



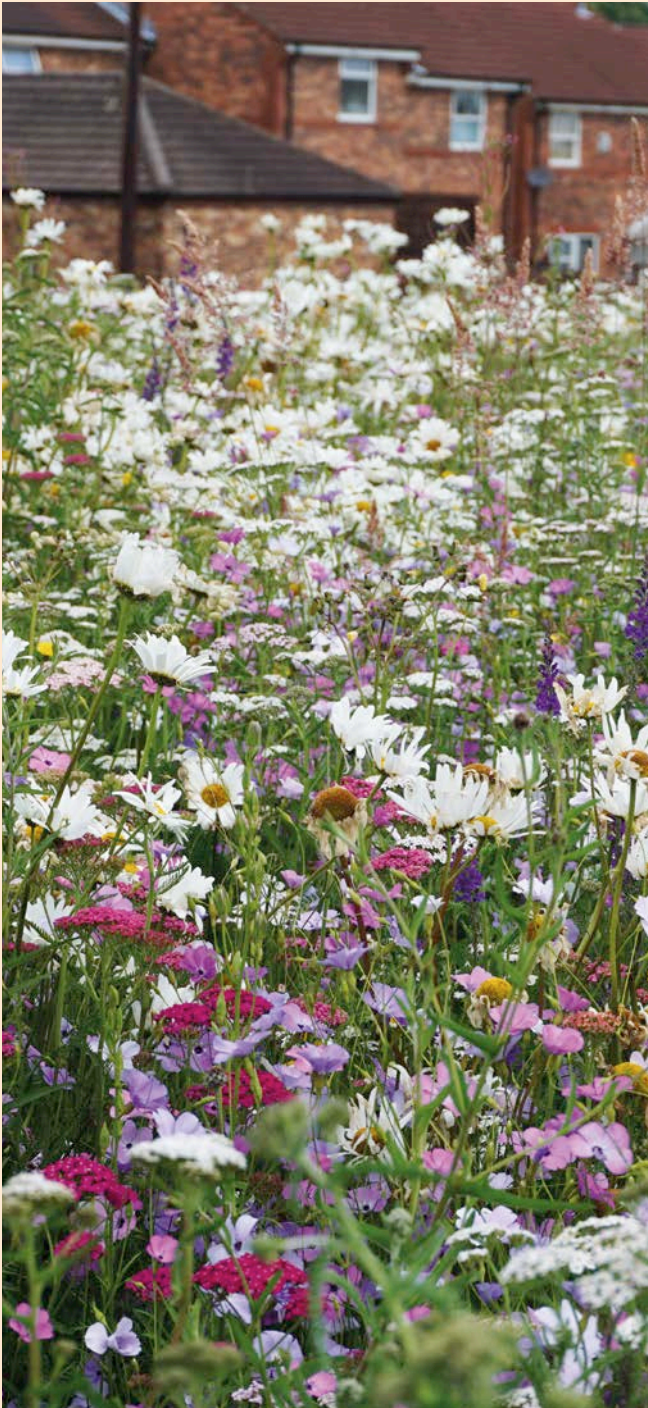
Pictorial Meadows Turf

The Adaptive and Resilient Range
providing high visual, ecological
and robust planting



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About Pictorial Meadows Turf

Pictorial Meadows Turf is supplied as a pre-grown meadow turf, ready to flower, with all the establishment work done for you. The designed meadows in the Adaptive and Resilient Range are unlike any other landscape products, giving you a range of landscape solutions that combine flexibility, cost saving and ease of installation along with especially unique combinations of beautiful and resilient plants.

Pictorial Meadows Turf is a well-proven, reliable product, combining the best of British wildflowers together with wildflowers from around the world. Creating versatile and economic landscapes with an exceptionally high flower content results in great public appeal whilst offering a significant boost to local biodiversity.

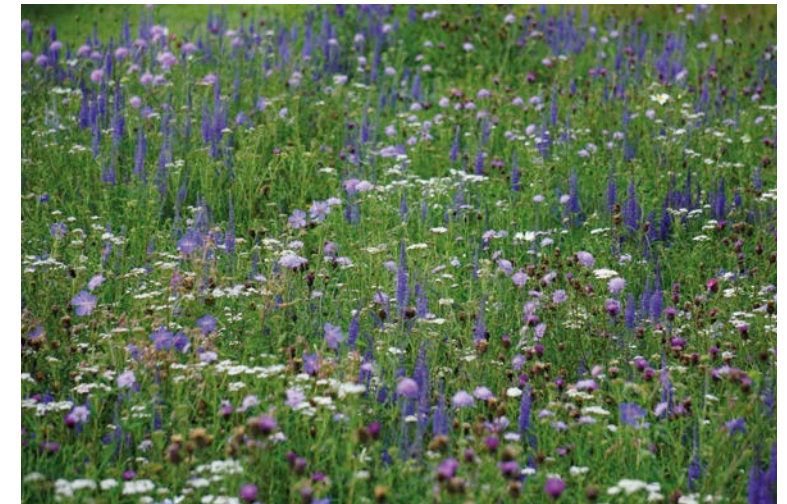
Pictorial Meadows originated from a long and productive partnership between the University of Sheffield and The Green Estate Community Interest Company. A seed of an idea initially sown by Professor Nigel Dunnett has been nurtured and extensively tested by The Green Estate. This collaboration between landscape designers, greenspace managers, ecologists and horticulturalists has led to an exciting new era of naturalistic, sustainable, and designed approaches to landscape planting.

Future Proofing

Pictorial Meadows Turf maximises adaptation and resilience to future climate changes

The Pictorial Meadows Turf range comprises over 100 different varieties of wildflowers. This rich diversity of species provides considerable climate resilience. The plants themselves have originated from a wide geographical area and whilst many are UK natives, the inclusion of wildflowers from more diverse climatic conditions are extending meadow resilience to the increasing extreme weather incidents that we are experiencing. Without the need to irrigate following establishment, we have seen the meadows thrive in our increasingly hotter and drier

summers. Having also been tested for survival in the cooler damper winters of Northern England they also appear to be thriving too across Scotland and as far north as Finland. Different species exhibit varied means of survival, from very deep rooting to the ability to self-propagate through seed production. The breadth of species introduced within the Pictorial Meadows Turf means that in every conceivable micro habitat there will be a dynamic adaptation going on within the overall community that can flex and adapt with the changing climate.



Above: **Purple Haze**, 'This has been a huge success! Last year was our first year it put on the most incredible show but now again this year I can already see that we are in for yet another very beautiful display. It really is spectacular, dreamy and magical and very much admired!' **Jacqui M - Customer** (Horatio's Garden, Stoke Mandeville Hospital)



Botanical Skyline - see page 12

Contribution toward carbon neutrality

Pictorial Meadows were developed originally as a high value yet low maintenance alternative to mown grass and ornamental floral borders both of which are resource heavy. They are established by seed, delivering upwards of 150 plants per metre square giving a density of plant material which discourages weeds and therefore also reduces ongoing maintenance resources. Maintenance can be reduced to a simple spring weed check and just one annual cut and collect per year significantly reducing fuel consumption when compared to cut grass or other ornamental flower displays. Annual cutting material can all be composted by green waste recycling and the meadow 'compost' is in itself also a means of improving soil health, reducing irrigation needs and, really importantly, cutting down on chemical and manual weed

control across the wider urban landscape. Every square metre of meadows planted will contribute to taking carbon out of the atmosphere.

Good for People and Planet

Pictorial Meadows are designed not just for improved environmental resilience but to be especially attractive and valuable for pollinators and people. These meadows have an exceptionally high floral content as well as an extended and very varied flowering period. Unlike many horticultural hybrid flowers that have been bred primarily for bloom size, these wildflowers still rely on their natural attributes to attract pollinators helping them to spread and survive. In addition, the plants themselves provide a great habitat for much more of our native fauna and are an especially valuable winter source of oil rich seeds for birds. And, what normally

attracts bees and butterflies also pleases people! The many forms of foliage and flower and the almost daily changes in colour and form literally buzzing with life provides a rich sensory experience especially where the people can immerse themselves close to and within the meadows.

Where to use

Pictorial Meadows Turf is quick and easy to establish and has a wide range of applications including slopes, roof tops, Sustainable Drainage Systems wet/dry areas, shady, semi-shade or full sun and various types of soil.

Look out for the mixes on pages 4, 9 and 10 which were used by **Historic Royal Palaces at SUPERBLOOM The Tower of London** as part of the most dense single expanse of flowers in central London.

The Adaptive and Resilient Range

Best for normal, heavier and variable fertility soils.

04 PT01 Treasure Chest

A very long season, drought resistant, flower-filled meadow.

05 PT02 Purple Haze

A beautiful long season, cool colour themed meadow.

06 PT03 Woodland Fringe

Best for semi-shade to full sun, heavier, moister soils and for a strong spring impact.

07 PT04 Pollinator Verge

Our lowest growing mix with some salt tolerance and for dry, free draining bioswales.

08 PT05 Rain Garden

An ornamental meadow for rain gardens, pond edges, periodic wet and damp clay soils **GROW TO ORDER ONLY**

Best for lower fertility, free draining soils, offering more drought resilience.

09 PT06 Patchwork Quilt

A dainty, very long season, flower-filled meadow, predominantly European and UK species.

10 PT07 Indian Summer

A Prairie style meadow with some great late season impact.

11 PT08 Super Pollinator

A Steppe style meadow with bolder form and foliage and some super charged pollinators.

12 PT09 Botanical Skyline

Perfect for green roofs, gravel edges and very dry, shallow light soils.

HOW TO ORDER: By phone **0114 267 7635** or enquire through the website **www.pictorialmeadows.co.uk**

PT01

Treasure Chest

NORMAL & VARIABLE FERTILITY SOILS

Multicolour perennial meadow

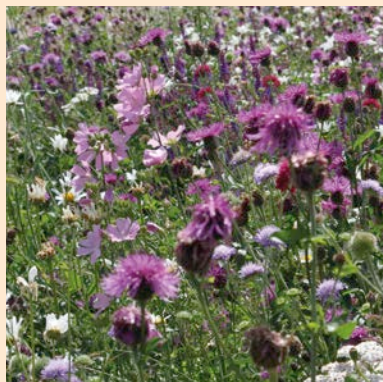
A robust and reliable designer meadow with an exceptionally long flowering period, ideal for most landscape and garden situations. 29 different flowering perennial species carefully formulated to create densities of over 150 plants per metre.

Preferred moisture range — Tolerance for drought stress and moderate seasonal waterlogging.

Shade tolerance — Best in full sun with some light shade tolerance.

Colour theme — Varied colours with ever-changing seasonal interest.

Height details — Generally considered medium height with taller emergence.



HISTORIC ROYAL PALACES
Used at SUPERBLOOM, The Tower of London

Core species, colours and flowering period

	M	A	M	J	J	A	S
<i>Achillea filipendulina</i> Cloth of Gold					■	■	■
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>				■	■	■	
<i>Achillea millefolium</i> Cerise Queen					■	■	
<i>Achillea ptarmica</i> Noblessa					■	■	
<i>Betonica officinalis</i>						■	
<i>Bupthalmum salicifolium</i>			■	■	■		
<i>Campanula persicifolia</i>				■	■		
<i>Centaurea montana</i>			■	■	■		
<i>Centaurea scabiosa</i>				■	■	■	
<i>Galium verum</i>				■	■		
<i>Geranium pratense</i>				■	■		
<i>Geum chiloense</i> Mrs Bradshaw			■	■			
<i>Knautia arvensis</i>						■	■
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>			■	■	■		
<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>					■	■	■
<i>Lychnis chalcedonica</i>				■	■	■	
<i>Malva alcea fastigiata</i>				■	■	■	
<i>Malva moschata</i>				■	■	■	
<i>Oenothera tetragona</i>				■	■		
<i>Origanum vulgare</i>					■	■	
<i>Primula acaulis</i>	■	■					
<i>Primula veris</i>		■	■				
<i>Papaver orientale</i> Brilliant				■	■		
<i>Ranunculus acris</i>				■	■		
<i>Sanguisorba officinalis</i>					■	■	■
<i>Scabiosa columbaria</i>					■	■	
<i>Stachys lanata</i>					■	■	
<i>Succisa pratensis</i>						■	■
<i>Valeriana officinalis</i>			■				

All colours are an indicative guide only.

Look out for these distinctive species:



A: *Papaver orientale*, B: *Lychnis chalcedonica*, C: *Galium verum*, D: *Sanguisorba officinalis*, E: *Bupthalmum salicifolium*

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PT02

Purple Haze

NORMAL FERTILITY SOILS

Cool colour perennial meadow

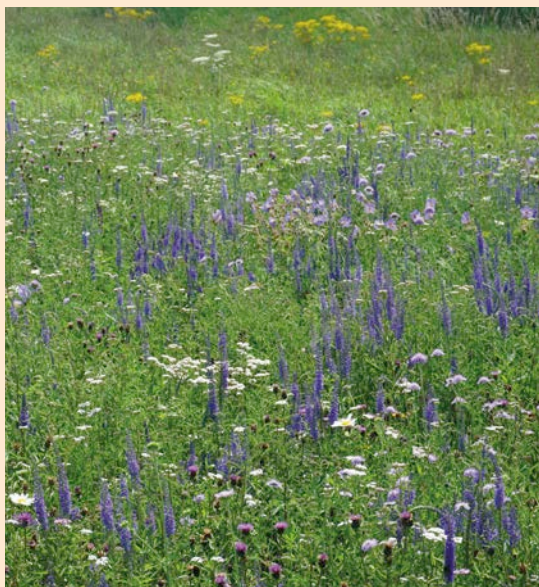
A robust and reliable colour themed designer meadow ideal for most landscape and garden situations. 31 different flowering perennial species carefully formulated to create densities of over 150 plants per metre.

Preferred moisture range — Tolerance for drought stress and moderate seasonal waterlogging.

Shade tolerance — Best in full sun with some semi-shade tolerance.

Colour theme — A cool and subtle colour palette with whites, blues and purples.

Height details — Generally considered medium height with taller emergence.



Core species, colours and flowering period

	M	A	M	J	J	A	S
<i>Alcea malviflora nigra</i>						■	■
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>				■	■	■	
<i>Achillea millefolium Summer Pastels</i>				■	■	■	
<i>Aquilegia vulgaris</i>		■	■				
<i>Aster amellus</i>						■	■
<i>Betonica officinalis</i>						■	■
<i>Campanula persicifolia</i>			■	■			
<i>Centaurea nigra</i>					■	■	■
<i>Centaurea scabiosa</i>					■	■	■
<i>Daucus carota</i>						■	■
<i>Delphinium grandiflorum</i>				■			
<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>			■	■			
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>					■	■	
<i>Echium vulgare</i>				■	■	■	
<i>Eryngium planum</i>					■	■	■
<i>Geranium pratense</i>				■			
<i>Hesperis matronalis</i>			■	■			
<i>Knautia arvensis</i>						■	■
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>			■	■			
<i>Linum perenne</i>				■	■		
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>						■	■
<i>Malva moschata</i>						■	■
<i>Myosotis sylvatica</i>	■	■					
<i>Origanum vulgare</i>						■	■
<i>Polemonium caeruleum</i>				■	■		
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>			■	■	■	■	■
<i>Salvia nemorosa</i>					■	■	■
<i>Sanguisorba officinalis</i>						■	■
<i>Scabiosa columbaria</i>						■	■
<i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i>					■	■	
<i>Veronica spicata</i>						■	■

All colours are an indicative guide only.

Look out for these distinctive species:



A: *Aquilegia vulgaris*, B: *Centaurea scabiosa*, C: *Origanum vulgare*, D: *Polemonium caeruleum*, E: *Veronica spicata*

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PT03

Woodland Fringe

NORMAL - LOW FERTILITY SOILS

Perennial meadow for semi-shade to full sun

A designer meadow with an outstanding early displays of perennial and self-seeding biennial species ideal for most landscape and garden situations in light shade. 25 different flowering perennial species carefully formulated to create densities of over 150 plants per metre.

Preferred moisture range — Normal with high tolerance for summer drought stress

Shade tolerance — Semi-shade to full sun.

Colour theme — Varied colours with ever-changing seasonal interest.

Height details — Generally considered medium height with taller emergence.

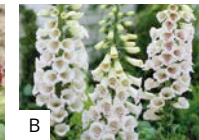


Core species, colours and flowering period

	M	A	M	J	J	A	S
Achillea millefolium							
Aconitum napellus				Blue			
Agrimonia eupatoria					Yellow	Yellow	
Alchemilla mollis		Green	Green				
Aquilegia vulgaris		Blue	Blue				
Aster divaricatus							Purple
Bellis perennis							
Bellis perennis Aetna	Red	Red	Red				
Campanula persicifolia					Blue		
Digitalis purpurea Alba							
Digitalis purpurea Apricot				Orange			
Fragaria vesca					Red	Red	
Galium odorata						Grey	
Galium verum					Yellow	Yellow	
Geranium pratense					Blue		
Geum chiloense Mrs Bradshaw		Red	Red				
Hesperis matronalis Mixed		Purple					
Hypericum perforatum					Yellow		
Knautia arvensis						Blue	Blue
Lathrus latifolius						Purple	
Leucanthemum vulgare							Grey
Lunaria biennis		Purple					
Myosotis sylvatica					Blue		
Primula acaulis		Red	Red				
Primula elatior		Yellow	Yellow				
Silene dioica			Pink	Pink			
Valeriana officinalis							

All colours are an indicative guide only.

Look out for these distinctive species:



- A: Bellis perennis aetna
- B: Digitalis purpurea Alba
- C: Lunaria biennis
- D: Silene dioica
- E: Myosotis sylvatica

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PT04

Pollinator Verge

NORMAL - LOW FERTILITY SOILS

Multicolour, low growing meadow

Very easy to establish, reliable designer meadow containing low growing perennial species ideal for situations where a naturally short meadow is wanted. 28 different flowering perennial species carefully formulated to create densities of over 150 plants per metre.



Preferred moisture range — Tolerance for drought stress and moderate seasonal waterlogging.

Shade tolerance — Best in full sun with some light shade tolerance

Notes — Responds well to additional midseason cuts (maximum of 3), can keep the overall height of the display to a more distinctive lawn-like level with repeat flowering.

Colour theme — Varied colours with ever-changing seasonal interest.

Height details — Generally considered low with repeat cutting.



Core species, colours and flowering period

	M	A	M	J	J	A	S
Achillea millefolium							
Achillea millefolium Summer Pastels							
Argentina anserina							
Bellis perennis							
Bellis perennis Rose							
Campanula glomerata							
Festuca longifolia							
Galium verum							
Geum chiloense Mrs Bradshaw							
Hypochaeris radicata							
Leontodium autumnalis							
Lotus corniculatus							
Lotus pendunculatus							
Lychnis viscaria							
Malva moschata							
Myosotis sylvatica Pink							
Pilosella aurantiaca							
Primula denticulata							
Primula veris							
Prunella vulgaris							
Sedum spurium							
Stachys lanata							
Thymus vulgaris							
Trifolium rubens							
Verbascum nigra							
Verbascum phoeniceum							
Veronica chamaedrys							
Viola tricolor							

All colours are an indicative guide only.

Look out for these distinctive species:



- A: Primula denticulata
- B: Festuca longifolia
- C: Sedum spurium
- D: Trifolium rubens
- E: Veronica chamaedrys

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PT05

Rain Garden

NORMAL - LOW FERTILITY SOILS

Perennial high impact meadow for moist swales and rain gardens. **GROW TO ORDER ONLY**

A floriferous designer meadow suitable for the variable moisture levels in Rain Gardens and damp bioswales. A high percentage of unusual wildflower wetland species from other parts of the globe. 22 different flowering perennial species carefully formulated to create densities of over 150 plants per metre.

Preferred moisture range — Wet to dry landscape.

Shade tolerance — Performs best in full sun but has some light shade tolerance.

Notes — Good for wet bioswales or pond environments.

Colour theme — Varied colours with ever-changing seasonal interest.

Height details — Generally considered medium height with taller emergence.



Core species, colours and flowering period

	M	A	M	J	J	A	S
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>							
<i>Achillea millefolium</i> Cerise Queen							
<i>Amsonia tabernaemontale</i>							
<i>Campanula latifolia</i>							
<i>Cardamine pratensis</i>							
<i>Centaurea nigra</i>							
<i>Daucus carota</i>							
<i>Geranium pratense</i>							
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>							
<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>							
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>							
<i>Lychnis flos-culi</i>							
<i>Lychnis flos-culi alba</i>							
<i>Lysimachia punctata</i>							
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>							
<i>Myosotis sylvatica</i>							
<i>Primula Candelabra Mixed</i>							
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>							
<i>Ranunculus acris</i>							
<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>							
<i>Sanguisorba tenuifolia</i>							
<i>Saponaria officinalis</i>							

All colours are an indicative guide only.

Look out for these distinctive species:



A: *Amsonia tabernaemontale*
 B: *Saponaria officinalis*
 C: *Lychnis flos culi alba*
 D: *Sanguisorba tenuifolia*
 E: *Primula Candelabra* Mix

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PT06

Patchwork Quilt

LOWER FERTILITY, MORE DROUGHT RESILIENCE

Multicoloured, dainty perennial meadow for free draining, sunny soils

A reliable, dainty designer meadow with an exceptionally long flowering period. Ideal for all free draining and lower fertility landscape and garden situations. 30 different flowering perennial species carefully formulated to create densities of over 150 plants per metre. A mix of British and European wildflower species.

Preferred moisture range — Well drained soils with a high tolerance for drought stress.

Shade tolerance — Full sun.

Colour theme — Varied colours with ever-changing seasonal interest.

Height details — Generally considered medium height with taller emergence.



'The steady changing colours and delicate plant structures from spring to late autumn make Patchwork Quilt very versatile for a wide range of planting schemes and gives something to attractive wildlife all year round.'

Steph (Gardener and Researcher)



Core species, colours and flowering period

	M	A	M	J	J	A	S
Achillea millefolium							
Achillea millefolium Cassis							
Betonica officinalis							
Campanula glomerata							
Campanula persicifolia							
Centaurea scabiosa							
Daucus carota							
Dianthus carthusianorum							
Echium vulgare							
Galium verum							
Knautia arvensis							
Leucanthemum vulgare							
Linaria vulgaris							
Lychnis coronaria							
Lychnis viscaria							
Malva alcea fastigata							
Malva moschata							
Ononis spinosa							
Origanum vulgare							
Primula veris							
Pulsatilla vulgaris							
Ranunculus acris							
Salvia nemorosa							
Salvia pratensis							
Salvia sclera turkestanica							
Sanguisorba menziesii							
Scabiosa columbaria							
Scabiosa Pura Blue							
Verbascum phoeniceum							
Veronica spicata							

All colours are an indicative guide only.

Look out for these distinctive species:



A: Dianthus carthusianorum, B: Lychnis viscaria, C: Salvia pratensis, D: Primula veris, E: Campanula glomerata

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PT07

Indian Summer

LOWER FERTILITY, MORE DROUGHT RESILIENCE

Prairie style for sunny, free draining sites

A distinctive designer meadow with an exceptionally late flowering period. Ideal for all free draining and lower fertility landscape and garden situations. 34 different flowering perennial species carefully formulated to create densities of over 150 plants per metre. A mix of European and Northern American wildflower species

Preferred moisture range — Well drained soils and with a high tolerance for drought stress.

Shade tolerance — Best in full sun.

Colour theme — A hot and vibrant colour pallet with a predominance of yellows, oranges, reds, whites and bronzes.

Height details — Generally considered medium to tall height with taller emergence.



HISTORIC ROYAL PALACES
Used at SUPERBLOOM, The Tower of London

Core species, colours and flowering period

	M	A	M	J	J	A	S
Achillea millefolium							
Achillea fillipendula Cloth of Gold							
Anthemis tinctoria							
Bupthalmum salicaria							
Centaurea scabiosa							
Chrysanthemum multicaule							
Coreopsis lanceolata							
Daucus carota							
Echinacea pallida							
Echinacea purpurea							
Galium verum							
Geum chiloense Mrs Bradshaw							
Hypericum perforatum							
Knautia arvensis							
Leucanthemum vulgare							
Liatris pycnostatcha							
Linaria vulgaris							
Lychnis coronaria alba							
Oenothera biennis							
Oenothera missouriensis							
Oenothera odorata							
Oenothera tetragona							
Penstemon barbatus							
Penstemon strictus							
Pilosella aurantiaca							
Primula veris							
Rudbeckia columnifera							
Salvia nemorosa							
Scabiosa ochroleuca							
Silphium laciniatum							
Solidago rigidus							
Verbascum nigrum							
Verbascum olympicum							
Veronica longifolia							

All colours are an indicative guide only.

Look out for these distinctive species:



A: Echinacea pallida, B: Lychnis coronaria alba, C: Rudbeckia columnifera, D: Pilosella aurantiaca, E: Veronica longifolia

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PT08

Super Pollinator

LOWER FERTILITY, MORE DROUGHT RESILIENCE

Perennial steppe style meadow for sunny and free draining soils

A distinctive designer meadow with exceptionally strong foliage forms and a long flowering period. Ideal for all free draining and lower fertility landscape and garden situations. 31 different flowering perennial species carefully formulated to create densities of over 150 plants per metre. A mix of British Native and central European wildflower species.

Preferred moisture range — Well drained soils and with a high tolerance for drought stress.

Shade tolerance — Best in full sun.

Colour theme — Varied colours with ever-changing seasonal interest.

Height details — Generally considered medium to tall height with taller emergence.



Core species, colours and flowering period

	M	A	M	J	J	A	S
Achillea millefolium Summer Pastels							
Aster amellus							
Bupthalmum salicaria							
Campanula persicifolia							
Dianthus carthusianorum							
Echinops ritro							
Echium vulgare							
Eryngium planum							
Euphorbia polychroma							
Foeniculum vulgare Purpureum							
Galium verum							
Gaura lindheimeri							
Geum chiloense Mrs Bradshaw							
Hyssopus officinalis							
Limonium latifolium							
Linum perenne							
Lupinus perennis							
Lychnis chalconica							
Lychnis coronaria							
Malva moschata alba							
Oenothera missouriensis							
Oenothera odorata							
Origanum vulgare							
Papaver orientale Brilliant							
Primula denticulata							
Pulsatilla vulgaris							
Salvia pratensis Rose							
Scabiosa columbaria							
Silene maritima							
Veronica incana							
Verbascum nigrum alba							

All colours are an indicative guide only.

Look out for these distinctive species:



A: Euphorbia polychroma, B: Eryngium planum, C: Silene maritima, D: Limonium latifolium, E: Foeniculum vulgare Purpureum

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PT09

Botanical Skyline

LOWER FERTILITY, MORE DROUGHT RESILIENCE

Species-rich green roof mix

A unique, reliable designer meadow for beautiful, floriferous and very biodiverse green roofs. Species are selected for their tolerance of these exceptionally harsh environments. 27 different flowering perennial species, carefully formulated with over 150 plants per metre.

Preferred moisture range — Very free draining dry soils.

Shade tolerance — Performs best in full sun.

Colour theme — Varied colours with ever-changing seasonal interest.

Height details — Generally considered low to medium with some taller emergence.



'Botanical Skyline is nothing like your typical green roof. I've never seen anything like it. It's like a beautiful meadow in the sky.'

Natalie B. (Plant lover)

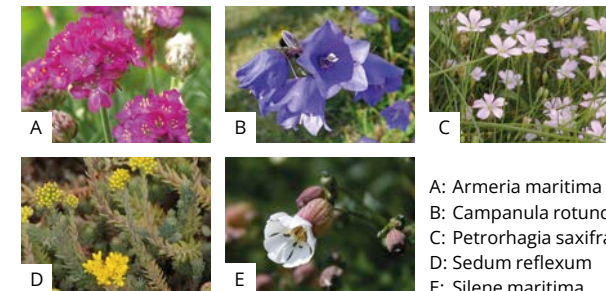


Core species, colours and flowering period

	M	A	M	J	J	A	S
Achillea millefolium							
Allium schoenoprasum							
Alyssum saxatile							
Anthemis tinctoria							
Armeria maritima							
Campanula rotundifolia							
Daucus carota							
Dianthus carthusianorum							
Echinacea purpurea							
Festuca amethystina							
Festuca longifolia							
Leucanthemum vulgare							
Linaria purpurea							
Linaria vulgaris							
Linum perenne							
Lychnis coronaria							
Malva moschata							
Oenothera missouriensis							
Origanum vulgare							
Petrorhagia saxifraga							
Pilosella aurantiaca							
Prunella vulgaris							
Pulsatilla vulgaris							
Sedum acre							
Sedum album							
Sedum reflexum							
Silene maritima							

All colours are an indicative guide only.

Look out for these distinctive species:



- A: Armeria maritima
- B: Campanula rotundifolia
- C: Petrorhagia saxifraga
- D: Sedum reflexum
- E: Silene maritima

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Pictorial Meadows Turf production

Produced by expert growers with all the daily care and quality control required in the field so all the specialist work is done for you to ensure your successful Pictorial Meadow. This process from seed to turf takes around 16 weeks, during the growing season from around April to October. The turf production system is supervised at all stages by Pictorial Meadows staff to ensure excellent quality control and sign-off ready for lifting. Each turf is individually lifted by hand at 1200mm x 600mm and placed flat on the pallet. The plants within the turf have a full root system when lifted which enables the meadow to establish quickly once laid onto bare ground.

Preparation

The creation of bare soil is required prior to laying, and can be achieved by cultivation or importing and spreading soil. By watering the soil just before laying the turf roots will have all they need to get going.

How to order

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Availability

Check with our sales team as to current availability. To avoid disappointment stock can be reserved in the field to ensure availability for your project. Pictorial Meadows Turf can be lifted from the field for transport in most weathers, apart from frost, snow, extreme heat or flooding. The turf is lifted the day before delivery to ensure it arrives fresh the next day and should ideally be laid the same day as delivery.

Delivery

Anywhere in mainland UK. Pictorial Meadows Turf will arrive on pallets with 2 number 1200mm x 600mm turfs laid side by side flat with up to 40m² on each standard pallet ready for delivery. Delivery is usually Tuesday to Saturday but can be on a Monday by special arrangement. Ask our customer service team for next day delivery



before 10am service for England if required. Delivery vehicles have a tail-lift and a pallet truck for offloading, which is for hard standing surfaces only. For larger orders please also specify at the time of pricing if a forklift Moffatt is required to move the pallets from the vehicle.

Laying

To make the job easier and avoid double handling try and get the turf pallets as close as possible to the laying area. The turf should be laid as soon as possible following delivery and should not be left stacked on pallets for more than a few days. Turf must be kept moist until it is laid. The turfs can then easily be lifted individually by hand and laid on the prepared site. Where cutting is required, this can be easily done by folding back the turf and using a sharp knife with a Stanley type blade to cut from behind then simply lay back flat and pull apart. If working on a slope the turf should be pegged to the bank using Turf Pegs (can be purchased from Pictorial Meadows) with a minimum of 3 pegs per turf. On completion the turfs should then be well soaked through immediately after laying. Summer establishment would require additional irrigation following laying, but an autumn/winter laying and during wetter periods would usually only require irrigation on the day.

This page: Rain Garden (p.8), delivering the turf. Opposite: Indian Summer (p.10)

After Care

To keep your meadow healthy and looking good for years to come it will need some intervention. The one task common to all meadow schemes is an end-of-season cut and collect. This controls weed and woody growth and promotes fresh growth of desirable plant species. The cut can take place any time after flowering has finished and seed has set. However, a cut and collect can be done any time of year with various results. Cutting down in spring when the plants have started to put on foliage will promote later flowering (this is often referred to as 'The Chelsea Chop'). A spring cut can also help to promote a more compact meadow especially if the site conditions result in vigorous growth and leggy plants. A summer cut can be used if a particular flower is dominating to reduce the number of plants. This can be done when a particular plant is in flower. A late autumn cut can be used if the meadow has become visually unacceptable - once the flower has gone and the seed has set. However, the dead stems can also look attractive especially with a frost and can provide a wildlife habitat for winter birds, small mammals, and insects. A winter cut between January and before spring, is the latest the meadow should be cut before new growth starts to appear.

Weeds

Every effort is made to ensure your Pictorial Meadows Turf arrives with as little weed as possible but there are those that can survive or find opportunities after the meadow has been laid. Well established meadows with good species composition are very resistant to invasion where any weed content should be minimal and remain at an easily manageable level. Many weed types will simply be out-competed by the meadow or, as with most annual weeds, will not survive the cutting process. It is the more competitive perennial broadleaf weeds which we need to look out for such as docks, thistles, bindweed, rank grass, nettles and brambles and if left unchecked these can take a hold. Therefore, every spring around May, and again in mid-summer, it is worth looking over the meadow and removing.

'I can see the Indian Summer meadow from my office window. It brightens up my day with an evolving rich blend of yellow, purple and white. Despite all that the weather has thrown at it, the mix has been continually vibrant, long-lasting and really stands out from the crowd.'

R. Davies (Plant enthusiast)



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Our Story

The Green Estate Community Interest Company is a social enterprise based in Sheffield working across the UK and the EU.

Our headquarters and the Centre for Pictorial Meadows are at the heart of our beautiful 42 hectare urban oasis at the top of a hill in Sheffield.

Once a medieval deer park, home to the Earl of Shrewsbury and Bess of Hardwick, and the nationally significant John Fox pottery Manor Ware, The Green Estate was originally set up as a small heritage and environment project, and is now a large social enterprise trading across the UK and in the EU. From the Sheffield Manor Lodge and Turret House (Scheduled Ancient Monument) on our Estate, where Mary Queen of Scots was once imprisoned, to the Tower of London Moat, you will find our beautiful Pictorial Meadows across the country and beyond.

Over the last 25 years, The Green Estate has grown in size, impact and expertise in sustainable landscaping, heritage and community services with a focus on growing engaging, adaptive and resilient urban places.

When you buy our products and services, you are investing in this vital mission!

We are delighted that King Charles III has given us his seal of approval through the King's Award for Enterprise in Sustainable Development.

On behalf of all at The Green Estate CIC, thank you for your interest and support.

Roz Davies, FRSA. MBA.
CEO, The Green Estate

Find out more: [greenestate.org](https://www.greenestate.org)

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