



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Ballard Water Meadows with Bob Lord

Date: 4th June 2024
 Weather: Sunny Spells
 Walk Leader: Bob Lord Chairman of the Friends of Ballard Water Meadows
 Attendees: 7

Following the talk given by Bob Lord at our November meeting, Bob agreed to give NATS a guided walk around Ballard Water Meadows. The meadows are probably at their best in June and Bob explained the management plans, conservation and the flora and fauna of the meadows. Ballard Meadow and Woodland is located a few hundred metres north of the busy town centre of New Milton, to the west of Ballard Lake. The meadow, together with Woar Copse is classified as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation and maintained on a day-to-day basis by the Friends of Ballard Water Meadow. They follow a Management Plan, written by the FBWM and agreed with New Milton Town Council as the landholder.

Many thanks to Bob for his interesting and informative walk.

Flowering Plants	Flowering Plants	Birds	Butterflies
Stinging Nettle	Bittersweet	Mallard	Speckled Wood
Persicaria sp.	Foxglove	Moorhen	Common Blue
Common Sorrel	Ribwort Plantain	Grey Heron	
Broad-leaved Dock	Elder	Black-headed Gull	
Lesser Stitchwort	Honeysuckle	Lesser Black-headed Gull	
Red Campion	Daisy	Robin	
Ragged Robin	Ox-eye Daisy	Blackbird	
Meadow Buttercup	Dandelion	Blackcap	
Creeping Buttercup	Marsh Thistle	Chiffchaff	
Dog Rose	Hawkweed sp.	Chaffinch	
Bramble	Bluebell	Dunnock	
Greater Birdsfoot Trefoil	Yellow Iris	Jackdaw	
Water Avens	Common Spotted Orchid	Wren	
Red Clover	Smooth Sow-thistle	Nuthatch	
Herb Robert		Blue Tit	
Broad-leaved Willowherb	Grasses etc	Great Spotted Woodpecker	
Cow Parsley	Drooping Sedge	Swift	
Pignut	Wood Melick	Wood Pigeon	
Hogweed	Wood Sedge	Starling	
Hemlock Water Dropwort	Meadow Foxtail	Stock Dove	
Corky-fruited Water Dropwort			
Common Cleavers			
Green Alkanet			
Hedge Woundwort			
Brooklime			