

Plants recorded in the Shakespeare Meadow, May to September 2010

Dicotyledons

<i>Aconitum napellus</i>	Monk's-hood*
<i>Cardamine pratensis</i>	Cuckooflower
<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	Common Knapweed
<i>Cerastium holostoides</i>	Common Mouse-ear
<i>Cirsium palustre</i>	Marsh Thistle
<i>Crepis capillaris</i>	Smooth Hawk's-beard
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot
<i>Galium verum</i>	Lady's Bedstraw
<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	Cat's-ear
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	Oxeye Daisy
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Common Bird's-foot-trefoil
<i>Lychnis flos-cocull</i>	Ragged-Robin
<i>Malva moschata</i>	Musk-mallow
<i>Origanum vulgare?</i> or <i>Origanum majorana?*</i>	Wild Marjoram Pot Marjoram
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain
<i>Primula veris</i>	Cowslip
<i>Primula vulgaris</i>	Primrose
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Selfheal
<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Meadow Buttercup
<i>Rhinanthus minor</i>	Yellow Rattle
<i>Rumex acetosa</i>	Common Sorrel
<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>	Broad-leaved Dock
<i>Sanguisorba minor</i>	Salad Burnet
<i>Stellaria graminea</i>	Lesser Stitchwort
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	Dandelion
<i>Thymus polytrichus</i> or <i>Thymus vulgaris*</i>	Wild Thyme Garden Thyme
<i>Trifolium dubium</i>	Lesser Trefoil
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Red Clover
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover
<i>Vicia sativa</i>	Common Vetch

Grasses

<i>Agrostis capillaris</i>	Common Bent
<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>	Creeping Bent
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet Vernal Grass
<i>Bromus sp.</i>	
<i>Cynosurus cristatus</i>	Crested Dog's tail
<i>Dactylus glomerata</i>	Cock's-foot
<i>Festuca rubra</i>	Red Fescue
<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	Yorkshire Fog
<i>Lolium perenne</i>	Perennial Rye Grass
<i>Phleum pratense</i>	Timothy

The total number of species recorded was 39 including those marked \*

\*Garden species have no place in a wild flower meadow.

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The flora of the meadow has been under-recorded because recording had to be done from the sidelines to avoid trampling.

#### Recorded Insects

Bumble Bees and Honey Bes were not as abundant as in 2009. Was this the result of the very cold and prolonged winter?

Butterflies recorded were: Meadow Brown, Ringlet, Small Skipper and Large White

#### References

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#### MANAGEMENT OF THE SHAKESPEARE MEADOW FROM AUTUMN 2010 TO SPRING 2011

The management suggested for autumn 2009 to spring 2010 is still relevant but in view of the very cold and prolonged winter did not take place. These management activities should still be considered and put into practice.

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