



Identify 100 Species – Garden ‘Weeds’

10 species you are likely to find in Leicestershire and Rutland

How easy is it to identify?

Easy



Care needed



Target species

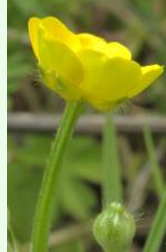
Creeping Buttercup – Ranunculus repens ●

ID: Short & creeping. 3-lobed leaves with indented edges. Golden yellow flowers.

Similar species: [Bulbous Buttercup](#) (sepals folded down)

Where to look: Lawns, cultivated ground, grassland.

Recording: Photo required (leaves + a **side-on** view of flower).



Ivy-leaved Toadflax – Cymbalaria muralis ●

ID: Trailing stems. Purple flowers. ‘Ivy’-shaped leaves.

Similar species: None.

Where to look: Walls.

Recording: Photo desirable (otherwise describe in the comments box).



Red Deadnettle – Lamium purpureum ●

ID: Low growing. Oval, blunt-toothed leaves – often with purple tints. Hairy. Pink tubular flowers. No sting!

Similar species: [Cut-leaved Dead-nettle](#) (leaves deeply serrated).

Where to look: Gardens, cultivated land.

Recording: Photo desirable (otherwise describe in the comments box).



Other garden ‘weeds’ to check out:

[Stinging Nettle](#), [Common Field Speedwell](#), [Herb-Robert](#), [Common Ragwort](#)

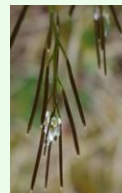
Hairy Bittercress – Cardamine hirsuta ●

ID: Small. Basal rosette of lobed leaves. White flowers with 4 petals and 4 stamens. Long seed pods.

Similar species: [Wavy Bittercress](#) (prefers damp areas, 6 stamens)

Where to look: Bare/cultivated ground, walls.

Recording: Photo required (whole plant in its habitat + flower Detail showing stamens).



Chickweed – *Stellaria media* ●

ID: Small. Oval, opposite leaves. Line of hairs on stem. White flowers with 5 petals – each divided to the base and 3 styles (inset photo).

Similar species: Other chickweeds (unlikely in gardens).

Where to look: Cultivated land. Verges.

Recording: Photo required (flower detail + hairs on stem) .



Wood Avens – *Geum urbanum* ●

ID: xx To 60cm. Yellow flowers. Rounded basal leaves, pointed leaflets up the stem. Spiky fruits. Sometimes called Herb Bennett.

Similar species: xx None.

Where to look: xx. Woods, shady areas, gardens.

Recording: Photo desirable (otherwise describe in the comments box).



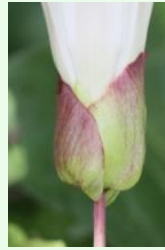
Large Bindweed – *Calystegia silvatica* ●

ID: Climbing/creeping. Arrow-shaped leaves. White trumpet flowers with overlapping bracteoles (inset).

Similar species: [Hedge Bindweed](#) (non-overlapping bracts)

Where to look: Gardens, hedges.

Recording: Photo required (overlapping bracteoles).



Cleavers – *Galium aparine* ●

ID: Scrambling, sticky climber. Prickly leaves and seeds. Tiny white flowers (Goose-grass / Sticky Weed).

Similar species: None likely in gardens.

Where to look: Gardens, hedges, verges.

Recording: Photo desirable (otherwise describe in the comments box).



Dandelion – *Taraxacum officinale* agg. ●

ID: Basal rosette of long leaves with pointed lobes. Bright yellow flowers. White 'hairy' seed head. Milky sap.

Similar species: [Autumn Hawkbit](#) (long thin leaf lobes).

[Cat's-ear](#) (hairy, pimply leaves)

Where to look: Lawns, grassland, verges.

Recording: Photo desirable.



Petty Spurge – *Euphorbia peplus* ●

ID: Small. Erect and branched stem. Milky sap. Green hidden flowers. Spiky glands (arrowed).

Similar species: [Sun Spurge](#) (round, unspiked glands).

Where to look: Cultivated land, gardens.

Recording: Photo desirable.

