



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Garston Wood Walk

Date: 2nd May 2024
Weather: Cloudy but warm
Walk Leader: Pat Holder
Attendees: 9

Garston Wood is a 34-hectare woodland nature reserve on the border between Dorset and Wiltshire, around 1 mile north of the village of Sixpenny Handley and on the road to Broad Chalke, its owned by the RSPB. The ancient woodland has been managed for centuries, creating a special place for wildlife, including Blackcaps and Marsh Tits, colourful wildflowers and small mammals such as Doormice which love the coppiced Hazel. The ancient wood is arguably at its best when its breathtaking carpets of Bluebells, Wood Anemones and Primroses are in bloom between mid-April to the end of May. In the autumn visit for rich, warm colours and plenty of fungi to spot.

Flowering Plants	Flowering Plants cont.
Garlic Mustard	Common Vetch
Wild Garlic	Bugle
Herb Robert	Primrose
Bluebell	Lesser Celandine
Dandelion	Dog's Mercury
Yellow Archangel	Ground Ivy
Wood Spurge	Tormentil
Early Purple Orchid	Field Maple
Wood Anemone	Chickweed
Greater Stitchwort	Lady's Smock
Solomon's Seal	Hawthorn
Wild Strawberry	White Dead-nettle
Green Field Speedwell	Sanicle
Pignut	



Garston Wood Bluebells and Wild Garlic by Judy Thomas



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