

Allium ursinum - Ramsons



Plant description

The aroma of ramsons may be detected before they are seen with the scent permeating woodlands in spring. The plant has long, shiny green oval leaves with parallel veins that grow from stalks, and droop at the tips. The white flowers are in clusters on stalks above the leaves. Both flowers and leaves smell and taste of garlic. The species can carpet the floor of a wood.

What does this tell me about my woodland?

Ramsons grows in moist to well drained soils. Although it prefers mildly acidic soils, ramsons is a hardy plant that also grows in neutral to mildly alkaline soils. Ramsons is an Ancient Woodland Indicator Species.

pH – Mildly acidic to neutral

Occurs in NVC Communities – W7, W8 and W9