



# Wildlife Trusts Wales

## Bluebell *Hyacinthoides non-scripta*

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### Species information

- i Common name**  
Bluebell
- Latin name**  
*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*
- Category**  
Wildflowers
- Statistics**  
Height: up to 50cm
- 🌍 Conservation status**  
Protected in the UK under Schedule 8 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981.

### About

Bluebells spend most of the year as bulbs underground in ancient woodlands, only emerging to flower and leaf from April onwards. This early spring flowering allows them to make the most of the sunlight that is still able to make it to their forest floor habitat and attracts the attention of plenty of pollinating insects. Millions of bulbs may exist in one bluebell wood, causing the blue carpets we so keenly associate with spring, and new plants are sometimes able to split off from these bulbs and grow as clones.

### How to identify

Bluebells are perhaps one of our most famous and unmistakable woodland flowers - look for long and narrow, drooping leaf fronds and bending flower stems heavy with the nodding, blue bells that give this flower its name.

### Where to find it

Widespread.

### Habitats

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## When to find it



## How can people help

The Wildlife Trusts manage many woodland nature reserves sympathetically for a range of spring flowers, from showy Bluebells to delicate Wood Anemones, fragrant Lily-of-the-valley to pretty Primroses. A mix of coppicing, scrub-cutting and ride maintenance open up the woodland floor to the sun, helping many flowers and plants to thrive. You can help too: volunteer for your local Wildlife Trust and you could be involved in everything from traditional forest crafts to raising awareness about woodland wildlife.

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