This collection of plant portraits were all gathered during the length of William Arnold’s regular lunchtime walk from his job at Truro College in Cornwall. The one hundred photographic specimens form a homage to Victorian botany from the rear-garden cut-through, waster-ground, marshes and still rural in character back lanes of the of Turuo’s rural-urban fringe. To produce the work in this series, the living specimens were collected and identified, then taken to the darkroom to be projected, enlarged and logged as a unique pure form-study in silver-gelatin prints. While the process in many ways harkens back to Victorian life-sciences and the work of the English botanist and pioneering photographer Anna Atkins, this method or projection, in effect using the specimen as lantern slide, reveals a razor-sharp, almost sculptural detail. Once the moment of printing is passed, no further copies can be made. recorded in this way the flora that we normally walk past in our hedgerows and kerb-sides, or eradicate as weeds, command our full attention. Isolated from their original environment and elevated to a more rarefied status, we are allowed to study the lines and systems of their veins; marvel at the delicacy of their stems and the arrangement of their petals.
European ivy - Hedera helix
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Date:
Ref:WAR00033UK
Scarlet pimpernel - Anagallis arvensis
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Ref: WAR00075UK

Suburban Herbarium  William Arnold
Lords and ladies - Arum maculatum
© William Arnold
Date:
Ref: WAR00058UK
Foxglove - Digitalis purpurea

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Date:
Ref:WAR0035UK
Lesser periwinkle - Vinca minor

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Date:
Ref:WAR00057UK
Tuberous cowfrey - Symphytum tuberosum
© William Arnold
Ref: WAR00086UK
Cut-leaved cranesbill - *Geranium dissectum*

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Ref: WAR00026UK
Meadow hawkweed - Hieracium pratense
© William Arnold
Date:
Ref: WAR00059UK
California poppy - *Eschscholzia californica*
© William Arnold
Date: Ref:WAR00010UK

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Oilseed rape - Brassica napus
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Date:
Ref: WAR00064UK
Cow parsley - Anthriscus sylvestris

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Ref: WAR00022UK
Himalayan honeysuckle - Leycesteria formosa
© William Arnold
Date:
Ref:WAR00049UK

Suburban Herbarium  William Arnold
Spanish bluebell - Hyacinthoides hispanica

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Date:
Ref: WAR00082UK
Yellow archangel - Lamium galeobdolon

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Date:
Ref: WAR00091UK
Watermint - Mentha aquatica
© William Arnold
Ref:WAR00087UK
Yellow woodsorrel - Oxalis stricta

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Self-heal - Prunella vulgaris
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