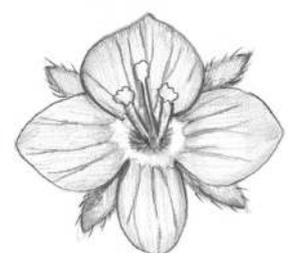
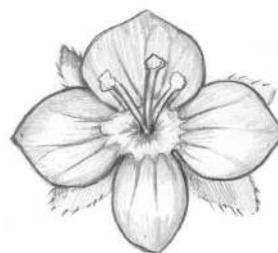


Speedwells

Plant	Breckland speedwell	Fingered speedwell	Spring speedwell
Species	<i>Veronica praecox</i>	<i>Veronica triphyllos</i>	<i>Veronica verna</i>
Threat Status	Near Threatened	Endangered	Endangered
Distribution	Confined to a few sites in Breckland and one site in Oxfordshire	Confined to Breckland	Confined to Breckland
Growth	Erect or growing upwards Never rooting at nodes	Erect or growing upwards Never rooting at nodes	Erect Never rooting at nodes
Stem	Stems hairy all round (normal hairs at base of plant and glandular hairs at top of plant)	Stems minutely hairy all round with scattered long red-tipped glandular hairs	Stems hairy all round (sometimes hairs are glandular)
Leaves	Egg-shaped, very symmetrical with deeply cut saw-like teeth. The lower leaves can be similar to Wall speedwell but are more sharply and deeply toothed	3-7 palmately lobed leaves with glandular hairs	3-7 palmately lobed leaves with normal hairs. Some of the lobes are cut more than 50% to the mid-rib
Flower positioning	Flowers at tip of plant on longer stalks (approx. 5 mm)	Flowers at tip of plant on longer stalks (5-8 mm)	Flowers at tip of plant on very short stalks (1 mm)
Flower colour	Blue with dark blue veins	Deep blue	Deep blue
Flower size (width)	Up to 3 mm	3-4 mm	2-3 mm
Fruit	Longer than wide Glandular hairs	Longer than wide Glandular hairs	Wider than long Glandular hairs

Flower head

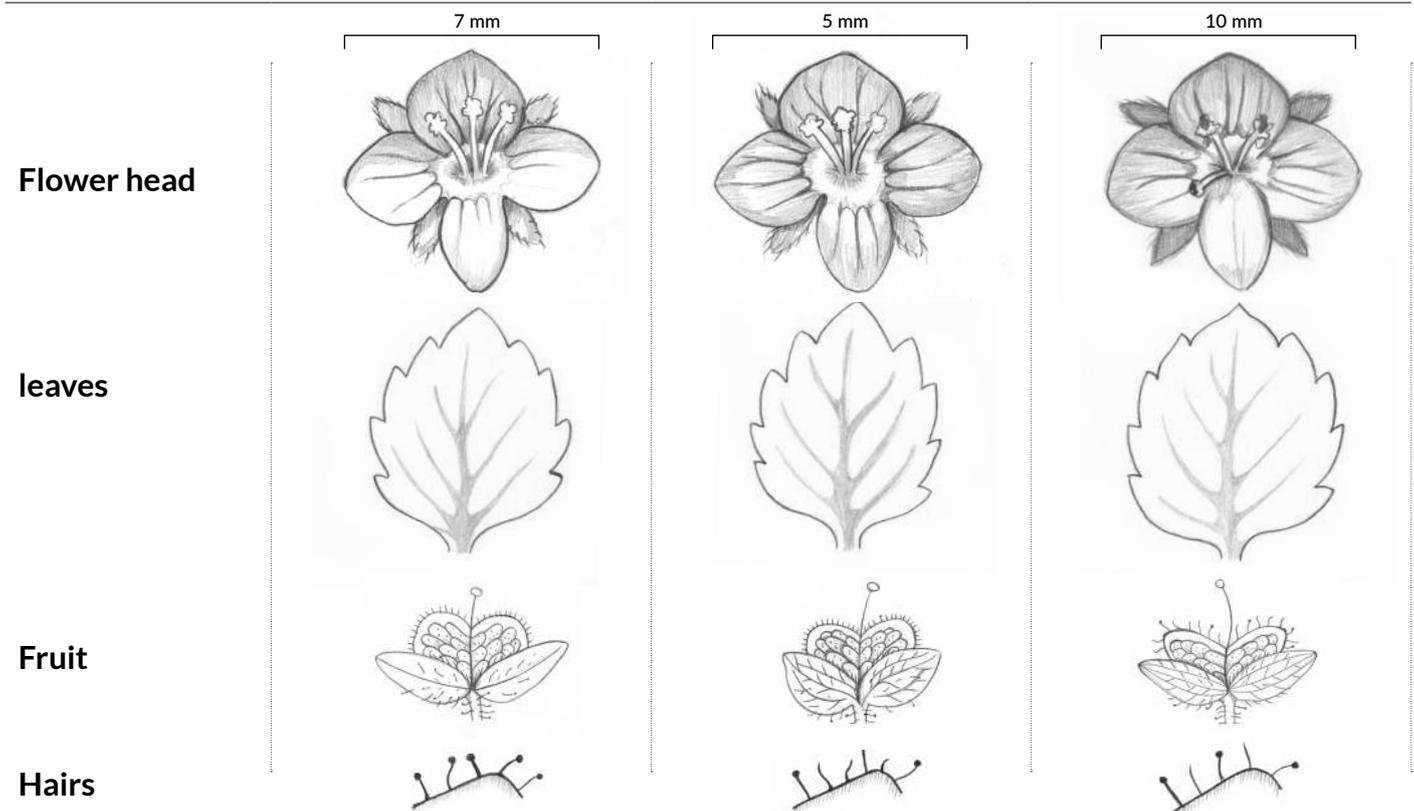


Leaves



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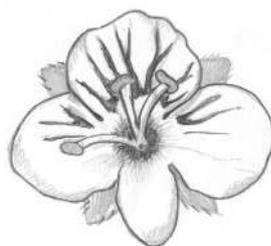
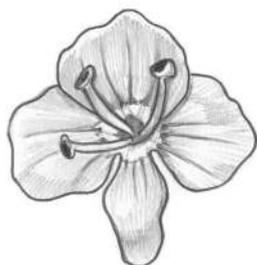
Plant Species	Green field-speedwell <i>Veronica agrestis</i>	Grey field-speedwell <i>Veronica polita</i>	Common field-Speedwell <i>Veronica persica</i>
Threat Status	Least Concern	Least Concern	
Distribution	Widespread	Widespread	Common and widespread
Growth	Creeping or growing upwards Rooting at lower nodes	Creeping or growing upwards Rooting at lower nodes	Creeping or growing upwards Rooting at lower nodes
Stem	Stems hairy all round	Stems hairy all round	Stems hairy all round
Leaves	Oval egg-shaped leaves with 3-4 teeth per side All leaves are longer than wide and light green	Egg-shaped with 4 teeth per side Lower leaves are wider than long. Dark green above, often purplish below	Egg-shaped 5-7 teeth per side All leaves longer than wide Dull light green above (occasionally purplish below)
Flower positioning	Single flowers that originate from leaf nodes	Single flowers that originate from leaf nodes	Single flowers that originate from leaf nodes
Flower colour	White, upper lobe bluish or reddish	Bright blue. Centre of flower dark, lower lobe can be white	Bright blue, lower lip often white
Flower size (width)	6-8 mm	5-8 mm	8-12 mm
Fruit	Wider than long Two erect rounded lobes Obvious glandular hairs only	Wider than long Two erect rounded lobes Short, arched, normal hairs and some obvious glandular hairs	Wider than long (twice as wide as long) Two spreading, sharp-edged lobes Can have glandular and non-glandular hairs



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Plant	Germander speedwell	Thyme-leaved speedwell	Wall speedwell
Species	<i>Veronica chamaedrys</i>	<i>Veronica serpyllifolia</i>	<i>Veronica arvensis</i>
Threat Status			
Distribution	Common and widespread	Common and widespread	Common and widespread
Growth	Creeping or growing upwards Rooting at lower nodes	Creeping or growing upwards Rooting at lower nodes	Erect or growing upwards Never rooting at nodes
Stem	Hairs in two opposite lines along stem	Stems hairy (small hairs) all round	Stems hairy all round (sometimes glandular hairs)
Leaves	Egg-shaped 4-8 teeth per side All leaves longer than wide	Egg-shaped or oval to roundish. Often shiny. Weakly toothed	Egg-shaped 2-5 teeth per side
Flower positioning	Flowers in spikes that originate from leaf nodes	Flowers at tip of plant	Flowers at tip of plant on short stalks (<1 mm). Flower bracts are oval-lanceolate grading into leaves below the flowering spike
Flower colour	Bright blue with a white eye	White or pale blue, with blue-veins	Whitish to blue
Flower size (width)	10 mm	5-6 mm	3-4 mm
Fruit	Wider than long Shorter than sepals	Wider than long Same length as sepals	As long as wide Hairy (can be glandular hairy)

Flower head



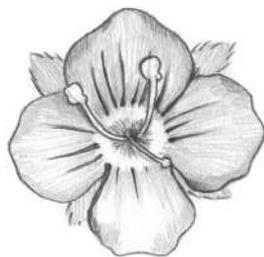
Fruit



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Plant	Slender speedwell	Ivy-leaved speedwell
Species	<i>Veronica filiformis</i>	<i>Veronica hederifolia</i>
Threat Status		
Distribution	Common and widespread	Common and widespread
Growth	Creeping or growing upwards Rooting at lower nodes	Creeping, rarely grows upwards Rooting at lower nodes
Stem	Stems hairy all round	Stems hairy all round
Leaves	Roundish to kidney-shaped 3-4 teeth per side. End tooth much wider than long Lower leaves wider than long	Ivy-like 2-3 teeth per side. Broad end tooth Lower leaves wider than long Light / yellow green
Flower positioning	Single flowers that originate from leaf nodes	Single flowers that originate from leaf nodes
Flower colour	Blue to lilac often with white lower lip	Light blue or lilac
Flower size (width)	8-12 mm	4-5 mm
Fruit	Not often produced As long as wide Obvious glandular hairs only	Very variable, often globular Hairless

Flower head



Fruit



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