

***Wild Flowers of Coll and Tiree*, by John Bowler, Emma Grant, Charlie Self and Simon Wellock.**

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This pocket book complements the *Flora of Tiree, Gunna and Coll* (Pearman & Preston, 2000). It is essentially a photographic guide to about 150 of common and more obvious flowering plants of Coll and Tiree. Although these islands are very close geographically they have distinct habitats and therefore different species.

A brief natural history and outline of the main habitats are given, and two floristic walks are described to lead you to some of the more attractive areas. The main part of the book is divided into six sections based on flower colour - blue-purple, red-pink, orange, yellow-brown, green and white. The Common, Latin and Gaelic names are provided for each species. In addition to the basic botanical descriptions, interesting facts and some island stories provide an engaging read. Many of the species included occur all along the west coast of Scotland, so the book will be useful when visiting these areas.

This has been a collaborative project involving many islanders, with contributions from visitors, including the present BSBI recorder. I hope that you will enjoy reading and using it.

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