



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Blissford Farm

Date: 31st May 2023
 Weather: Sunny and warm
 Walk Leader: Jean Crawford
 Attendees: 22

We met at Abbots Well Car Park, Frogham and took a walk though the surrounding forest area to Ann Sevier's farm at Blissford, near Fordingbridge. She is a farmer and a practicing commoner and keeps cattle on the farm and turns out ponies on to the forest. The Sevier family can trace back their roots to the 1650's when they settled in Blissford having emigrated as Flemish weavers from the continent. Ann is a long standing Parish Councillor and is also a committee member of the Commoners Defence Association. The parish of Hyde is mostly within the boundary of the New Forest. It includes the hamlets of Blissford and Frogham along with Furze Hill, Hungerford, North Gorley, Ogdens and Stuckton as well as New Forest heathland centred mainly on Latchmore Brook to the east. The parish has 383 occupied houses, an infant/junior school, a village hall and two pubs. Upon reaching Ann's farm we carried out a plant survey of her fields before walking back to Abbots Well car park, using a different route from before. Our thanks to Ann for allowing us to do our survey.

Flowering Plants	Flowering Plants cont.	Birds	Insects
Walk to the farm	Blissford Farm	Walk to the farm	Walk to the farm
Lousewort	Common Dog Violet	Jay	Speckled Wood Butterfly
Round-leaved Crowfoot	Herb Robert	Meadow Pipit	Brimstone Butterfly
Lesser Spearwort	Red Campion	Green Woodpecker	Common Blue Butterfly
Tormentil	Meadow Buttercup	Chiffchaff	Holly Blue Butterfly
Heath Bedstraw	White Clover	Chaffinch	Large Red Damsel fly
Heath Speedwell	Red Clover	Blackcap	Beautiful Demoiselle
Sheep's Sorrel	Common Vetch	Stonechat	Broad-bodied Chaser
Creeping Buttercup	Daisy	Swift	Emperor Dragonfly
English Bluebell	Cuckoo Flower	Black-headed Gull	Others
Green Alkanet	Germander Speedwell	Goldfinch	Fallow Deer
Cleavers	Eyebright	Song Thrush	Grass Snakes
Herb Robert	Ground Ivy	Long-tailed Tit	Newts
Germander Speedwell	Foxglove	Jackdaw	
Little Mouse-ear	Elder	Robin	Blissford Farm
Catsear	Greater Stitchwort	House Sparrow	Insects
Herb Bennet	Lesser Stitchwort	Wood Pigeon	Red Admiral
Red Clover	Hawthorn		Holly Blue
Ribwort Plantain	Bramble	Blissford Farm	Brimstone
Meadow Buttercup	Dandelion	Chaffinch	Beautiful Demoiselle
Cut-leaved Cranesbill	Dog Rose	Wood Pigeon	Large Red Damsel fly
Bramble	Lesser Trefoil	Song Thrush	Dock Leaf Beetle
Dog Rose	Lesser Spearwort	Blackbird	Flea Beetle

Stinging Nettle	Tormentil	Long-tailed Tit	Deer Tick
Daisy	Silverweed	Magpie	Others
Thyme-leaved Speedwell	Cow Parsley	Chiffchaff	Common Bullhead fish
Common Vetch	Cleavers		
Red Campion	Stinging Nettle		
Lesser Clover	Pignut		
Dovesfoot Cranesbill	Herb Bennet		
Wood Spurge	English Bluebell		
Foxglove	Sheep's Sorrel		
Ground Ivy	Ragged Robin		
Silverweed	Fools Watercress		
Greater Stitchwort	Birdsfoot Trefoil		
Three-cornered Garlic	Common Milkwort		
Round-leaved Cranesbill	Wild Strawberry		
Yellow Corydalis	Heath Spotted Orchid		
Black Bryony	Black Bryony		
Honeysuckle	Climbing Corydalis		
Hedgerow Cranesbill	Mouse-ear		
Cow Parsley	Cinquoil		
Grasses/Rushes	Green-field Speedwell		
Dwarf Rush	Hogweed		
Heath Grass	Common Sorrel		
Rough Meadow-grass	Hazel Catkins		
Crested Dogstail	Early Dog Violet		
Soft Brome	Bulbous Buttercup		
Meadow Foxtail	Rhododendron		
	Brooklime		
Blissford Farm Grasses/ Rushes	Wood Dock		
False Oat-grass	Field Horsetail		
Sweet Vernal Grass	Large Bittercress		
Star Sedge	Ox-eye Daisy		
Cocksfoot	Lords and Ladies		
Smooth Meadow-grass	Hedge Mustard		
Yorkshire Fog	Marsh Lousewort		
Oval Sedge	Blissford Farm Grasses/ Rushes cont.		
Yellow Sedge	Meadow Fescue		
Heath Wood-rush	Heath Rush		
Hairy Sedge	Soft Rush		
Brown Sedge	Hard Rush		