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AUGUST SPOTTER SHEET



My name:
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Hedge woundwort
Stachys sylvatica
This has a lovely spire of reddish-purple flowers that have white spots on them. The leaves are heart-shaped, toothed and hairy. The plant has an unpleasant smell described as "foetid". Found along hedges and in shady places. The leaves of the plant were used in olden days to stop wounds bleeding.
When I found it:



Bulrush
Typha latifolia
Very tall – 1.5 to 3 m high, with a distinctive large brown sausage-shaped flower. Leaves are long and strap-shaped. Plants grow in clumps. Found in wet places such as river edges, ditches and marshes. The plants can clean the water by absorbing some types of pollution. They were used in making chairs, by drying the leaves and weaving them together.
When I found it:
Where I found it:



Great plantain
Plantago major
The leaves grow flat to the ground in well-trodden areas on grass and edges of paths. It has wide leaves with parallel veins. If the leaves are very hairy you may have found Hoary plantain. It has very small flowers grouped around a long green spike. In the USA it was called "white man's foot" as wherever the Europeans went, the plantain grew.
When I found it:
Where I found it:



Figwort
Scrophularia nodosa
This plant has small flowers with a purple top lip and white parts beneath. Bees love them! The leaves are pointed and smooth. The stem is square, but if there are big "wings" on the corners you may have found Water figwort. This plant is also "foetid". Found in woods and other shady places. It was once used to treat a disease called scrofula.
When I found it:
Where I found it:



Ragwort.
Jacobaea vulgaris
This is a tall growing plant with bright yellow daisy-like flowers. The flowers are grouped together. The leaves are made of leaflets on opposite sides of the stem. (pinnate). It is found growing on rough ground and in grassy places. The plant is poisonous to horses when dried and in a hay bale. They avoid eating the living plant. Ragwort is an important source of food for many insects.
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Where I found it:

