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DECEMBER SPOTTER SHEET

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My name:

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Winter heliotrope.
Petasites fragans

This plant grows in damp places, like hedge bottoms, near streams and in woodlands. It occurs next to gardens from where it may have "escaped". It was originally a garden plant, introduced from North Africa. It has pale pink flowers on stalked clusters. The leaves are large and heart-shaped. Often there are large patches of these leaves as the plant spreads by underground stems, (rhizomes). The flowers smell of vanilla.

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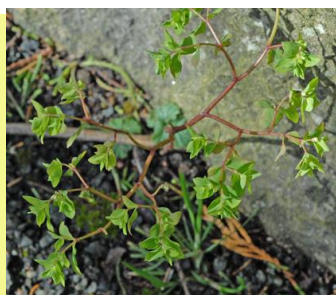


Hairy Bittercress
Cardamine hirsuta.

This plant has very small white flowers, in a bunch at the top of a stem. The leaves are made of leaflets, in opposite pairs on either side of the stem. The leaves grow in a ring around the base and up the stem. The leaf stems are hairy. The plant can be eaten and has a strong taste. It can be found in gardens and waste areas where the soil is damp.

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Petty Spurge
Euphorbia peplus

This plant has tiny green flowers towards the top of the stems. They are surrounded by bracts, (modified leaves). The stem divides into several branches. The leaves grow alternately but the topmost leaves are opposite. The plant has oval green leaves. It is found in gardens, waste areas and in fields. Don't pick the plant as the liquid that comes out, (sap), is poisonous.

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Red Dead Nettle.

Lamium purpureum
 This has purple flowers in rings around the stem. Each flower has a hood-like petal at the top and two lower petals. The leaves have short stalks. They are hairy, heart-shaped and with toothed edges. Red dead nettle is found on waste ground, alongside arable land, gardens and along hedges and roads. The plant has a square stem. It looks like a small nettle but does not sting, hence the name "dead".

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Holly.

Ilex aquifolium
 This plant has shiny green, prickly leaves with red berries. It is traditionally used as an indoor decoration at Christmas. We can't ask you to look for the small white flowers as they come out in May! Only female trees have berries. The male trees have the leaves but no berries. Holly trees are planted in gardens and are sometimes found in hedges and woodlands.

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