

Anemone nemorosa - Wood Anemone



Plant description

Wood anemone is a small plant, 15cm tall with stalked leaves divided into 4-5 leaflets. Usually white (but can be tinged with pink, purple or pale blue), 6-petalled flowers bloom in spring.

What does this tell me about my woodland?

Wood anemone prefers moist (but not waterlogged) soils with lots of organic matter. It spreads very slowly via rhizomes so large carpets of these flowers suggest that the woodland has been a stable habitat for many decades (sometimes centuries). Wood anemone is an Ancient Woodland Indicator Species.

pH – Mildly acidic to neutral soils

Occurs in NVC Communities – W7, W8, W9, W10, W11