

Small Scabious



Small Scabious (*Scabiosa columbaria*) is an attractive native perennial growing to 70cm . Has a large, pale blue flower head. It can be confused with Field Scabious but it is shorter, more slender and less hairy. The individual flowers that make up the flower head have five not four petal lobes. Flowers from June to October.

Small Scabious is a winter green perennial of dry, relatively fertile, calcareous soils. Habitats include meadows and pastures, embankments, slope, verges and limestone quarries. Continues to grow in the summer than many species as its deep tap root allow to exploit ground water that's unavailable to others.

Small Scabious is pollinated by a wide range of insects especially bumblebees and butterflies.

Sowing Time: Autumn

