

Stem, Leaf and Flower Traits of Some Common Wild Plants

Goldenrod

stem: hairy stem
leaf: long, elliptical,
toothed leaves,
alternate on stem
flower: tiny yellow
flowers clustered
on top of flower
stems.



Stinging Nettle

(Do Not Touch)
stem: stinging hairs
on stem
leaf: egg-shaped,
toothed leaves,
opposite on stem
flower: tiny green
flowers in drooping
clusters



New England Aster

stem: hairy stem
leaf: lance-shaped leaves,
alternate on stem
flower: yellow center disc with
narrow, yellow purple petals
around it



Black-eyed Susan

stem: hairy stem
leaf: elliptical, slightly
toothed leaves,
larger from base
flower: brown center
disc with narrow,
yellow petals around it.



Queen Anne's Lace

stem: hairy
leaf: feathery and
deeply lobed
flower: white, umbel
shape on top of plant



Red Clover

stem: hairy stem
leaf: each leaf has 3-4
oval leaflets
flower: pink or purple
flowers in dense heads.



Cow Vetch

stem: smooth
leaf: each leaf has
many tiny leaflets with
twining vine end
flower: rows of
irregular purple
flowers on
separate stems



Bladder Campion

stem: smooth stem
leaf: elliptical leaves,
oppositely arranged on
stem
flower: swollen bladder-
shape with pink veins
behind white petals

