

# HEATHER HELPER!

As you can see there is tonnes of heather at Studland, but do you know which ones which?

The 3 most common types of heather at Studland are Ling, Bell heather and Crossed-leaved Heather. Using the ID tips below, your task is to go out and find the 3 different species of heather.



## Ling Heather

Flowers are light purple.  
The flowers run all the up the stem.  
Each flower has 4 petals.

The leaves are often clumped together and have been described as looking like plaits.



## Bell Heather

The flowers are a lot darker than the other 2 heathers.

The leaves are directly connected to the stems as they are on little stalks.

The leaves are like small pines



## Crossed-leaved Heath

Flowers are grouped together at the top of the stem.

The flowers are bell shaped like Bell Heather and are similar in colour to Ling Heather.

The leaves on the stem come in groups of 4 like many small crosses.



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