

# Heavy Clay Soils Wildflowers

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Our experts are at it again! We believe **wildflowers** should be available to everyone, that's why we created this mix for those who suffer from heavy clay soils and want to introduce wildflowers to these particularly problematic areas. Our **Heavy Clay Soils** mix is a blend specifically made up of deep rooting wildflowers that will hold their own in heavy clay soils and can also withstand drought conditions when clay soils dry up in hot weather. The accompanying grasses in this mix help to stabilise the structure of the wildflowers by creating a nursery for the perennial flora to thrive in. This mix also provides a food source for bees and pollinators through its selection of [RHS Plants for Pollinators wildflowers.](#)



### Mixture Breakdown

- 3% Oxeye Daisy
- 1.4% Black Medick
- 3% Ribwort Plantain
- 0.4% Kidney Vetch
- 1% Greater Knapweed
- 1% White Campion
- 0.5% Lady's Bedstraw
- 0.5% White Clover
- 1.4% Salad Burnet
- 0.1% Betony

- 0.2% Weld
- 3% Wild Carrot
- 1.3% Red Clover
- 0.5% Meadow Sweet
- 1.2% Yellow Rattle
- 1.5% Corn Poppy
- 25% Crested Dogstail
- 25% Tall Fescue
- 25% Sheeps Fescue
- 5% Chewings Fescue

- Remove any existing grass, plants or flora from the area where you plan to sow your wildflower seed. Failure to do this will produce poor results
- Further remove the top 5-10cm to reduce soil fertility
- Allow the area to cultivate for several weeks, and remove any weeds that may pop in the area during this time
- ☆☆☆☆☆ • Do not be tempted to add top soil, compost or fertiliser to the area - wildflowers prefer low nutrient conditions
- After the cultivation period ensure to remove stones or any other debris and rake the area to create a fine, friable and level seedbed
- Scatter the seed at a rate of 5g per m2
- Rake the seed so that it is in amongst the soil
- Water the just-sown wildflower seed well
- If sowing in drought conditions, water as required to keep the area moist in the first 6 weeks after sowing

Read our full guide on [how to manage your wildflower meadow here](#).

Sowing Rate	5g per m2
When	For best results sow in September

**End of year cut:**

- We recommend doing this essential end-of-year cut in autumn.
- Your wildflowers are ready for their first cut when they have grown to 7cm and have gone to seedhead.
- This cut can be done using your lawn mower at its highest setting or using a strimmer.

**Early spring cut:**

- An early spring cut is ideal when your wildflowers are well-established.
- This early spring cut trims back meadow grasses and helps increase the density of the wildflowers.
- This cut also encourages wildflowers to grow better later that season.
- Cut before the end of April, or you may stunt their growth, and they could skip blooming that year.

**Summer cut (optional):**

- A cut between June and August can encourage the growth of wildflowers later in the season.
- Cut back to 7cm tall and remove the cuttings.
- This optional cut encourages new wildflowers to grow and flourish.

What to do with the cuttings (if you have annual wildflowers in the mix):

In dry conditions:

- If conditions will be dry for 5-7 days, you can let the cuttings lie on the ground so the seeds drop.
- Walk over, use a roller or shake the seedheads to encourage the seeds to fall and grow next season.
- Then remove the plant cuttings after a week and dispose of them in your garden waste bin.

In wet conditions:

- Lift the clippings if rainfall is forecast, and manually free up the seeds by crushing the seedhead to collect the seeds for replanting.
- When dry conditions return, scatter the seeds across your wildflower area.
- Alternatively, you can store your collected wildflower seeds in an envelope and replant them later.

For further reading, check out our guide on [when and how often to cut a wildflower meadow](#).

The above photo depicts the variety of species you should expect to see in your wildflower display. Please note that certain species within this mix and all our wildflower mixes may become more abundant than others, and this varies based on the conditions in which they are sown. Taking this into consideration, your wildflower meadow will evolve and adapt year after year and change in appearance as certain species may become more dominant than others.

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When in spring do you recommend sowing?

Question by: James S on 4 Mar 2023, 19:00

Hi James,



There are two key times for sowing wildflower seeds: from mid-March to mid-May and mid-September to the end of October. Your wildflower seeds will germinate if the soil is warm and wet enough, with no additional frost or flooding.

We have a complete guide on this exact topic, which also talks about how to sow wildflower seeds perfectly:

- <https://thegrasspeople.com/when-to-plant-wildflower-seeds/>

Answer by: Andrew Clarke (Admin) on 6 Mar 2023, 09:04

I am planning to plant wild flowers with grass onto a bank on our sloping bank at the bottom of our garden. It slopes away from the house and is heavy clay. I am currently clearing the weeds including brambles . What can you advise to ensure success please.

Question by: Lyndon Taylor on 4 Mar 2023, 08:19

Hi Lyndon,



You are right in looking at our Clay Soils Wildflowers (<https://thegrasspeople.com/heavy-clay-soils-wildflowers>), which are ideal for growing in these conditions.

Clearing the weeds is a great initial step to take; the next steps we advise are as follows:

- Remove the top 5-10cm of soil to reduce soil fertility
- Allow the area to cultivate for several weeks, and remove any weeds that

may pop in the area during this time

- Do not be tempted to add topsoil, compost or fertiliser to the area - wildflowers prefer low-nutrient conditions
- After the cultivation period, ensure to remove stones or any other debris and rake the area to create a fine, friable and level seedbed
- Scatter the seed at a rate of 5g per m<sup>2</sup>
- Rake the seed so that it is in amongst the soil
- Water the just-sown wildflower seed well
- If sowing in drought conditions, water as required to keep the area moist in the first six weeks after sowing

You can read our full guide on how to sow wildflower seed here -

<https://thegrasspeople.com/sow-wildflower-seed/>

Answer by: Andrew Clarke on 6 Mar 2023, 09:00

Hi there, I'm interested in turning a large area of unused turf into a wild flower meadow, however I live next to a railway cutting which is basically a reservoir for weeds and they literally grow everywhere and very stubbornly, no matter how careful I am. How do I stop the weeds such as thistles, docks, dandelion and nettles completely taking over the meadow after it has been established? For my front lawn even though it's really healthy and thick, I have to use a selective weed killer twice or three times a year and that keeps them under control, but can you do this with wild flowers? I'm just worried the whole thing will turn to weeds and I don't have time to be pulling anything up by hand. Thank you :-)

Question by: Catriona Wood on 1 Oct 2022, 12:50



Hi Catriona, it is important to ensure that the majority have been cleared prior to sowing wildflower seeds. Wildflowers are great, as in they love low nutrient soils and are not high maintenance and are pretty impressive to look at. However, there is some maintaining in order to keep the meadow going each year. As you know weeds, grow quite quickly so it is important to have good weed control in order to allow the wildflowers to establish, if not the weeds will just choke out the wildflowers. This mix contains grasses which help create a nursery for the wildflowers allowing them some protection from the weeds, but even grass isn't immune.



First, apply a weedkiller to the area prior to sowing and remove as much as possible. You could leave for a week or 2 to see if any return and then remove these manually, this won't be difficult as the roots will be shallow at this stage. Then once established, try to remove weeds as you spot them or treat with a selective herbicide, these can be applied to an existing meadow as they will only treat selected weeds.

At the end season, once the meadow has bloomed, cut back the meadow and remove any cuttings, each year you could add little seed or help the existing flowers self seed. A full, dense meadow will create less room for the weeds. We do have few interesting blogs on the website that you might be interested in.

Answer by: Roisin McCann on 3 Oct 2022, 11:22

Hello

We have a north facing, clay based garden and I am planning to introduce a meadow area bordering the lawn. I plan to use a turf cutter to clear the meadow strips by the lawn. We like the look of the flowering meadow mix but feel the heavy clay mix may be more suitable. Could we get a 1kg bag of each and mix them for a combined effect?

Rgds - Charlie

Question by: Charlie on 16 Sept 2022, 17:59

Hi Charlie,





Thank you for your enquiry.

We would usually recommend our Heavy Clay Soils Wildflowers, for clay conditions such as this, as it contains a mix of wildflower species that have deep rooting properties and penetrate heavy clay soils and are also drought tolerant, making them ideal for such areas. However you can combine this mix with the flowering meadow mix if you wish, and both mixes should still grow, but for this type of soil condition, Heavy Clay Soils Wildflowers would probably be the best option.

Answer by: Colm Hicks on 20 Sept 2022, 08:56

Hi Im looking to sow your heavy clay wild flowers around a new horse area we have made are all flowers horse friendly and will seeds blow off the flowers and germinate the surrounding area.

Question by: Andrew maden on 5 Sept 2022, 19:28

Hi Andrew, thank you for your question. Wildflower seeds can blow in the wind or migrate from wildlife to surrounding areas.  0 

The safeness and suitability of sowing wildflowers in reach of animals is an issue, and whether consumption / ingestion of the flowers is of a huge concern.

Wildflowers such as Buttercups and Foxgloves are poisonous to animals and can be to humans and are present in all our wildflower mixes. Each of these wildflowers has minor to moderate toxicity and can prove fatal if consumed / ingested in any amount. Therefore, we would not recommend sowing any of our wildflower seed mixes, or any others, near your children or pets if you have concerns that they would consume them.



Animals have intelligent instincts and by using their scent can work out what is and what isn't poisonous, so there is low risk of them wanting to snack on your wildflowers. However, if your livestock has a penchant for wolfing down wildflowers or any other garden flora it is best not to put anything in front of them that could potentially harm them.

Answer by: Helen McGale on 6 Sept 2022, 09:33

I have a section of lawn in my garden that is north facing but next to a high fence and under a tree so doesn't get a lot of sun.



The soil in the garden is also very claggy clay and very hard.

I didn't mow it this year and now have tall grass probably about a foot high but no flowers.

I want to try turning it into a wildflower area.

I see you have a mix for shade and a mix for clay but I have both. What do you advise to get this going please?

Question by: Mike on 4 Jul 2022, 07:56

Hi Mike, thank you for your question.  0 

I would recommend our Heavy Clay Soils Wildflowers. This is a mix of wildflower species that have deep rooting properties and penetrate heavy clay soils and are also drought-tolerant, making them ideal for such areas. This is a mix of annuals, perennials and grasses.

If this area is very shady, you could sow a mix of Heavy Clay Soil Wildflowers and Shaded Area Wildflowers. Shaded Area Wildflowers consist of annual and perennial wildflowers and grasses that tolerate damp and shaded areas.

I have also included our guide on how to prep and sow a wildflower meadow:

1. Remove any existing grass, plants or flora from the area where you plan to sow your wildflower seed. Failure to do this will produce poor results
2. Further, remove the top 5-10cm to reduce soil fertility
3. Allow the area to cultivate for several weeks, and remove any weeds that may pop in the area during this time
4. Do not be tempted to add topsoil, compost or fertiliser to the area - wildflowers prefer low nutrient conditions
5. After the cultivation, period ensure to remove stones or any other debris and rake the area to create a fine, friable and level seedbed
6. Scatter the seed at a rate of 5g per m2
7. Rake the seed so that it is in amongst the soil
8. Water the just-sown wildflower seed well



If sowing in drought conditions, water is required to keep the area moist in the first 6 weeks after sowing.

Answer by: Helen McGale on 4 Jul 2022, 09:13

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How long does the wildflower seed last unsown? I'll need to order a 1kg bag for the area I need but I will have a fair bit left over. Thanks.

Question by: Austin Heraty on 13 Aug 2021, 11:12

Hi Austin, if the seeds are kept in a sealed bag somewhere cool and dry they will last up to 12 months.   0



Answer by: Roisin McCann on 13 Aug 2021, 11:15

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Could you tell me the max height of the wildflower mix for heavy clay soil please ?

Question by: Sue Wolstenholme on 7 Aug 2021, 12:08

Hi Sue, unfortunately we can not provide the exact height for each meadow mix, as some wildflowers may establish differently in certain areas and conditions. Some of the wildflowers and grasses in the mixes can grow to over a meter though.   0

Answer by: Roisin McCann on 10 Aug 2021, 15:08

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We sowed 100 g of your Heavy Clay Soil WF Mix last autumn (October) but nothing has come up. The area had turned to moss owing to drought and a Leylandii hedge taking moisture, so we waited for rain before sowing. I was unable to remove the topsoil but had heavily raked it over and it has not had any feeding for decades. The area is still almost entirely bare apart from some tufts of grass which we think have come from seeds already in the soil. We don't get much rain in this area (Epsom) and we are on the London Clay, not chalk. We'd like to try again but would like advice first.

Question by: Roger Tompsett on 24 Jun 2021, 14:33

Hi Roger,   0


If you would like to email us some pictures of the area, we can take a closer look and advise on best to proceed. You can email them to [Expert@thegrasspeople.com](mailto:Expert@thegrasspeople.com)

Answer by: Roisin McCann on 24 Jun 2021, 14:46

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Hi I have a heavy clay soil that becomes waterlogged in winter and spring. Will the clay mix be suitable for wet conditions. Thanks

Question by: Kevin Johnson on 14 May 2021, 12:04

Hi Kevin   0

This is a mix of wildflower species that have deep rooting properties and

penetrate heavy clay soils and are also drought tolerant, making them ideal for such areas. This is a mix of annuals, perennials and grasses.

Answer by: Roisin McCann on 17 May 2021, 10:46

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As above, the seed mix is thick with weeds.

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Hi, we are really sorry to hear that you are disappointed with this mix and we would like to try and help resolve any issues you are having.

We have reached out to you via email and hopefully we can get this resolved as soon as possible.

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Well packaged seeds, recently planted but awaiting germination

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☆☆☆☆☆ andrew palmer - 19 May 2023

Followed instructions and ground preparation, not a single seed germinated, despite watering etc. Very dissappointed

**Roisin, The Grass People** - 19 May 2023 ↩

I am sorry to hear that you have not had the results you hoped for. It can take up to 2-3months before you start to see any blooms in the meadow. The annuals will appear first and continue to flower throughout the season. Perennials take up to one ye... [Read more](#)

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