

Plantlife's *Common Plants Survey* is the only national annual survey of what is happening to the UK's wildflowers. We depend on volunteers throughout the country who take part by surveying a 1km square near their home for 65 common wild plants. The 65 species are easy to identify and representative of a wide range of habitats, such as Heather from moorland, Thrift from the coast and Yellow Flag Iris from wetlands.

The data is used to interpret the impact of environmental factors, such as agricultural intensification, urban sprawl and climate change, on each habitat. This will help show where the greatest needs for conservation lie.

We will be running a training day for the Common Plants Survey in Nethy Bridge on Saturday 21st June, which will outline the background, methods and basic plant identification, followed by carrying out a sample survey within the area. No prior experience is necessary.

If you would like to attend the training day or take part in the Common Plants Survey please get in touch with Su Cooper, email: suzanne.cooper@plantlife.org.uk/Tel: 01786 479382 or by post at Plantlife Scotland, Balallan House, Allan Park, Stirling, FK8 2QG.