

# Wildflowers to look for in August



**Burdock**  
*Arctium minus*

Reputedly, the inventor of Velcro got his idea from the sticky burrs of this plant that cling to your clothes.

**Where to find it:**  
By footpaths & scrub



**Centaury**  
*Centaurium erythraea*

The flowers open until noon daily in fine weather, and close if the sky is overcast or in damp weather.

**Where to find it:**  
Grassy places



**Great Mullein**  
*Verbascum thapsus*

Some American Indian tribes used the woolly leaves to line their Moccasins. Early settlers did likewise in their stockings.

**Where to find it:**  
Hedgerows



**Heather**  
*Calluna vulgaris*

In the past, it was used to stuff bedding - in fact heather was introduced to America via seeds in Scottish settler's beds!

**Where to find it:**  
Moors & heathland



**Hemp Agrimony**  
*Eupatorium cannabinum*

Why 'hemp'? Its leaves are similar to those of the cannabis plant, but the two are unrelated & don't share other properties!

**Where to find it:**  
Hedgebanks & grassland



**Knapweed**  
*Centaurea nigra*

Also known as **Hardheads** or **Black knapweed**, this wild flower is one of our toughest meadow plants.

**Where to find it:**  
Meadows & roadsides



**Musk Mallow**  
*Malva moschata*

A native wild flower that has been popular in gardens for centuries. The 'musk' scent of its name is stronger at night.

**Where to find it:**  
Banks & grasslands



**Wild Marjoram**  
*Origanum vulgare*

The ancient Greeks believed that the gentle touch of Aphrodite, goddess of love, first gave this wildflower its scent.

**Where to find it:**  
Hedges & broadleaf woods



**Wild Parsnip**  
*Pastinaca sativa*

A jolly, yellow bloom but be careful! Its sap can cause "phyto-photo-dermatitis", a painful skin irritation, when it reacts with sunlight.

**Where to find it:**  
Wasteland, grassland & scrub



**Sheep's-bit**  
*Jasione montana*

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A sky-blue flower, popular with bees & sheep. Unsure you've found it? Brace your nose & crush the leaves - Sheep's-bit smells awful!

**Where to find it:**  
Shallow soils, rocky places.