

Species Action Plans - the Plant Species

These 3 plants have been selected as Action Plan Species by the Stepping Stones Project. One of the key Conservation Actions for all these species is to gather accurate records for their current locations and the condition of the habitat where they have been found.

If you find any of these plants in the Stepping Stones area, your records would be very helpful. A 10-figure OS grid reference (there are free apps for your phone if you don't have a gps), a location description, a photo, and an estimate of the quantity (eg number of flowers or size of patch). If you want, add any comments on the surrounding habitat, eg habitat type, other plants in the area, etc).



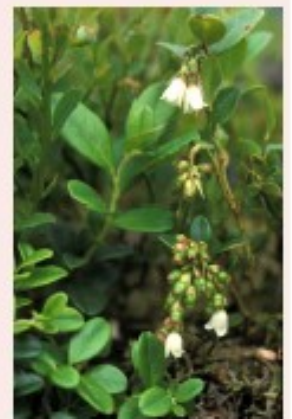
Mountain pansy (*Viola lutea*)

Pale yellow (or occasionally blue) flower, found in upland acid and neutral grassland, heathland edge and ffridd. Flowers May to August.



Cowberry (*Vaccinium vitis-idaea*)

Cowberry is a creeping, evergreen dwarf shrub found in heathy habitats. The leaves are leathery, 1-3cm long, with down-turned edges. It has pinkish-white bell-shaped flowers and red berries.



Devil's bit scabious (*Succisa pratensis*)

A tall herb found in wetlands and damp grasslands. It has blue-ish purple, flattened, rounded flower heads in which all the florets are the same size. Its leaves are undivided, only lightly hairy, long and elliptical. Upper leaves may be sparsely toothed. Flowers June to October.



