



PRIMROSE (*Primula vulgaris*)

A common perennial plant growing throughout the British Isles. It is a characteristic plant of ancient woodlands, clearings, banks, ditches, hedgebanks and old grasslands especially on heavy clay soils. It flowers from January to May and has light yellow flowers bourn in the centre of a rosette of deeply veined green leaves. The plant often grows in characteristic clumps often on bare mossy woodland floors where there is very little other plants growing, and alongside paths and rides. The primrose has two types of flowers called 'pin-eyed' and 'thrum-eyed' and has pollen of two different types which can only pollinate the other different flower type. The seeds are bourn in translucent capsules and are black when ripe in June and July.



BLUEBELL (*Endymion non-scriptus*)

A widely distributed and common bulbous plant throughout the British Isles, except for the un-wooded pasts of East Anglia, the Scottish Highlands and Orkney and Shetland. It is a characteristic plant of ancient woodland on heavy clay or sandy loams throughout Britain, especially where coppicing is carried out on a regular basis. Bluebells also exist in the South and West of England in hedge banks, open moorland and heathlands as well. Bluebells have a deep blue flower which appears in April and continues flowering into June and are pollinated by insects. The deep green fleshy leaves which often completely carpet the woodland floor appear in March and April, and black hard seeds are produced in papery capsules in June and July.