



I live here - have you seen me?

Common Vetch



I am an annual member of the Pea family, with pink/mauve flowers. And long stems with curly tendrils at the end. I have been used as food for livestock and also as a fertiliser for centuries, and it is thought that this is how I have spread into the wild.

My flowers are visited by pollinators, especially bumblebees, while smaller insects such as aphids like to feed on my sap.



I particularly like to grow in grassy areas but I can be found in all sorts of habitats. The best times to see me are May to September. I can grow up to 70cm high.

Some parts of the British Isles have local names for me, such as Gypsy Peas (Ireland) and Twaddgers (Yorkshire). My name in Cornish is 'gwegbys an park'.