

# Seasons of Seeds



*Seeds strewn on eager soil*

*seem to die into dust  
dissipate into air  
over the meadows.*

*Seeds burst open  
creeping green stems  
stretch advancing out  
covering the ground.*

*Time passes:  
stems form stalks,  
they sway in the breeze,  
rainfall, and sunshine.*

*Time passes:  
countless colours,  
emerge as green carpet  
covering the meadows.*

*Buds burst into flower,  
grounded in roots,  
fragile yet firm holding  
they dance in the wind.*

*Meadow mown hay  
In verdant swathes  
lie in snaking wispy lines  
new seeds will germinate  
harboured until Spring.*

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Late April-early May: for green-winged orchids (pictured) and cowslips

Late May-mid June: for meadow buttercups, yellow rattle, red clover, sorrel and oxeye daisy

Late June & early July: for greater burnet, pepper saxifrage, wood cranesbill, bird's-foot trefoil, dropwort and many other species

2nd – 3rd week July: for the “purple” phase of common knapweed, also ladies bedstraw and meadowsweet, sneezewort and devil's-bit scabious