Yellow Rattle

Rhinanthus minor

Yellow Rattle is an attractive native plant that can reduce the dominance of grass species and increase the population of wildflowers.

One challenge with some wildflower meadows is that grasses tend to take over after a number of years. Yellow Rattle is a native plant that feeds off the roots of these grasses reducing the amount of grass and providing a better environment for wildflowers.

*Yellow Ratt*le:

- Can often be used to complement existing wildflower mixes (for example, the Perennial Hi-Colour mix) and to extend the longevity of previously sown sites;
- Can be sown as part of a mixture or on its own into established meadows or grassland;
- Once established can reduce the competitive vigour of certain grasses by up to 50% thereby providing a more balanced habitat;
- Must be sown in the autumn because it needs to be chilled through the winter to trigger germination

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EcoSeeds offers Yellow Rattle from several seed zones and multiple donor sites across Ireland.

Ensuring you have native and local origin seed

EcoSeeds brush harvests grass and meadow seed from many sites across Ireland for use in semi-natural grassland restoration.

When assessing a site for grassland restoration projects EcoSeeds will ensure that:

- Vegetation type in the donor site matches target vegetation in the receptor site;
- Site conditions are compatible;
- Donor seed originates in the same zone of provenance as the receptor site:
- Donor and receptor sites are located as close to each other as possible;
- The most appropriate brush harvest mix for each project is provided.

Management with Yellow Rattle

Yellow Rattle is an annual species with short-lived seed and therefore it needs a chance to set seed each year. Cutting or grazing between April and mid-July must be avoided because these actions will prevent seeding. It is important that the management of your site takes these needs into account.

For more information on pricing and ordering Yellow Rattle please Request a catalogue.

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