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	<p>Blackthorn <i>Draighean</i> This deciduous and very thorny shrub can be found in hedges and on waste ground. The fruits which develop from the flowers, known as sloes, are bitter blue-black berries like tiny plums. This native plant belongs to the rose family.</p>	<p>When I found it</p> <p>Where I found it</p>
	<p>Willow <i>Saileach</i> There are several varieties of willow native to Ireland, all grow in damp soil. The early flowers or catkins are an important food source for bees and other insects. Willows are easy to grow from cuttings.</p>	<p>When I found it</p> <p>Where I found it</p>
	<p>Red Dead-nettle <i>Caochneantóg dhearg</i> This downy flower blooms March to November on cultivated and disturbed soils. The tiny pink-purple open-mouthed flowers have hooded upper lips and toothed lower lips.</p>	<p>When I found it</p> <p>Where I found it</p>
	<p>Speedwell <i>Lus cré garraí</i> This pretty blue flower is found on bare soil, cultivated and waste ground. In times past, there was a tradition among seafaring folk which was to give travelers a little bunch of blue flowers and wishing them '<i>Speed Well</i>'</p>	<p>When I found it</p> <p>Where I found it</p>

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