

# CORN POPPY FACTSHEET

## Corn poppy

### Latin name

*Papaver rhoeas*

A distinctive symbol of remembrance, the scarlet corn poppy has seeds that can lie dormant for over 80 years. It is one of the first wildflowers to appear in disturbed ground, as in the WW1 battlefields, and is a sight to behold in open fields throughout Summer.



### LEAVES



### What **SHAPE** are the leaves?

Leaves are deeply divided and **PINNATELY LOBED**, which means that the lobes, or sections of the leaf, are arranged on either side of a central line like a feather.

Upper leaves are **SESSILE** which means they are attached to the stem without a stalk. Leaves at the base of the stem, known as **BASAL LEAVES** have stalks attaching them to the stem.

### How are the leaves **ARRANGED** on the stem?

Leaves **ALTERNATE** on the stem.

### What are the leaf **EDGES** like?

Leaf edges are **SERRATED** like teeth.

Leaves and stems are **HAIRY** with hairs that are held at right angles to the surface of the stem.



### Scent

Flowers have no scent.



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# FLOWERS



Flowers from June to September.

## What **COLOUR** are the flowers?

Flowers are a vibrant blood red, with a black blotch at the base of each of the four petals. Very occasionally pink or white flowers can occur.

## How are the flowers **ARRANGED** on the **STEM**?

Flowers are **TERMINAL** which means there are single flowers held at the end of each stem.


## What **SHAPE** are the flowers?

Flowers are saucer-shaped with four rounded, papery petals that slightly overlap each other.

## Are the **PETALS** all the same shape?

Flowers are **REGULAR**. This means that the petals are all the same shape.

## Anything else?

Is there anything else that you have noticed about this wildflower? 

## Size

How tall is this wildflower?

Grows up to 75cm tall.

What size are the leaves?

Leaves vary greatly in size.

What size are the flowers?

Flowers are 7cm to 10cm in diameter.



## Habitat

Where could you find this wildflower growing?

Grows in open, **SUNNY** spots on **ROADSIDES, FARMLAND, WASTE GROUND** and **FIELD EDGES**.

Where does it grow in the UK?

Common throughout UK but rarer in the North and West, including Scotland and Northern Ireland.

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Millimeters