Week Six

Insects and flowers interactions and drawing

So we are now in the season of flowers! Watch and see which flowers are visited by insects.

Look closely at the flowers and draw them. There are lots of flower shapes, from foxglove to primroses, to daisies (what we think of one flower is actually lots of little flowers all squashed together) to cow parsley (which are little five petalled flowers in groups, a bit like tiny umbrellas!) Look closely and draw some of the different types.

Insects can get nectar and pollen much more easily from single flowers (e.g. the white cherry) than from double flowers (e.g. the pink cherry).

Does your garden have lots of double flowers and not enough single flowers?

https://laidbackgardener.blog/…/double-flowers-bad-news-fo…

Smell the perfume of the Hawthorn

The Hawthorn, sometimes called Maythorn or just 'May' is in flower. I think the scent is strongest when the flowers are young. If you look closely you will see the male parts of the flower, the anthers, are pink. Again, they are only pink when the flowers have just opened.