

Galanthus nivalis - Snowdrop



Plant description

Small, bulbous plants, usually between 15 - 25 cm tall. Stalks have single, white flowers and the inner petals have a small green spot towards the tip. Leaves are a greyish - green colour, about 4mm wide and all growing from the base of the plant. Flowers appear January to March.

What this tells me about my woodland

Snowdrops prefer damp (but not permanently wet) woodlands but can survive in most soils. These plants flower in late winter and early spring and can provide an important early nectar source for many insects.

pH - Acid, neutral and alkaline soils

Occurs in NVC Communities - Snowdrops are widely thought to be introduced species (garden escapes) and so are not included in NVC classifications.