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# **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)