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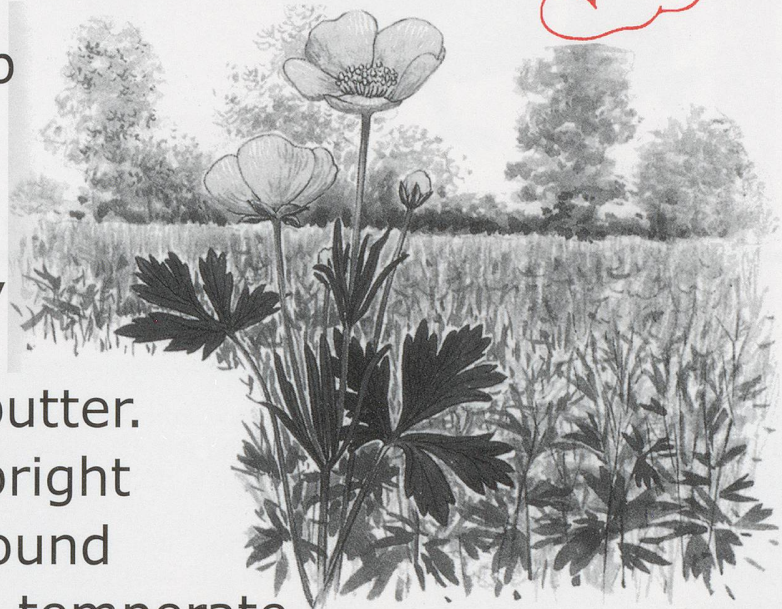
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Children's Page



Where did the name Buttercup come from?

The name Buttercup comes from the yellow of the cup-shaped flowers, which resemble the appearance of butter. The buttercup is a bright yellow wild flower found in most parts of the temperate zones. They usually have five rounded petals with a gleaming, satiny surface. Crowfoot, the other common name of this plant, describes the leaves, which are usually deeply divided into three main parts, and look somewhat like the feet of birds. The common buttercup grows 30 to 120 cm (1 to 4 feet) tall. It is found mostly in fields, woods and along roadsides.



FACT FILE:

Farmers regard buttercups as troublesome weeds. Cattle will not eat the plants because of their bitter, burning juice. Buttercups often become dominant plant life in an area because they can grow and reproduce more successfully than many other types of plants.

