

Flourishing Floodplains Wildflower Workshops

Ever wanted to grow our native wildflowers?

Join local wildflower nursery Ecohab Wildflowers and the Flourishing Floodplains project to learn about growing local flora of the Severn Vale floodplains.

Open to community groups or individuals.

The [Flourishing Floodplains project](#) aims to work with local landowners and communities to help restore the Severn Vale's threatened floodplain habitats, so they can once again help prevent flooding, provide strongholds for wildlife, improve water and soil quality, store carbon and bring people closer to nature.

As part of this project we are running **3 workshops in Spring, Summer and Autumn** to give you all the skills you will need to successfully sow, grow and plant out wildflowers to enhance your local area with native wildflower habitats. We won't be expecting you to create whole meadows! but every patch of wildflowers, big or small, is important.

Each workshop will run twice, from 10am to 4pm, on May 24th or 25th July 5th or 6th and September 13th or 14th. Ideally you will be able to attend a workshop in each session to gain all the techniques and knowledge that you will need.

Workshop 1, Spring – Growing wildflower plug plants – tricks of the trade. To include:

- *Learn about general principles of wildflower plug plant growing*
- *Potting up plug plants and sowing seeds in trays in our polytunnel.*

Workshop 2, Summer- Out and about wildflower seed collecting. To include:

- *Seed collecting, drying and processing.*
- *Wildflower ID and seed collecting and harvesting techniques*

Workshop 3, Autumn- How to establish wildflowers. To include:

- *How to create and restore wildflower meadows. Small-scale and large-scale techniques*
- *Checking on health of plants sown in spring and potted on plug plants. Seed sowing techniques*
- *Possible plug planting in one of the Flourishing Floodplain restoration sites*

The workshops are free and will take place on a farm just outside Gloucester. There are 12 spots on each workshop, and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

For more information and to book a place please contact Sue Kinsey.

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