

Poppies

Plant	Common poppy	Long-headed poppy	Yellow-juiced poppy
Species	<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	<i>Papaver dubium</i>	<i>Papaver lecoqii</i>
Threat Status			Least Concern
Distribution	Common and widespread. Grows on all types of soils	Common and widespread. Grows on all types of soils	Common and widespread in central England, rare elsewhere
Size	20-60 cm	20-60 cm	20-60 cm
Petals	Reddish-orange (also known as poppy red) sometimes with a dark blotch at the base of the petals	Orangey-red sometimes with a dark blotch at the base of the petals. Petals may overlap	Orangey-red sometimes with a dark blotch at the base of the petals Petals do not overlap
Pollen colour	Black	Bluish-black	Often yellow (otherwise bluish-black)
Sap	White	White	Yellow
Flowering period	June - Aug	June - July	June - July
Seed capsule	Smooth, short and rounded with a flattened black top	Smooth, elongated with yellow-green top. Seed head is at least twice as long as wide	Smooth, elongated with yellow-green top. Seed head is at least twice as long as wide



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Plant	Prickly poppy	Rough poppy	Opium poppy
Species	<i>Roemeria argemone</i>	<i>Roemeria hispida</i>	<i>Papaver somniferum</i>
Threat Status	Vulnerable	Least Concern	
Distribution	Rare and sparse on calcareous soils	Rare and sparse on calcareous soils	Uncommon but widespread. Introduced as a crop and escaped to the wild
Size	20-60 cm	20-60 cm	50-80 cm
Petals	Colour varies between deep red – reddish-orange, sometimes with a dark blotch at the base of the petals Petals drop very quickly after flowering	Crimson red sometimes with a dark blotch at the base of the petals Petals can drop quickly after flowering	Purple-mauve sometimes with a dark blotch at the base of the petals
Pollen colour	Deep blue	Light blue	Yellowish or dark purple
Sap	White	White	White
Flowering period	June - July	June - July	June – Aug
Seed capsule	Elongated with spikes. Seed head is at least twice as long as wide	Round with spikes	Large and round

