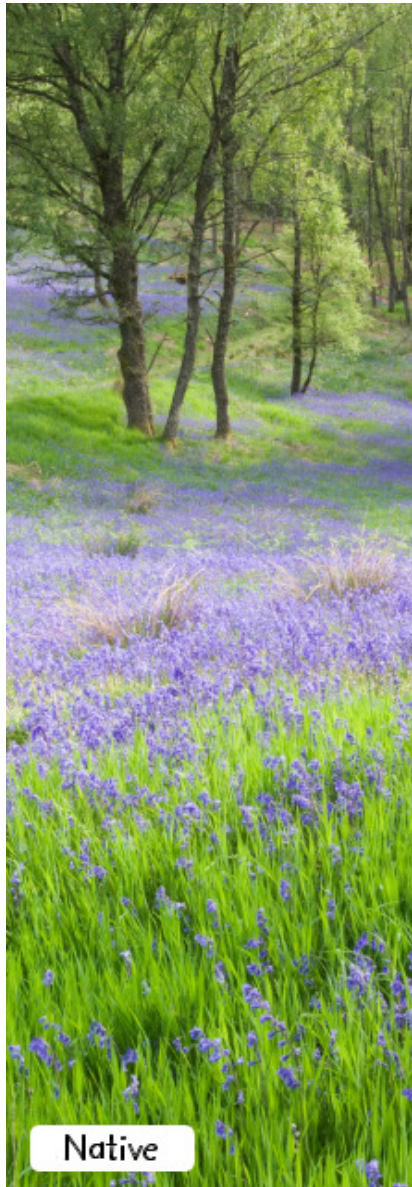


# Bluebell factsheet



**Native** – strong, sweet scent

### NATIVE BLUEBELL

Bluebells have blue, bell-shaped flowers and often grow so close together they look like carpets on the woodland floor.

The UK is home to some of the best bluebell displays in the world.

Native bluebells tend to be darker in colour than Spanish ones. The flowers are usually on one side of the stem, causing the top of the stem to droop or 'nod'.

**Native** – petals curl back



**Native** – pollen is pale cream



**Spanish** – flowers flare only slightly



**Spanish** – pollen is dark blue

### SPANISH BLUEBELL

The Spanish bluebell was introduced into the UK in the 1600s as a garden flower.

It escaped into the countryside and now grows in woods and hedgerows, but it is also commonly found near houses, parks and gardens.

They are often paler than native bluebells, commonly pink or white too. The flowers grow all the way around a straighter, upright stem.

**Spanish** – wider leaves



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