

Haddenham Wild Flowers Species list and sites etc.
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Scientific Nomenclature as per Linnaeus
Order as found in Fitter R, Fitter A & Blamey M.
The Wild Flowers of Britain & Northern Europe.
Collins 1974.

Abbreviation [A] Annual. [B] Bi-ennial. [P] Perennial

(NR) Nationally Rare (CR) County Rare/ Nationally Scarce)

(CS) County Scarce.

For a description of each species please refer to the above or any good field guide.

All are recorded by members of Haddenham Conservation Society except those marked WLT which were recorded in County Wildlife Trust surveys.

Some marked * were found during botanical surveys made in 1992 and may still be present. The researcher was Nigel Howard for the Cambridgeshire Flora Survey.

Numbering 1 -12 indicates months they can be found flowering though this may change due to Climate Change.

Trees are not included

MISTLETOE family Loranthaceae

Mistletoe (*Viscum album*) P

Found in orchards, usually on apple. Spread by woodpeckers but also by man for commercial reasons.

HOP family Cannabaceae

Hop (*Humulus lupulus*) P

So far only found in hedgerow along Bury Lane.

NETTLE Family Urticaceae

Common Nettle (*Urtica dioica*). P

Common in all situations.

Annual Nettle (*Urtica urens*) A

Appears in gardens and arable fields usually after soil has been dug or ploughed.

Pellitory of the Wall (*Parietaria judaica*) P

Grows along bottom of, usually, old walls. Church Lane is a good place to look but some also grows on south wall of Arkenstall Car Park, Station Road and Bull Lane passage.

DOCK family Polygonaceae

Amphibious Bistort (*Polygonium amphibium*) P

Grows in damp/wet ditches in fen areas. In some wet autumn periods it can appear in profusion as in 2006 when the Norlands by the Old West River over flowed.

Redshank (*Polygonium persicaria*) A

Found mostly but not always in fen or skirt-land situations alongside and in arable fields

Pale Persicaria (*Polygonium lapathifolium*) A

In similar situations as Redshank.

Knotgrass (*Polygonium aviculare*) A

Often a weed in gardens and gravel drives but regularly found alongside arable fields in all soil conditions.

Black Bindweed (*Bilderdykia convolvulus*). A

Usually found in late summer in stubble after cereal crops have been harvested but also along fen field margins.

DOCK sub family Rumex

Common Sorrel (*Rumex acitosa*) P

Found generally in grass fields and verges along droves and roads mostly on the higher land.

Sheep's Sorrel (*Rumex acetosella*) P

Much less common than above species. Has been found along some drove verges in fens

Broad-leaved Dock (*Rumex obtusifolius*) P

Common everywhere along road and drove verges and in some grass fields.

Clustered Dock (*Rumex conglomeratus*) P

Found mostly near water like ponds in the Steam Rally field and occasionally by some fen drains.

Great Water Dock (*Rumex hydrolapathum*) P

This tall dock is found regularly by water. Guppy's Pond is a good example but it is regular along fen drain banks near waters edge.

GOOSEFOOT family *Chenopodiaceae*

Good King Henry (*Chenopodium bonus-henricus*) P

Variously found along drove verges but not deep in the fens. Skirt and higher land seems to predominate. Most years it appears in the Fairchild Meadows bonfire field around the edge of the burnt patch of the Guy Fawkes Night bonfire.

Fat Hen (*Chenopodium album*) A

A common arable weed especially in fen fields. It also lines drove verges in large amounts and is a good supply of winter seed feed for many finches in winter.

Red Goosefoot (*Chenopodium rubrum*) A

Found mostly around muck-heaps anywhere. Another good source of winter bird feed.

Common Orache (*Atriplex patula*) A

Common along fen drove verges usually where soil has been disturbed at some time.

Spear-leaved Orache (*Altriplex hastate*) A

So far only found by one pond in Steam Rally field.

PINK family *Caryophyllaceae*.. sub family *Stellaria*

Greater Stitchwort (*Stellaria holostea*) P

Found in mostly grassy situations like Fairchild's Meadows and along the old railway lines to both Wilburton and Sutton. Usually along the edges.

Lesser Stitchwort (*Stellaria graninea*) A

Smaller version of the above but grows in the grass often well away from the edges.

Common Chickweed (*Stellaria media*) A

A nuisance weed in gardens and arable fields. Also found sometimes in light woodland conditions.

Water Chickweed (*Myosoton aquaticum*) P

Found along fen drains in clumps hanging above waters edge.

Said to be uncommon generally but local fen drains appear to have a reasonable amount. Especially on or near Gravel Pit Drove.

Sub family Cerastium.

Common Mouse Ear (*Cerastium fontanum*) P

Found in grassland as in Fairchild's Meadows and along road verges and the two old railway lines.

Sub family Silene/Lychnis

Red Campion (*Silene dioica*) P

Found along North Fen Drove and in the Old Burial Ground, Church Lane. Can hybridise with the next species.

White Campion (*Silene alba*) P

The true local version of the Campions, found almost in all situations. Probably most evident in the fens along field margins.

Ragged Robin (*Lychnis flos-cucula*) P

Re-introduced to damp sections Fairchild's Meadows. It was probably killed out when herbicide crop sprays were first used.

BUTTERCUP family Ranunculaceae

Marsh Marigold (*Caitha palustris*) P

So far only found in the wild by Old West River on The Norlands washland. Some has been planted in Fairchild's Meadows.

It is regularly planted by garden ponds

Meadow Buttercup (*Ranunculus acris*) P

Common in all grassland situations.

Bulbous Buttercup (*Ranunculus bulbosis*)

Has been found only on private property like the base of the old brickworks by Hinton Hedges and in a field off North Fen Drove.

Creeping Buttercup (*Ranunculus repens*)

Also a common buttercup of grassland and many garden lawns where it becomes troublesome.

Lesser Spearwort (*Ranunculus flammula*) P

Found very occasional around ponds where it may have been introduced or escaped from gardens.

Lesser Celandine (*Ranunculus ficaria*) P

Very common along Hinton Hedges and into Fairchild's Meadows. Also quite prominent along Bury Lane and in to grass fields nearby. Near to Aldreth Ponds and some specimens can be found in various other damp situations.

Celery-leaved Buttercup (*Ranunculus scleratus*) A

Found along waters edge such as Old West River but also some field ponds. Particularly in Fairchild's Meadows

Sub family Betrachium.

Common Water Crowfoot (*Ranunculus aquatilis*) A/P

Found in some fen drains and intriguingly appeared spontaneously when the pond in Fairchild's Meadow was restored. This indicated that the site had previously been a water body of some sort as the seeds must have lain dormant for many years.

Fan-leaved Water Crowfoot (*Ranunculus fluitans*) A/P

Found only in fen drains by Claytons Bridge and Dambank bridge

family Thalictum.

Common Meadow Rue (*Thalictum flavum*). P

By Old West River on The Norlands wash land. Also on bankside by Galls Bridge and Galls Drain and near to Back Drove bridge. A small amount on Engine Drain bank near Haddenham Level Pump engine house.

Travellers Joy [Old Mans Beard] (*Clematis vitalba*)

Found in hedge along old railway line to Wilburton and by Pingle Lane corner in Grunty Fen [technically just outside parish boundary. Another specimen is to be seen along the Sandpath footpath off Aldreth Road.

Forking Larkspur (*Consolida regalis*) A

Appeared for about 3 years following roadside workings, near the old railway station bridge opposite Grunty Fen Road. It may have been due to soil being imported or just disturbance. It could appear again.

FUMITORY family Fumariaceae

Common Fumitory (*Fumaria officinalis*) A

Found mostly on disturbed soil and field margins along Back Drove and other black fen soil soon after the land has been disturbed. .

POPPY family Papaveraceae

Common Poppy (*Papaver rhoeas*) A

Common in fen field margins and droves verges usually after soil has been disturbed. Also to a lesser extent on the higher ground,

Long-headed Poppy (*Papaver dubium*) A

Nearly always in accompaniment with Common Poppy, but only in fen situations.

Greater Celandine (*Chelidonium majus*)

Noticed often under hedges by footpaths around the village and in the cemeteries.

CABBAGE family Cruciferae

Hedge Mustard (*Sisymbrium officinale*) A

Usually found by hedges or under trees by roadsides and along both old railway lines. Not seen in true fen situations but is regular along New Cut Drain bank from North Fen to Aldreth. A food plant for Orange-tip butterfly caterpillars.

Creeping Yellowcress (*Rorippa sylvestris*) P

Uncommonly found on fen droves like Lakes Drove and in fields by the approach drove to Nineacre Wood.

Charlock (*Sinapia arvensis*) A

Can be found almost anywhere in agricultural areas. Sometimes difficult to distinguish from spilled Oil-seed Rape.

Wild Radish (*Raphanus raphanistrum*) A

Has white and yellow flowering variations and sometimes both colours can be found on one plant. Most evident along Back Drove/Foulmire Drove but has also been seen along Linden End Doles Drove and Graingers Drove.

Cuckooflower (*Cardamine pratensis*) P

Best seen in Fairchild's Meadows in the flower meadow where it has been present for a very long time before the re-introduction of other species. It can also be found by the Old West River and occasionally along some fen drains close to the water.

Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) B

Found commonly near hedgerows and some grassy places like the two old railway lines. Another food plant for Orange-tip butterflies.

Dames Violet (*Hesperis matronalis*) P

So far only found in wild near Bury Lane.

Honesty (*Lunaria annua*) B

Found in small amounts mostly on the higher ground by footpaths and other byways .

Watercress (*Nasturtium officinale*) P

Found in drains and other running watercourses. Not to be confused with Fools Watercress, this is also found in similar situations.

Horse Radish (*Armoracia rusticana*) P

Found in clumps, sometime large ones, on road verges mostly on higher land.

Hairy Bittercress (*Cardamine hirsuta*) A

A small plant often found at the base of walls and in gravel drives.

Shepherd Purse (*Capsella bursa-pastoris*) A

Grows anywhere on disturbed soil. A weed in gardens and arable fields.

Hoary Cress (*Cardaria draba*) P

Found in clumps on roadside verges and along old railway line to Wilburton. Also large patches along road to Witcham Toll.

Field Pennycress (*Thlaspi arvense*) A/B

Notable more often when penny shaped seeds are prominent. Found in North Fen on private land but best place is near Aldreth by concrete road to Nineacre Wood and along Gravelpit Drove after soil has been disturbed. Long Drove encouraged many when soil was disturbed but they soon laid near dormant again when grass overcame them

MIGNONETTE family Resedaceae

Weld (*Reseda luteola*) A

Usually found on or near bare ground. Was on the base of the old brickworks by Hinton Hedges but also still on the top of the now covered refuse tip by the Steam Rally Field entrance. (Wayman's Pits)

Wild Mignonette (*Reseda lutea*) P

Only one specimen so far recorded in the parish that being the same place as the Weld in Wayman's Pits. .

STONECROP family Crassulaceae

Biting Stonecrop (*Sedum acre*) P

Can be found on bare stony places by and after soil disturbance often by roads. Also occasionally appears in blocked up rain gutters on buildings.

ROSE family Rosaceae

Meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*) P

Found along drain banks notably the New Cut Drain from Aldreth (The Brinks) through to near Butlers Lane and on to the North Fen Section.

Agrimony (*Agrimonia eupatoria*) P

Common along New Cut Drain bank from North Fen to Aldreth and Old Railway lines to Sutton and Wilburton. Also alongside Tinkers Lane near Aldreth

Sub family Rosa

Dog Rose (*Rosa canina*) P

Common in all hedgerows often with

Field Rose (*Rosa arvensis*).P

Bramble (*Robus fruticosus*) P
Common in hedgerows everywhere.

Dewberry (*Robus caesius*) P
Regularly found in higher land places on verges but best place is along
The Brinks section of the New Cut Drain near Aldreth.

Sub family Cinquefoils *Potentilla*

Creeping Cinquefoil (*Potentilla raptans*) P
Found almost anywhere especially by footpaths and on fen droves where
along edges of grass and other herbage.

Silverweed (*Potentilla anserine*) P
Also found in similar situations as above but more obvious with its
silvery leaves. Probably more in fen drove situations than elsewhere.

The next six species are all basically shrubs but still feature as
wildflowers in field guides.

Crab Apple (*Malus sylvestris*) P
A shrubby/tree found in some hedgerows uncommonly, Most obvious
example is by Aldreth Ponds.

Hawthorn (*Crattaegus monogyne*) P
Midland Hawthorn (*Crataegus laevigata*) P
Both these shrubs are common hedgerow plants often intermixed. Mostly,
but not exclusively, on the higher ground. Haddenham still has many
hedgerows around grass fields and are probably a reason why we still
have good numbers of threatened farmland birds like Yellowhammers
and Linnets.

Blackthorn [Sloe] (*Prunus spinosa*) P
Found in various places but mostly seems to be along the New Cut Drain
banks and some droves branching from it. Near Aldreth Ponds and Lakes
and Dairyhouse Drovers are good examples. This is excellent breeding
habitat for the now endangered Bullfinch and for Garden Warblers.

Wild Plum (*Prunus domestica*) P
Found occasionally in hedgerows but probably originates from domestic
sources,

Wild Cherry (*Prunus avium*) P

Bird Cherry (*Prunus padus*) P

These two hedgerow and light woodland species have probably been planted by man as in Nineacre Wood and the spinney near Two Pot farm and by the Petrus.

PEA Family *Luguminosae* .

Sub family Vetches. *Vicia*.

Tufted Vetch (*Vicia cracca*) P

Regular along New Cut Drain bank and North Fen Drove. Also occasionally along the two old railway line verges.

Common Vetch (*Vicia sativa*) A.

Found in several situations like unsprayed grassland and along the old railway lines as above. New Cut Drain bank.

Hairy Tare (*Vicia hirsute*) A

Smooth Tare (*Vicia tetrasperma*) A

Both are found in similar situations as the above two Vetches.

Sub family Peas *Lathyrus* .

Meadow Vetchling (*Lathyrus pratensis*) P

Very common along the New Cut Drain bank from North Fen to Aldreth. Also the two railway lines and often in grass verges of roads and footpaths but not in the fen areas. Planted in Fairchild's Meadow.

Ribbed Melilot (*Melilotus officinalis*) B

So far only found on private land by ponds off Hinton Hedges. It also appeared in 2008 along Dairyhouse Drove in a field by the Engine Drain. On that occasion it was accompanied by White Melilot. This latter was once grown as a crop called Bokhara Clover and the sudden appearance may show that it was grown there sometime in the past.

Golden [Tall] Melilot (*Melilotus altissima*) B

So far only found in field next to Rally Field it varies from Ribbed Melilot in being stouter and for its deeper yellow flowers.

Birdsfoot Trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus*) P

Can be found in any grassy situation but as with many other wildflowers the New Cut Drain bank and the railway lines are good places to look.

Narrow-leaved Birdsfoot Trefoil (*Lotus tenuis*) P

Has appeared occasionally in Fairchild's Meadow near the Chewells Lane entrance. Otherwise is on the Rally Field near the lower pond.

Black Medick (*Medicago lupulina*) A

Often quite obvious in lawns because it tolerates heavy mowing. Also found generally in grassy situations.

Sub family Clovers and Trefoils *Trifolium*

Hop Trefoil (*Trifolium campestra*) A

Looks like a larger version previous species and found in grassy places anywhere though not usually in lawns like above. Good examples have been seen in unsprayed fields by the Old West River.

Red Clover (*Trifolium pratense*) P

Common along footpath verges and in grass fields in all situations.

White Clover (*Trifolium repens*) P

In similar places as Red Clover but also in lawns where it tolerates close mowing.

GERANIUM family Geraniaceae

Common Storksbill (*Erodium cicutarium*) A/B

Not really a local endemic but appears to have been imported in sand and gravel on some gravel tracks as near the Haddenham Pumping Engine by the Old West River. However recent [2010] reconstruction work on the Pumping Engine buildings may have eliminated it. It has also appeared in very small quantities along Fowlmere Drove at the intersection to Back Drove. This is unusual in that it is in a black fen situation but there is a sandy subsoil,

Hedgerow Cranesbill (*Geranium pyrenaicum*) P

Common along both old railway lines and some other footpath verges mostly close to hedges.

Herb Robert (*Geranium robertium*) A/P

Found under hedgerows in various places but also of seen in gardens having arrived naturally.

Dovesfoot Cranesbill (*Geranium molla*) A

Found along grassy verges. The old railway lines are good places but could be in any similar situation but not usually on the fen.

Round-leaved Cranesbill (*Geranium rondifolium*) A

So far only found near Haddenham Engine on river footpath. Identified by white flower and tolerates close mowing there.

Cut-leaved Cranesbill (*Geranium dissectum*) A

Found more often in the fen areas where usually seen around edges of arable fields or along the barer droves.

SPURGE family. Euphorbiaeae

Sun Spurge (*Euphorbia helioscopia*) A

Usually, but not only, found in arable fields in the fens.

Petty Spurge (*Euphorbia pepius*) A

A common garden weed.

MALLOW family Malvaceae.

Small Mallow (*Malva pusilia*) A

Usually prostrate in grassy situations. Not common but could be seen anywhere.

Common Mallow (*Malva sylvestris*) A

Very common along fen droves but can be seen anywhere.

St JOHNS WORT family Guttiferae

Perforate St Johns Wort (*Hypericum perforatum*) B

Regularly seen along the New Cut drain bank but can turn up anywhere on the higher land.

Hairy St Johns Wort (*Hypericum hirsutum*) B

In similar situations as the Perforate variety but less common. Tinkers Lane is a good place.

VIOLET family Violaceae

Sweet Violet (*Viola odorata*) P
Woodlands like Hinton Hedges and the Petrus.

Common Dog Violet (*Viola riviniana*) P
Grassy banks along railway lines and in Fairchild's Meadows.

Wild Pansy (*Viola tricolor*) A/B
Grassy places anywhere but also bare tracts along droves and arable field margins.

Field Pansy (*Viola arvensis*) A
Can be found in gardens after digging over but more often in fenland arable field margins.

GOURD family Curcurbitaceae

White Bryony (*Bryonia cretica*) P
A climbing plant found weaving its way through hedgerows anywhere.

WILLOWHERB family Onagraceae

Large-flowered Evening Primrose. B
Can turn up anywhere but usually near to built areas indicating it may have escaped from gardens.

Sub family Epilobium

Rosebay Willowherb (*Epilobium angustifolium*) P
Less common than the next species but can be found in all situations near to damp situations.

Greater Willowherb (*Epilobium hirsutum*) P
Usually taller than Rosebay and more common. Along ditches in fens and the higher land.

Hoary Willowherb (*Epilobium parviflorum*) P
A smaller version of the above and not dependant on dampness. It is sometimes found in autumn after early ploughing of arable fields

Broad-leaved Willowherb (*Epilobium montanum*) P

A short Willowherb found often in gardens as a weed but regular in arable fen fields and disturbed places on the droves.

Square-stemmed Willowherb (*Epilobium tetragonum*) P

Very similar to Broad-leaved and found in similar situations. The stem needs to be felt to determine which it is.

LOOSESTRIFE family Lythraceae

Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) P

This colourful plant is very common in fen ditches and may be found less commonly elsewhere.

IVY family Araliceae

Ivy (*Hedera helix*) P

A very common climber on trees and walls. In autumn the flowers attract many insects.

CARROT family Umbelliferae

Cow Parsley (*Anthriscus sylvestris*) P

Usually the first of the unbellifers to appear in spring and is very common along roadsides and drove margins, even under trees.

Upright Hedge Parsley (*Torilis japonica*) A

Usually along hedgerow bottoms in most situations but less so on the fens.

Spreading Bur Parsley (*Torilis arvensis*) A

Only so far found on bank of Adventurers Drain from Dambank bridge north to where it joins Engine Drain.

Knotted Bur Parsley (*Torilis nodosa*) A

By and on banks of Old West River in bare places. Very low plant and easily missed.

Rough Chervil. (*Chaerophyllum temulentum*) Biennuali

Only appears at edge of tree line under elms by Guppys Pond to Fred Tyres workshop. In the shade of trees. End June through July.

Wild Carrot (*Daucus carota*) A

Common along the whole length of the New Cut Drain bank and found less commonly elsewhere in track margins but not allied to fen soils.

Fools Parsley (*Aethusa cynapium*) A

Mostly found in fen arable fields growing on bare soil in potato or sugar beet crops. Poisonous.

Hogweed (*Heraclium sphondylium*) A

This prominent Umbellifer can be found in many grassy places and fen drove sides all year round.

Great Water Parsnip (*Slum latifolium*) A

A nationally rare waterside plant found only in fen drains notably Galls Drain, Division Drain. Poisonous.

Fools Watercress (*Apium nodiflorum*) A

Appears in most watercourses and in some newly disturbs ponds such as in Fairchild's Meadows.

Fine-leaved Water Dropwort (*Oenanthe silifolia*) A

Uncommon in fen drains mostly Galls Drain and Division Drain.

Stone Parsley (*Sison amonum*) A

Regular along the New Cut Drain bank and sometimes found along North Fen Drove and the two old railway line verges and at the end of Hinton Hedges. A tall but very small flowered plant distinguished by oily smell when rubbed.

Wild Parsnip (*Pastinaca sativa*) A

A yellow flowered Umbellifer found only occasionally along the New Cut Drain bank and in a field near the old railway bridge. Was found on the base of the old brick-making yard but this has now largely disappeared.

PRIMROSE family Primulaceae.

Cowslip (*Primula varia*) P

Mostly only now found on private land in Hillrow and has been re-introduced to Fairchild's Meadows. Also grown in many gardens.

Creeping Jenny (*Lysimachia thyrsiflora*) P

Found in damp area in Fairchild's Meadows (not re-introduced) and along lower edges of some higher land drains. Also on bank of Fairchild's pond.

Water Violet (*Huttonia palustris*) P

Found only in fen drains but is usually the first water based flower to appear in spring.

Scarlet Pimpernel (*Anagallis arvensis*) A

A small plant of arable fields, often sprayed out, and getting harder to find.

OLIVE family Oleaceae

Wild Privet (*Ligustrum vulgare*) P

Bushy plant often confused with cultivated Privet. This wild variety is distinguished by larger leaves and so far is only present along a Bury Lane hedgerow.

BINDWEED family Convolvulaceae

Hedge Bindweed (*Calystegia sepium*) P

This climbing plant is common in most hedgerows and also some fen ditches where it is prostrate.

Field Bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*) P

Smaller flowered with pink stripes again commonly found but usually close to the ground..

BEDSTRAW family Rubiaceae

Hedge Bedstraw (*Galium mollugo*) P

Can appear spasmodically anywhere on the higher land and often sprawls up in to hedges. Best place is probably along old railway line to Wilburton.

Hedge Bedstraw (*Galium mollugo*) P

Appeared very suddenly on North Fen Drove hedgerow in 2016 and elsewhere in fens by Cross Drove

Marsh Bedstraw (*Galium palustris*) P

Common along drain and ditch banks in the fens.

Lady's Bedstraw (*Galium verum*) P

Regular along the two railway lines, and on some roadside verges. Also in many private grass fields and in Fairchild's Meadows where planted.

Common Cleavers (*Galium aparine*) A

Nuisance weed in gardens, arable fields anywhere in the parish.

BORAGE family Boraginaceae

Common Comfrey (*Symphytum officinale*) P

Regular anywhere, but most prominent along ditch and drain. There are two colour variations...purple and a creamy white.

Houndstongue (*Cynoglossum officinale*) B

Only found a top of Old West River bank near Aldreth High Bridge.

This plant is unusual in fen situations and there is only one other known site in the whole of the Cambridgeshire fens.

Corn Gromwell (*Lithospermum arvense*) A

This now quite nationally rare plant has suffered from modern agricultural herbicide spraying. It is only found at one site in the fens and then only about 5 specimens were found in 2006. The story attached to this species is that it was brought, inadvertently in cereal seeds from Eastern Europe by Iron age travellers. It is ironic then that where it is in Haddenham's fen is next to a series of Iron and Bronze Age barrows along Foulmire Drove.

Sub family Forget-me-nots Myosotis.

Field Forget-me-not (*Myosotis arvensis*) A

Found in most grassy and even arable situations.

Water Forget-me-not (*Myosotis scorpioides*) A

Regularly found near to the water level along many fen drains and around some field ponds.

Green Alkanet (*Pentaglottis sempervirens*) P

Randomly found in grassy places but could well have originated from garden sources.

VERBENA family Verbenaceae

Vervain (*Verbena officianalis*) P

Only found in one situation. On private land on what was the old brick making site of Hinton Hedges. Usually no more than one specimen in any year it is a mystery where it originated from. Not known if it is still present.

LABIATE family Labiatae.

Bugle (*Ajuga reptans*) P

Common in early spring along grassy verges such as the two old railway lines but also along hedge bottoms elsewhere.

Skullcap (*Scutellaria galericulata*) P

Found only once under bank of Old West River in 2009 but further searching may reveal more. It is a County rarity usually found in Wicken and Chippenham Fens.

Self Heal (*Prunella vulgaris*) P

Found almost anywhere in grassy situations as with Bugle, even in gardens as a weed or in lawns.

Ground Ivy (*Glechoma hederacea*) P

Sometimes puts on a great show as a vivid purple mat on bare recently opened up soil especially in dry springs.

Black Horehound (*Ballota nigris*) P

Found mostly, but not only, in fen drove situations. Along road and drove sides but seems to have a liking for bridges over drains. The reason for this is not clear.

White Dead-nettle (*Lamium Album*) P

This blooms all the year round but is most prominent in spring and early summer almost anywhere.

Red Dead-nettle (*Lamium perpurium*) P

Mostly appears where soil has been disturbed in all conditions.

Motherwort (*Leonurus cardacia*) P

Appeared in only one place and may now be gone. This was at the foot of a gravestone in the Old Burial Ground in Church Lane.

Common Hemp-nettle (*Galeopsis tetrahit*) A

An arable field weed mostly seen on fen soils but not common, A white variety was found on the drove side of the New Cut Drain between The Petrus and Aldreth near to where it joins Dairyhouse Drove.

Yellow Archangel (*Lamium galeodolon*) P

Found under one hedgerow along a footpath off Aldreth Road. It may be that it is a garden escape but is recognised as an endemic wild species.

Hedge Woundwort (*Stachys sylvatica*) P

Found as name implies, along the bottom of hedgerows usually on the higher land. Hinton Hedges and now by Pond in Pond field.

Marsh Woundwort (*Stachys palustris*) P

A slightly larger more strongly coloured version of the above but found along the banks of the New Cut Drain and other larger drains in the fens. Sometime can move prolifically into wheatfields nearby in exceptional circumstances

Sub family Mints *Mentha*

Water Mint *Mentha aquatica* P

Invariably found around field ponds.

Gypsywort (*Lycopus europaeus*) P

Best place is around top pond in Steam Rally field but has turned up by farm water reservoirs.

NIGHTSHADE Family *Solanaceae*.

Bittersweet [Woody Nightshade] (*Solanum dulcamara*) P

Commonly found climbing through hedges in all manner of places. Red berries are poisonous.

Black Nightshade (*Solanum nigrum*) A

Often found on disturbed soil especially after bonfires. Black berries are poisonous.

FIGWORT family *Scrophulariaceae*

Great Mullein (*Verbascum Thapsus*) A

Tall plant can turn up anywhere. Most often found on the base of old brickworks off Hinton Hedges but seen also on a building site in Hillrow in large numbers in 2010..

Common Toadflax (*Linaria vulgaris*) P
Commonest along fens as in Back Drove, Foulmire Drove. Galls Fen but seen elsewhere in lesser amounts.

Ivy-leaved Toadflax (*Cymbalaria muralis*) P
Grows on and at the base of walls. Good place to see it is in the Arkenstall Car Park. Also found along passages off the High Street.

Red Bartsia (*Odontites verna*) A
On the base of the old brickworks and sometimes along the two old railway lines are the only known places.

Sub family Veronica

Germander Speedwell (*Veronica chamaedrys*) P
In grassy places at hedgerow bottoms. The railway lines are very good.

Common Field Speedwell (*Veronica persica*) A
An arable field plant that needs soil to be disturbed to grow. On all soils.

Grey Field Speedwell (*Veronica polita*) A
Could be classed as a weed. Found growing in such places as gravel drives.

Slender Speedwell (*Veronica filiformis*) P
Often a mat forming garden weed and in arable fields on the higher land.

Brooklime (*Veronica beccabunga*) A
Found in muddy inlets along the Old West River and can appear around ponds. When the pond in Fairchild's Meadows was restored, seeds that had lain dormant for many years germinated and a good show of this plant was seen.

Pink Water Speedwell (*Veronica catenata*) A
Another pond side plant found mostly in the Steam Rally Field and other old brick pits. Sometimes found along fen drains such as the Division drain in North Fen and Engine Drain in Aldreth Fen.

LOUSEWORT family.

Yellow Rattle (*Rhinanthus minor*)

Introduced to Fairchild's Meadow as a management plant which controls excessive grass growth by predation.

PLANTAIN family Plantaginaceae

Greater (Ratstail) Plantain (*Plantago major*) P

Common everywhere even in garden lawns.

Ribwort Plantain (*Plantago lanceolata*) P

Common in all grassy situations mostly on the higher land.

HONEYSUCKLE family Caprifoliaceae

Elder (*Sambucus nigra*) P

A common shrub any where mostly in hedge situations.

Guelder Rose (*Viburnum opulus*) P

Regularly seen shrub in all situations but usually as a result of planting by humans purposefully.

TEASEL Family Dipsacaceae

Teasel (*Dipsacus fullonum*) P

Best seen in large amounts along fen droves where it attracts many Goldfinches in winter. Also seen elsewhere but to a lesser degree.

DAISY family Compositae.

Hemp Agrimony (*Eupatorium cannabinum*) P

Mostly seen along drain a ditch banks especially in North Fen. Smaller amounts along the New Cut Drain bank near to North Fen.

Canadian Fleabane (*Conyza Canadensis*) A

Tallish plant with small flowers, usually seen as a weed around buildings mostly in the village precincts.

Sub family Nymphaeaceae

Yellow Water Lily (*Nuphar lutea*) P

Common in most ponds and in the Old West River. In many fen drains.

White Water Lily (*Nymphaea alba*) P

Regular in ponds usually as a result of introduction. Some can be seen near Aldreth High Bridge on the Old west River.

DAISY family Compositae

Hemp Agrimony *Eupatorium cannabinum* P.

Found along division drain in North Fen but this area is not accessible to public. Best seen along the New Cut Crain Bank in North Fen section.

Canadian Fleabane *Conyza Canadensis* A.

Rarely found away from the developed village area. In gardens as a weed and or on building sites.

Daisy *Bellis Perennis* P.

Very common in grass situations especially regularly cut lawns.

Scentless Mayweed *Tripleurospermum inodorum* A

An arable weed commonly seen in all types of soil but noticeable in fen situations and along fen droves.

Pineapple Mayweed. *Matricaria Matricaroides*, A

A very low plant found in many arable situations especially in gateways. It can tolerate constant walking on and driving over.

Michaelmas Daisy *Aster novi-belgi*. P

Not to be confused with common garden varieties which are usually brighter in colour. Wild ones are usually white or a very pale blue. Specimens can be found in Sept-Oct along the Grunty Fen road and near Pingle Lane.

Common Fleabane *Pulicaria dysenterica* P

Prominent along whole length of New Cut drain near to waters edge. Occasionally found along roadsides where gutters have been cut in to ditches.

Perennial Sunflower *Helianthus rigidus* P

There is only one patch of this plant which is found along Galls Drove by Galls Drain. Whether this emanated from disposal of garden waste is not known.

Yarrow. *Achillea millefolium* P

Very common along road verges and in Fairchild's Meadow.

Mugwort. *Artemista Vulgaris* A
Common along many fen droves and along New Cut drain on top of banks.

Ox-eye Daisy. *Leucanthemum vulgare* P
Common along New Cut drain bank and in Fairchild's Meadow.
Occasionally elsewhere.

Feverfew. *Tanacetum parthenium* A
Common garden weed in built up area.

Coltsfoot. *Tussilago farfara*. P
Seen along New Cut Drain, on top of bank near Lode Way end.
Occasionally elsewhere. Near but not close to water.

Ragwort. *Senecio jacobaea*. A
Nuisance Plant in fields where can be fatal if cattle eat too much.
Can occur anywhere.

Hoary Ragwort *Senecio erocifolius* A
Seen only occasionally along North Fen drove. It needs slightly more calcareous soils than the above.

Groundsel. *Senecio vulgaris*. A
Very common garden weed.

Lesser Burdock. *Arctium minus* B
Regular along droves and footpaths anywhere. Good place is near Nineacre wood where it attracts many butterflies and Bush Crickets sit on the large leaves,

Creeping Thistle. *Cirsium Arvense*. P
Nuisance weed in field and elsewhere.

Spear Thistle (also known as Bull Thistle locally) *Cirsium vulgar*. B.
Common along fen droves and along Old West river bank fields,

Meadow Thistle *Cirsium Dissectum*. P
As with creeping variety in fields and all droves and footpaths.

Black (Common) Knapweed. *Centarea Nigra*. P

In Fairchild's Meadow and along whole length of New Cut Drain bank from Aldreth to North Fen Drove.

Goats Beard (Jack go to bed at noon). *Tragopogon pratensis* A
Along many road and higher-land drove sides.

Salsify. *Tragopogon porrifolius*. A
A small amount in Fairchild's Meadows and a substantial specimen along The Rampart near to allotments..

Chicory *Cichorium inlybus*. P.
Only known in a field along North Fen Drove. Probably means that it was once grown commercially nearby.

Smooth Sow Thistle. *Sonchus oleraceus*. A.
Found anywhere...in gardens and fields and along fen droves.

Prickly Sow Thistle . *Sonchus Asper*. A
Along mainly but not exclusively fen droves anywhere.

Prickly Lettuce. *Lacluca serriola* A
Found in similar situations as above.

Nipplewort. *Lapsana communis*.
Can appear anywhere but usually in longer grass.

Dandelion sub family.

Dandelion. *Taraxacum Vulgaria*. A
A very common garden and lawn weed. Common also in all situations.

Common Catsear. *Hypochearis radicata*. P
In many short grass situations.

Rough (Autumn) Hawkbit. *Leontodon taraxacoides*. A
Found mainly along higher land roadsides.

Smooth Hawkbeard. *Crepis capparidis*. P
Found in all situations.

Few leaved Hawkweed. *Hieracium mororum*. P
Found in shady places like hedgerow bases.

Orange Hawkweed (Fox and Cubs). *Pilosella aurantiacum* P.
Mainly in gardens or building plots but is a wild plant.

Bristly Ox-tongue. *Pieris schioides*. A
Along fen droves mainly but not exclusively.

Hawkbeard . sub family.

Beaked Hawkbeard. *Crepis vesicaria*. B.
Mainly appears in unused arable fields especially around edges.

WATER- PLANTAIN family Alismataceae.

Common Water-Plantain. *Alisma plantago-aquatica*.P.
In fen drains but occasionally around other pond edges.

Arrowhead. *Sagittaria sagittifolia*. P.
Found in fen drains especially Adventurers Head drain and Galls Fen drain.

FLOWERING RUSH family. Butomaceae.

Flowering Rush. *Butomus umbellatus*. P
Mostly in Adventurers Head drain and its offshoot along Claytons Drove.

LILY family Lilaceae.

Fritillary. *Fritillaria meleagris* P
Only found in Old Burial Ground in Church Lane. This may have originally been planted by a grave. Does not appear every year.

Bluebell . *Endymion non-scriptus*. P
In Petrus Wood and Nineacre Wood. Certainly introduced to the latter and source of former is unknown.

ARUM family Araceae

Lords and Ladies. (Cuckoo Pint) *Arum maculatum*. P
Regular under trees and hedgerows. Good place is Hinton Hedges leading to Fairchild's Meadow.

IRIS family. Iridiceae.

Yellow (Flag) Iris. *Iris pseudocarus*. P.

Found around ponds such as Guppy's Pond and along drain lower banks anywhere. Also in Old West River.

ORCHID family. Orchideae.

Bee Orchid. *Ophrys apifera*. P.

This plant can make an occasional appearance almost anywhere in grass situations. Recorded places are near Guppy's Pond, in Fairchild's Meadow, Aldreth Road Orchard and on Lakes Drove in the fens. It also appeared in a garden in The Pond.

Pyramidal Orchid. *Anacamptis pyramidalis*. P

Only known along road to Guppy's Pond.

Common Spotted Orchid. *Dactylorhiza majalis* P.

Only known in one place so far. This is private land with no access.

WATERWEED section.

BLINK family. Portulacaceae.

Rigid Hornwort. *Ceratophyllum demersum*. P

Found in Engine Drain at various places. Best in Adventurers Head Drain section.

Marestail. *Hippuris vulgaris*. P.

Only noted in Engine Drain near to Pumping Engine and by Dambank bridge..

Whorled Water Milfoil (*Myriophyllum verticillatum*). Vulnerable.

In many CWT drains especially Galls drain and Adventurers Head Drain by Claytons bridge.

Broad-leaved Pondweed (*Potamogeton natans*)

In most CWT main drains.

Shining Pondweed (*Potamogeton lucens*)

Similar to previous but less in quantity.

Curled Pondweed (*Potamogeton crispus*)

Similar to above.

Hairlike Pondweed (*Potamogeton trichoides*).
Scarcer than above.

Stoneworts

Clustered Stonewort (*Tolypella glomerata*) Nationally Scarce

Bur-reed family (Sparganiaceae)

Branched Bur-reed (*Sparganium erectum*)
In most CWT drains.

Bulrush family (Typhaceae)

Bulrush [Reedmace} (*Typha latifolia*)
In many ditches, ponds and drains.

Lesser Bulrush (*Typha angustifolia*)
In shallower situations than above.