

Bird's foot Trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus*)/ Bacon and Eggs

This is also one of major weeds on English lawns and its favoured situation is non-acid soil. It produces a thick fleshy rootstock and occasionally short stoloniferous growths. This plant doesn't root at intervals like white clover and can form quite large patches. Each plant is anchored by a deep tap root. The flower head has 5-8 pea-like yellow streaked red flowers. Flowering period is from May until August. Each leaf bears 3 leaflets, with 2 leaflet-like structures at the base.



CONTROL: Bird's foot trefoil is less sensitive to selective herbicides – a repeat treatment after about 6 weeks will be necessary. For best control only use the active ingredients ioxynil and/or Mecoprop-P that can effectively kill it. Hand weeding is almost impossible as this weed can grow in between and around the grass leaves