

Field Scabious



Field Scabious (*Knautia arvensis*) is a tall grassland perennial with a blue-violet flower head, flowering from July to September. Each flower consists of four unequal petal lobes particularly on the larger part of the flower. The achenes have small bristles which helps them stick to animals encouraging the spread of this flower.

A native perennial of dry, well drained calcareous grasslands. It can be found on chalk and limestone meadows, hedgerows, verges and grassy waste grounds.

Field Scabious flowers for a long period of time benefiting large numbers of bees, butterflies, moths and hoverflies. It is also favoured by seed eating birds offering a source of nutrition.

This flower is commonly mistaken with Small Scabious or Devils Bit Scabious, both also members of the teasel family.

Sowing Time: Autumn/Spring

