

# Think before you pull this plant!

- Ragwort in pasture is only a serious threat to grazing animals if it is cut, dried and fed as hay. Animals generally avoid eating it because it tastes unpleasant.
- Ragwort is an important host to many pollinating insects like bees, butterflies, moths, beetles, and hoverflies.
- Lose the Ragwort and you will lose these hugely beneficial insects.

Illustrations clockwise from top left (not to scale):  
Small Copper  
Cinnabar Moth (adult)  
White-Tailed Bumblebee  
Small Skipper  
Cinnabar Moth (larva)  
Antler Moth  
Red Soldier Beetle  
Thick-legged Flower Beetle  
Marmalade Hoverfly  
Small Tortoiseshell  
Common Blue

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Ragwort provides a home for a large number of insects. Thirty species rely on the plant as their sole food source and 10 of these are so rare that they are included on international red lists.



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