

## GET TO KNOW YOUR DAISIES

You may know what a daisy flower looks like, it is a common wild flower of grasslands in the UK. It is one of many species that belong to the same family. The latin name for this family *Asteraceae* means star. Can you see why it is called that? You will discover two other members of the daisy family below.



Can you make a **daisy chain** by looping stems through each other?



### Daisy *Bellis perennis*

Each flower has a rosette of small, thin white petals surrounding a bright yellow centre. These are supported by a single stem which grows from a group of dark green rounded leaves. The petals can sometimes be tinged with pink. **Spot it January-December.**

### Some common features of Daisies

- Recognisable yellow flat disc of florets
- Single flower heads of many small petals
- Palmate or triangular outline to leaves
- Starshaped flower heads

### Oxeye or Moon Daisy *Leucanthemum vulgare*

Oxeye gets its names because of the size of the flowerheads and because the flowerheads are so bright—they seem to glow in the evening. They grow in many grassy places, often knee-height. **Spot it June-August.**



### Did you know?

**Daisy** comes from the old English name for this plant - which translates as “day’s eye”. This refers to the fact that the flowers open at dawn and close at dusk.



### Corn Marigold *Glebionis segetum*

Corn marigold is golden yellow and grows in arable fields. It is becoming scarce due to changes in farming methods. *Segetum* means ‘of or from cornfields’ and their leaves can produce a yellow dye.