**Wildflowers to look for in September**

**Bramble**
*Rubus fruticosus*
Bristling with blackberries at this time of year and 2014 is set to provide us with a bumper crop. Happy foraging!
*Where to find it:* Hedgerows

**Devil’s-bit Scabious**
*Succisa pratensis*
A deeper pruple relative of Field Scabious, legend says it has stumpy roots because the Devil bit them off!
*Where to find it:* Meadows, woodland rides

**Eyebright**
*Euphrasia nemorosa*
A tiny jewel amongst the grass. Its purple lines help guide pollinators to the bright yellow spot that serves as a landing pad.
*Where to find it:* Short grass & heath

**Fleabane**
*Pulicaria dysenterica*
Fleabane by name, fleabane by nature: its scent drives the insect away. In the past it was kept in houses for that purpose.
*Where to find it:* Ditches & damp places

**Herb-Robert**
*Geranium robertianum*
Who was Robert? Its a mystery. Could it be from *ruber*, Latin for red? Or was it character assassination? Herb-Robert is quite stinky!
*Where to find it:* Hedgerows & wasteground

**Lords-and-Ladies**
*Arum maculatum*
Also known as Cuckoo Pint. Pollinated by the cowpat-dwelling Owl Midge, it emits dung-like smell & heat to attract it.
*Where to find it:* Woods & shaded places

**Toadflax**
*Linaria vulgaris*
aka the Wild Snapdragon. Herbalists of yore named it thus as it was a “flax fit only for toads”. Their loss, for it brightens many a road.
*Where to find it:* Hedge banks & road verges.

**Tormentil**
*Potentilla erecta*
A four-petalled member of the Rose family, it was once used as a red dye & in a herbal cure for the “torment” of colic.
*Where to find it:* Hedge banks & moorland.

**Hawthorn**
*Crataegus monogyna*
The home of fairies in folklore. You might not see them this month but you will see its red ‘haws’ - a perfect snack for birds.
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**Harebell**
*Campanula rotundifolia*
Known as the ‘Bluebell of Scotland’ this deceptively delicate bloom is actually quite tough & can be found growing across the UK.
*Where to find it:* Hillsides, heaths & verges

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