

# Guide to the Common Wild Flowers of the Lower Otter Valley

This leaflet is published by the Otter Valley Association as a companion to the Otter Valley Association's leaflet, "Lower Otter River Side Walk - an introduction to its wildlife". It has been designed as an aid to the identification of the flowering plants commonly met along the riverside footpath.

Identification is based on photographs, together with a text panel indicating the likely months of flowering and the type of habitat favoured. For fuller information see one of the standard field books on wild flowers of the British Isles.

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**Bugloss**  
*Lycopsis arvensis*

Upright hairy plant, 15-50 cm high. More common near houses. May also be a garden escape. April onwards



**Bluebell**  
*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*

A well-known spring flower. Linear leaves arising from the underground bulb. Prefers woodland where it can form a blue carpet. April-June



**Marsh Woundwort**  
*Stachys palustris*

Unbranched stems  
60-90 cm in height.  
Common by fresh water  
especially in ditches.  
July onwards