



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Arne Walk

Date: 25th October 2022
 Weather: Warm with sunny spells
 Walk Leaders: Lyn and Gerry Traves
 Attendees: 10

Arne RSPB reserve is a 565 hectare nature reserve and notified as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), a Special Protection Area (SAP) and a Special Area of Conservation (SAC), owned and maintained by the RSPB and located near Wareham in Dorset. The reserve occupies the Arne Peninsula, which protrudes into Poole Harbour. Adjacent to the site is the village of Arne. The reserve was bought by the RSPB and opened in 1965 with the addition of 67 hectare Hydes Heath bought in 2017. The reserve is chiefly lowland heath, noted for the rare heather Dorset heath (*Erica ciliaris*) and for its breeding Dartford Warblers. It also has acid grassland, tidal salt marsh and woodland, with reed beds adjoining the mudflats of the harbour. Other important species include Nightjar, Wood Lark, Spoonbill, and Sika Deer plus all six species of British reptile. Over 500 species of plants have been recorded on the reserve since 1965. Our walk took us on the Shipstal route where we came across at least 12 Mangalista Pigs busy rummaging in the undergrowth.

Birds	Birds cont.	Flowering Plants	Fungi
Chaffinch	Long-tailed Tit	Cross-leaved Heath	Turkeytail
Great Tit	Skylark	Bell Heather	Russet Toughshank
Robin	Raven	Ling	False Chanterelle
Blue Tit	Jay	Gorse	Clouded Funnel
Blackbird	Jackdaw	Lesser Stitchwort	Hairy Curtain Crust
Nuthatch	Starling	Dandelion	Southern Bracket
Goldfinch	Curlew	Lesser Hawkbit	Purple Brittleghill
Black-headed Gull	Cormorant	Dwarf Gorse	Porcelain Fungus
Brent Goose	Greenfinch	Autumn Hawkbit	Beechwood Sickener
Carrion Crow	Black-tailed Godwit	Rhododendron	Chicken of the Woods
Little Egret	Oystercatcher	Common Ragwort	Brown Brittleghill sp.
Grey Heron	Wigeon	Yarrow	Clouded Funnel
Stonechat	Redshank	Canadian Fleabane	Oakbug Milkcap
Goldcrest	Shelduck	Blackberry	False Deathcap
Wood Pigeon	Teal	Russian Vine	Parasol Mushroom
Wren		Red Campion	
		Black Horehound	Mammals
		White Dead-nettle	Grey Squirrel
		Petty Spurge	Sika Deer
		Pignut	Mangalista Pigs
		Nipplewort	
		Fruits	Insects
		Guelder Rose	Common Darter Dragonfly
		Sweet Chestnut	Peacock Butterfly
		Bramble	Red Admiral Butterfly
		Holly Berries	Rosemary Leaf Beetle
		Haws	Hornet
		Rose Hip	



Porcelain Fungus by Lyn Traves



Mangalista Pig by Lyn Traves