



AGRICULTURE AND FOOD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

COMMON HORTICULTURAL WEEDS

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LATIN AND COMMON NAMES FOR WEEDS LISTED WITHIN FAMILIES

(Weeds marked with an asterisk are also found in lawns)

APIACEAE (formerly UMBELLIFERAE)

Aegopodium podagraria – Ground Elder
Aethusa cynapium – Fool's Parsley

ASTERACEAE (formerly COMPOSITAE)

Achillea millefolium – Yarrow*
Bellis perennis – Daisy*
Glebionis segetum – Corn Marigold
Cirsium arvense – Creeping Thistle
Cirsium vulgare – Spear Thistle*
Hypochoeris radicata – Cat's Ear*
Lapsana communis – Nipplewort
Matricaria discoidea – Mayweed (Pineappleweed)
Senecio jacobaea – Ragwort*
Senecio vulgaris – Groundsel
Sonchus arvensis – Perennial Sowthistle
Sonchus asper – Prickly Sowthistle
Sonchus oleraceus – Smooth Sowthistle
Taraxacum officinale – Dandelion*
Tripleurospermum indorum – Sentless Mayweed
Tussilago farfara – Coltsfoot

BORAGINACEAE

Mysotis arvensis – Forget-me-not

BRASSICACEAE (formerly CRUCIFERAE)

Capsella bursa-pastoris – Shepherd's Purse
Cardamine hirsuta – Hairy Bitter Cress
Lepidium squamatus – Swine Cress
Lepidium didymus – Lesser Swine Cress
Sinapis arvensis – Charlock
Sisymbrium officinale – Hedge Mustard

CARYOPHYLLACEAE

Cerastium fontanum – Common Mouse-ear*
Sagina procumbens – Pearlwort*
Stellaria media – Chickweed

CHENOPODIACEAE

Atriplex patula – Orache
Chenopodium album – Fat-hen

CONVOLVULACEAE

Calystegia sepium – Hedge Bindweed
Convolvulus arvensis – Field Bindweed

EUPHORBIACEAE

Euphorbia helioscopia – Sun Spurge
Euphorbia peplus – Petty Spurge
Mercurialis annua – Annual Mercury

FABACEAE (formerly LEGUMINOSAE)

Lotus corniculatus – Bird's Foot Trefoil*
Medicago lupulina – Black Medick*
Trifolium dubium – Yellow Clover (Shamrock)*
Trifolium repens – White Clover*
Trifolium rubrum – Red Clover*
Vicia cracca – Common Vetch

LAMIACEAE (formerly LABIATAE)

Galeopsis tetrahit – Hemp-nettle
Lamium purpureum – Red Dead-nettle
Prunella vulgaris – Selfheal*

ONAGRACEAE

Epilobium ciliatum – American Willowherb
Epilobium hirsutum – Great Willowherb
Epilobium montanum – Broad-leaved Willowherb
Epilobium parviflorum – Hoary Willowherb

OXALIDACEAE

Oxalis corniculata – Procumbent Yellow Sorrel

PAPAVERACEAE

Fumaria bastardii – Tall Ramping Fumitory
Fumaria muralis – Common Ramping Fumitory
Fumaria officinalis – Common Fumitory
Papaver rhoeas – Common Poppy

PLANTAGINACEAE

Plantago lanceolata – Ribwort Plantain*
Plantago major – Greater Plantain*

POACEAE (formerly GRAMINEAE)

Avena fatua – Wild Oats
Elymus repens – Scutch (Couch grass)
Poa annua – Annual Meadow Grass*

POLYGONACEAE

Fallopia convolvulus – Black Bindweed
Persicaria maculosa – Redshank
Polygonum aviculare – Knotgrass
Rumex crispus – Curled Dock
Rumex obtusifolius – Broad Leaved Dock

PRIMULACEAE

Anagallis arvensis – Scarlet Pimpernel

RANUNCULACEAE

Ficaria verna – Lesser Celandine*
Ranunculus acris – Common Buttercup*
Ranunculus bulbosus – Bulbous Buttercup*
Ranunculus repens – Creeping buttercup*

ROSACEAE

Potentilla anserina – Silverweed*
Potentilla reptans – Creeping Cinquefoil

RUBIACEAE

Galium aparine – Cleavers (Robin-run-the-hedge)

SCROPHULARIACEAE

Veronica arvensis – Wall Speedwell
Veronica chamaedrys – Germander Speedwell
Veronica filiformis – Slender Speedwell*
Veronica hederifolia – Ivy Leaved Speedwell
Veronica persica – Common Field Speedwell
Veronica serpyllifolia – Thyme Leaved Speedwell*

SOLANACEAE

Solanum nigrum – Black Nightshade

URTICACEAE

Soleirolia soleirolii – Mind-your-own-business*
Urtica dioica – Common Nettle
Urtica urens – Annual Nettle

VIOLACEAE

Viola arvensis – Field Pansy (Heartsease)