

# RED CAMPION FACTSHEET

## Red campion

### Latin name

*Silene dioica*

Despite its name, red campion has vivid pink flowers. They can be seen adding colour to roadsides and hedgerows throughout Spring and Summer.



### LEAVES



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

Leaves are a narrow egg shape with pointed tips known as **OVATE**.

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

Leaves grow in pairs directly **OPPOSITE** each other on the stem.

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

Leaf edges are **SMOOTH**.  
The leaves and stems are **HAIRY** and slightly **STICKY**.



### Scent

Flowers have no scent.



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## FLOWERS



Red campion flowers from May to September.

What **COLOUR** are the flowers?

Flowers are a vivid, deep pink.

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

The flowers are gathered in **CLUSTERS** at the end of the stems and side branches.


What **SHAPE** are the flowers?

Flowers are **STAR** shaped with **FIVE PETALS** that are narrow at the base and deeply notched at the end, almost dividing the petals in two.

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 1m tall.

What size are the leaves?

Leaves are 3cm to 9cm long.

What size are the flowers?

Flowers are 1.8cm to 2.5cm in diameter.



### Habitat

Where could you find this wildflower growing?

Grows in light **SHADE** on **ROADSIDES**, in **HEDGEROWS**, in **WOODLAND** clearings, on **CLIFFTOPS** and near the **SEASIDE**.

Where does it grow in the UK?

Grows across all of the UK.

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Millimeters