



heavy boulder clay soils) amongst the more notable species are Wild Crab Apple *Malus sylvestris*, Spindle *Euonymus europaeus*, Buckthorn *Rhamnus catharticus*, Alder Buckthorn *Frangula alnus*, Midland Hawthorn *Crataegus laevigata* and the uncommon Wild Service Tree *Sorbus torminalis*.

The ground flora is dominated by bramble with patches of Dog's Mercury *Mercurialis perennis*, Bluebell *Hyacinthoides non-scripta* and Bracken *Pteridium aquilinum*. Other plants occurring frequently throughout the woods include Enchanter's Nightshade *Circaea lutetiana*, Primrose *Primula vulgaris*, Wood Sorrel *Oxalis acetosella* and Wood Anemone *Anemone nemorosa*.

There is a large colony of Green Helleborine *Helleborus viridus* in Hintlesham Woods and other notable species include the fern *Polypodium australe*, Violet Helleborine *Epipactis purpurata*, Bird's-nest Orchid *Neottia nidus-avis* Wood Spurge *Euphorbia amygdaloides* and Herb Paris *Paris quadrifolia*.

Many of the rides are densely shaded and overgrown by Bramble. In wet areas, particularly where light penetrates, are a number of characteristic wet woodland species including Meadowsweet *Filipendula ulmaria*, Pendulous Sedge *Carex pendula*, Bittersweet *Solanum dulcamara* and Brooklime *Veronica beccabunga*.

A variety of birds breed in these woods, encouraged by the recent resumption of coppicing in Wolves Wood. Species include Woodcock, Nightingale, Tawny Owl, Nuthatch and Whitethroat.