

YARROW FACTSHEET

Yarrow

Latin name

Achillea millefolium

This hardy plant is found in meadows, grasslands, along roadsides and among hedges. It has dark green, feathery leaves and clusters of delicate white flower heads which give off a strong perfume when in bloom.



LEAVES



What **SHAPE** are the leaves?

Leaves taper to a point and have a **LANCEOLATE** shape, which means that they are shaped like a lance.

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

Leaves **ALTERNATE** up the stem. They tend to decrease in size the higher up the stem they are.

What are the leaf **EDGES** like?

The leaves are very finely divided into many tiny segments and have a **FEATHERY** appearance.

The leaves and **STEMS** are lightly **HAIRY**



Scent

Entire plant has a strong, **SWEET** scent. The leaves are particularly aromatic if crushed.



GROW WILD



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Kew

FLOWERS



Flowers from June through to September.

What **COLOUR** are the flowers?

Flowers are usually **WHITE** but can also be **PALE PINK**.

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

Flowerheads are gathered in flat-topped clusters, at the end of stems, that resemble umbrellas. This is known as a **TERMINAL CORYMB**.


What **SHAPE** are the flowers?

The tiny individual flowerheads are shaped like **STARS**.

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

Flowers are **REGULAR**. This means that the 5 petals on the tiny flowerheads 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 60cm tall.

What size are the leaves?

Leaves are 5cm to 15cm long.

What size are the flowers?

Flowerheads are 4mm to 7mm across.



Habitat

Where could you find this wildflower growing?

Grows in a wide range of **GRASSY** places, including **HEDGEROWS**, on **ROADSIDES** and in **LAWNS**.

Where does it grow in the UK?

Common across all of the UK.

Find out more: growwilduk.com/whats-that-wildflower