



Ringwood Natural History Society

Beachcombing at Shell Bay

Date: 3rd July 2017
 Walk Leader : Bill Syrratt
 Weather: Overcast with sunny spells in afternoon
 Temperature: 19 degrees
 Attendees: 8

Our walk started from Shell Bay car park, set at the very tip of the National Trust owned Studland Peninsula. It is on the south side of the mouth of Poole Harbour and connected with Sandbanks by the Sandbanks Ferry which runs regularly across the entrance to the harbour and carries vehicles, foot passengers and cyclists. Studland Peninsula is a glorious slice of natural coastline in Purbeck featuring a four-mile stretch of golden sandy beach with gently shelving bathing waters along with views of Old Harry Rocks and the Isle of Wight. The heathland behind the beach is a haven for native wildlife and features all six British reptiles. Designated trails through the sand dunes and woodlands allow for exploration and spotting of deer, insects and bird life as well as a wealth of wild flowers. Shoreline species were all strandline observations.

Algae	(Seaweeds)	Molluscs	(Sea Shells)
Brown Algae		<i>Crepidula fornicata</i>	Slipper Limpet
<i>Laminaria saccharina</i>	Sugar Kelp	<i>Cerastoderma edule</i>	Cockle Shell
<i>Himantalia elongata</i>	Thongweed	<i>Ensis ensis</i>	Curved Razors
<i>Fucus serratus</i>	Serrated Wrack	<i>Mytilus edulis</i>	Common Mussel Shell
<i>Fucus vesiculosus</i>	Bladder Wrack	<i>Calyptrea chinensis</i>	Chinaman's Hat
<i>Saccorhiza polyschides</i>	Furbelows	<i>Nassarius reticulatus</i>	Netted Dog Whelk
<i>Laminaria digitata</i>	Oarweed	<i>Mya arenaria</i>	Sand Gaper aka Soft Shell Clam
Red Algae		<i>Saccostrea glomerata</i>	Rock Oyster
<i>Ceramium rubrum</i>	Red Hornweed	<i>Tellina tenuis</i>	Thin Tellin
<i>Gracilaria tikvahiae</i>	Graceful Red Weed	<i>Crassostrea angulata</i>	Portuguese Oyster
<i>Dumontia contorta</i>	Dumont's Tubular Weed	<i>Ensis siliqua</i>	Pod Razor
<i>Palmaria palmata</i>	Dulse	<i>Gibbula umbilicalis</i>	Flat or Purple Top Shell
<i>Corallina sp.</i>	Calcareous Red Seaweed	<i>Buccinum undatum</i>	Common Whelk
<i>Gigartina stellata</i>	False Irish Moss	<i>Pholas dactylus</i>	Common Piddock
<i>Plumaria plumosa</i>	Soft Feather Weed	<i>Anomia ephippium</i>	Saddle Oyster
Green Algae		<i>Gibbula cineraria</i>	Grey Top Shell
<i>Ulva lactuca</i>	Sea Lettuce	<i>Chlamys tigerina</i>	Tiger Scallop
		<i>Monodonta lineata</i>	Thick Top Shell
	Crustaceans	<i>Limecola balthica</i>	Baltic Macoma/Clam/Tellin
<i>Carcinus maenas</i>	Green Shore Crab	<i>Dosinia lupinus</i>	Smooth Artemis
<i>Maia squinado</i>	Spider Crab Shell	<i>Venerupis decussata</i>	Cross-cut Carpet Shell
<i>Semibalanus balanus</i>	Common Acorn Barnacle	<i>Donax vittatus</i>	Banded Wedge Shell
<i>Elminius modestus</i>	Australian Barnacle	<i>Chlamys distorta</i>	Humpback Scallop
Other Marine Invertebrates			
<i>Membranipora membranacea</i>	Lacy Crust Bryozoan	<i>Hydroides norvegica</i>	Tube-forming annelid worm
<i>Sertularia cupressina</i>	White Weed (Hydroid)	<i>Pomatoceros triqueter</i>	Tube-forming annelid worm

Flowering Plants	Grasses etc.	Birds	Insects and Others
Weld	Common Reed	Reed Warbler	Marbled White Butterfly
Hoary Ragwort	Reedmace	Feral Pigeon	Large White Butterfly
Common Evening Primrose	Reed Sweet-grass	Wood Pigeon	Solitary Bee
Musk Thistle	Sea Rush	Common Tern	Buff tail Bee
Common Century	Yorkshire Fog	Black-headed Gull	Common Darter Dragonfly
Common Storksbill	Sea Couch	Herring Gull	Southern Hawker Dragonfly
Butterfly Bush	Marram Grass	Great Black-backed Gull	Nursery Spiders Web Nest
Birdsfoot Trefoil	Lyme Grass	Carrion Crow	Harvestman
Tree Mallow	Sand Sedge	Sandwich Tern	Seven-spot Ladybird
Dandelion	Purple Moor Grass	Oystercatcher	Tiger Beetle
Bramble	Brown Bent	Stonechat	Southern Wood Ants
Lesser Spearwort	Sweet Vernal Grass	Goldfinch	Land Snail
Water Dock		Sand Martin	
Marsh Bedstraw		Pied Wagtail	Lichen
Sticky Groundsel			<i>Cladonia Portentosa</i> (Reindeer 'Moss')
Bittersweet/Woody Nightshade			
Cross-leaved Heath			
Sheepsbit			
Common Catsear			
Bell Heather			
Ling			
Narrow-leaved Hawkweed			
Bog Pimpernel			
Skullcap			
Marsh St John's Wort			
Marsh Pennywort			
Floating Pondweed			
Greater Bird'sfoot Trefoil			
Bog Myrtle			
Tormentil			
Sheep's Sorrel			
Round-leaved Sundew			
Dodder			



Shell Bay - Great Black-backed Gull eating a Spider Crab by Lyn Traves



Shell Bay - Common Whelk with Tube-forming annelid worm attached by Lyn Traves