

FACTSHEET

Wildflowers aren't just wonderful for the environment, they're also super interesting too! Boost your knowledge with these fascinating wildflower facts

WILDFLOWERS OF BRITAIN

There are many kinds of wildflowers that you can spot growing in woodlands across the country. Here are some of the most common in the UK



DAISY

These small flowers are found on every continent on Earth except Antarctica

DID YOU KNOW?

The name daisy comes from the phrase "day's eye" because the flower opens with the sun and closes when the sun goes down



BLUEBELL

The sap of bluebells was used as glue during the Bronze Age to attach feathers to arrows



DANDELION

The dandelion represents three heavenly bodies: the sun (the yellow flower), the moon (the puffy ball of seeds), and the stars (the seeds dispersing in the wind)

DID YOU KNOW?

Bluebells are also known as 'fairy flowers' or 'witches thimbles'



POPPY

Ancient Egyptian doctors would prescribe their patients to eat Poppy seeds to relieve pain

WILDFLOWERS AROUND THE WORLD

Wildflowers can be found on every corner of the globe. Let's have a look at some of them



INDONESIA

Rafflesia arnoldii, also known as 'corpse flower', is the largest flower on Earth. It has huge red petals and smells like rotting meat!

AUSTRALIA

The kangaroo paw is a unique wildflower in southwest Australia. It gets its name from the red flowers that feel furry and are shaped just like a kangaroo's paw!



SOUTH AFRICA

The king protea is the national flower of South Africa. Proteas date back over 200 million years, making them one of the oldest flowers on the planet



CHINA

The red spider lily is a wildflower native to China and other parts of Asia. The name comes from the flower's long, curling stamens that look a lot like spiders' legs