

Common Poppy



Common Poppy (Papaver rhoeas) is an erect annual reaching a height of 75cm. Poppies with their large red flowers with black centres have four petals reaching 7-8cm in diameter, flowering from June to August.

Common Poppy is found on a wide range of soils but is most commonly found on light soils. It is pollinated by insects, particularly bees. Seed is produced from July onwards which can remain in the soil for many years. As an annual, poppies are reliant on their seed for regeneration. Common Poppy is found on roadsides, waste grounds and other disturbed habitats.

Remove spent flowers to prolong blooming. However, at the end of the season leave a few plants to die down and self seed.

Sowing Time: Early spring

