

Hedge Woundwort - *Stachys sylvatica*



Description

Hedge woundwort can look a little like stinging nettles, with similar oppositely arranged serrated, oval leaves terminating in a point. The flowers emerge as a distinctive purple spike in the summer months. The stem is square in shape.

The plant prefers rich, neutral to basic, dry to moist soils in woodlands and hedgerows, mostly in ancient W8-9 communities.

Soil regimes

Soil reaction (R)

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Nitrogen availability (N)

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