Edinburgh Council, assisted by the *Friends*. Please keep to the public areas and respect the Countryside Code. REMEMBER: IT IS AN OFFENCE TO PICK WILD FLOWERS.

The old Walled Garden formerly for Hillwood House is being turned by the *Friends* into a Walled Woodland Walkway. Here the trees, shrubs and plants growing on the hill will be grown and described.



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