

Tormentil - *Potentilla erecta*



Description

Tormentil is a small plant with leaves divided into 3 leaflets, but with two 'stipules' at the base, looking like two more leaflets—ultimately making the leaf appear 5-lobed. Both leaves and stipules can reach 2cm, and are loosely oval in shape with large teeth towards the tips. Flowers are yellow with four petals 3-6mm long.

The plant is found in poor quality, dry to damp acid soils in W4, 11, and 17-19 communities, as well as wet and dry heaths and some grasslands. Frequently seen alongside heath bedstraw.

Soil regimes

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| Soil reaction (R) | 3 |
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| Nitrogen availability (N) | 2 |
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