



## RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

### Breamore Walk

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
 Weather: Cloudy with sunny spells  
 Walk Leaders: Jean Crawford and Richard Briggs  
 Attendees: 23

Breamore is a village and civil parish near Fordingbridge, Hampshire. Within the parish lies Breamore House, it was the site of a priory of Augustinian Canons founded in the early 12th century. The priory was dissolved in 1536 and no trace of it now remains, with Breamore House being built on the same land it was completed in 1583 and was an Elizabethan Manor house. Much of it was destroyed by fire in the 1800s but it was rebuilt in the same style using what was salvageable and with some magnificent chimneys. Alongside is the Anglo Saxon parish church of St Mary where a 1,000 year old Yew Tree stands within the churchyard. The estate borders the New Forest, it is part of the Cranborne Chase & West Wiltshire Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Edward Hulse M.D. the Court Physician to William III in England purchased Breamore Estate in 1748. It still remains their family home over two and a half century's later.

Our walk took us around the outer reaches of the estate. We walked along Upper Street then turned off along Long Steeple Lane towards Whitsbury, bypassing it to reach Breamore Down where we stopped to have lunch. We should have seen a field of blue flax growing growing on the down hillside, as seen by Jean and Richard when they did the recece a few days prior to our walk. Unfortunately for us the flowers had closed up due to the recent rain. We did see some Lesser Burdock with leafmine trails, after some research we believe them to be most likely leafmining larvae of a fly *Phytomyza lappae* which mines in the leaves of Burdock. We reached the Breamore Mizmaze set at the top of the down hill in a copse of yew and hazel, it is believed that the mizmaze was created by the monks dating back to the 12th or 13th century. It is only one of two surviving mizmazes and is protected. We returned back, walking through Breamore Wood passing the house to reach our starting point where we visited the cafe.

Flowering Plants	Flowering Plants cont	Birds	Butterflies
Ivy-leaved Toadflax	Red Clover	Song Thrush	Peacock
Musk Mallow	Wild Radish	Blackbird	Green-veined White
Nipplewort	Tansy-leaved Phacelia	Wood Pigeon	Gatekeeper
Red Campion	Corn Marigold	Chiffchaff	Red Admiral
Smooth Sow-thistle	Ox-eye Daisy	Robin	Meadow Brown
Stinging Nettle	Cut-leaved Cranesbill	Greenfinch	Large White
Small-flowered Cranesbill	Sun Spurge	Swallow	Green-veined White
Bramble	Hazel Nuts (unripe fruit)	Buzzard	Comma
Bittersweet	Traveller's Joy	Red Kite	Holly Blue
Lords and Ladies (fruits)	Mugwort	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Small Skipper
Butterfly Bush	Spear Thistle	Corn Bunting	Marbled White
Borage	Creeping Thistle	Chaffinch	Brimstone
White Dead-nettle	Wild Basil	Goldfinch	Ringlet
Field Bindweed	Knotgrass	Blackcap	
Yarrow	Wall Speedwell	Sky Lark	
Scented Mayweed	Hedge Mustard	Swift	<b>Moths</b>
Black Horehound	Field Madder	Pheasant	Scorched Carpet
Greater Knapweed	Lesser Burdock	Wren	Dusky Yellow
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Large Bindweed	Self-heal		<b>Beetles</b>

Hogweed	Hoary Plantain		7-spot Ladybird
White Bryony	Ribwort Plantain		Soldier Beetle
Lady's Bedstraw	Greater Plantain		Blood-nosed Beetle
Common Ragwort	Grey Field Speedwell		Back and Yellow Longhorn
Birdsfoot Trefoil	Guelder-rose (Fruits)		Flower Beetle
Hedge Woundwort	Marjoram		
Common Fleabane	Hedge Bedstraw		<b>Crickets and Grasshoppers</b>
Broad-leaved Dock	Silverweed		Rosell's Bush-cricket
Herb Bennet	Wood Sage		Meadow Grasshopper
Herb Robert	Wild Parsnip		Field Grasshopper
Agrimony	Rosebay		
Perforated St. John's Wort	Enchanter's Nightshade		<b>Mammals</b>
White Clover	Golden Melilot	<b>Flowering Plants cont.</b>	Brown Hares
Great Mullein	Field Poppy	Red Bartsia	Grey Squirrel
Common Sorrel	Charlock	Common Valerian	
Marsh Cudweed	Field Pansy	Meadow Buttercup	
Pineappleweed	Tufted Vetch	Common Figwort	
Yellow Loosestrife	Rest-harrow	Wood Dock	
Common Chickweed	Common Toadflax	Wall Rue	
Foxglove	Nettle-leaved Bellflower	Cleavers	
Square-stemmed Willowherb	Mignonette	Cultivated Flax	
Scarlet Pimpernel	Field Scabious	Robins Pincushion (Gall)	



*Leafmines on Burdock leaves by Martin King*



*Nettle-leaved Bellflower by Lyn Traves*