



Very Common



Very Rare



Native



Introduced

Plantains - Plantaginaceae

Ribwort plantain - *Plantago lanceolata*



Flowering head brown-black with protruding white stamens



Flower stalk much longer than flowering head

Leaves basal



Leaves long and pointed with parallel veins.

Greater plantain - *Plantago major*



Flowering head only slightly shorter than flower stalk.

Flowers yellowish-green with protruding stamens which change from purple to yellow as they mature



Leaves basal, oval and pointed with parallel veins

Sea plantain - *Plantago maritima*



Clusters of brownish-yellow flowers with protruding pale yellow stamens



Flower stalk much longer than flowering head.



Leaves basal, long and fleshy with faint veins

Buck's-horn plantain - *Plantago coronopus*



Flowering head brown with protruding brown-yellow stamens.

Flower stalk much longer than flowering head.



Leaves basal, deeply lobed and toothed

Hoary plantain- *Plantago media*



This is a hairy plant with oval leaves with a short but broad leaf stalk. The flowering head is green-brown with lilac-white protruding anthers. The flower stalk is much longer than the flowering head. It is rare in Ireland and is mainly found in the east.