



## **RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

### Canada Common Walk

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022  
 Weather: Overcast and damp, 21 degrees  
 Walk Leader: John Gurney  
 Attendees: 14

Canada Common is found by leaving the roundabout on the A36 road which runs between Salisbury and Totton at West Wellow, leading onto Canada Road and the small hamlet of Canada situated just within the northern New Forest Boundary. The walk started at Canada Common car park, found down Plantation Road which runs from the hamlet. Canada is believed to be so called after a well-traveled gentleman Thomas Becket, who before settling here around 1867 had lived in Canada the country nine years previously. We started by walking across the common towards Deazle Wood. The commons are heavily grazed by local farmers and commoners stock, ponies, cattle, donkeys and pigs all roam free. There are steams dotted around the commons, as a result it can be marshy and muddy underfoot. We reached Penn Common which borders the small village of Bramshaw and passing by houses bordering the common. Penn Common is an adjacent common of the National Trust owned Bramshaw Commons. Returning back to Canada Common we reached our cars and finished off the day with a picnic lunch.

<b>Flowering Plants</b>	<b>Birds</b>	<b>Birds cont.</b>	<b>Fungi</b>
Dwarf Gorse	Wood Pigeon	Chiffchaff	Birch Polypore
Gorse	Blackbird	Chaffinch	Oysterling
Ling	Magpie	Song Thrush	Hairy Curtain Crust
Bell Heather	House Sparrow	Guineafowl	
Cross-leaved Heath	Sparrowhawk	Greenfinch	<b>Moths</b>
Catsear	Swallow	Collard Dove	Vestrel
Sheepsbit	Robin	Green Woodpecker	Various Grass Moth sp.
Tormentil	Carrion Crow		
Knotgrass	Stonechat		<b>Fruits</b>
Marsh St. John's Wort	Canada Goose		Sloes
Lesser Stitchwort	Willow Warbler		Blackberries
Marsh Ragwort	Jackdaw		Rowan
Water Pepper	Rook		Rose hips
Daisy	Stock Dove		
Hoary Plantain	Blue Tit		
Silverweed	Buzzard		
Chamomile	Bullfinch		
Pineappleweed	Goldfinch		
Yarrow	Starling		
Self-heal	Great Spotted Woodpecker		
Marsh Cudweed	Dunnock		



*Canada Common*