

Greater Stitchwort - *Stellaria holostea*



Description

Greater stitchwort has 4 edged, long, stiff, narrow leaves, slightly grey-green with rough edges, that grow 4-8cm in length. The white flowers emerge in spring and have 5 deeply notched petals that can sometimes appear like 10 separate petals. These mature in to green fruits during summer.

The plant is found most commonly in W10-11 woodlands, in rich soils ranging from slightly acid to basic, and dry to slightly moist. Greater stitchwort is palatable to deer, consequently its presence can indicate low to moderate grazing levels in an area.

Soil regimes

<i>Soil reaction (R)</i>	6
<i>Nitrogen availability (N)</i>	6

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