RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY





Weather: Sunny
Walk Leaders: Theresa Holden and Martin King

9th November 2021

Attendees: 15

Our walk took us over heathland and woodland between Brockenhurst and Beaulieu, through Hawkhill Inclosure consisting of mainly conifers and Frame Heath Inclosure mainly of mixed woodland with conifer blocks and a considerable number of mature broad-leaves, primarily oaks. Our quest was to see Sika Deer which we did. They are one of five deer species to be found in the New Forest, and are one of three non-native deer species, introduced in the Beaulieu area just over 100 years ago. Sika Deer are managed by Forestry England, with numbers limited to about 100 and with a range restricted to the area south of the Southampton to Bournemouth railway line. This is to avoid inter-breeding with Red Deer, which are concentrated in areas north of the railway line. However, occasionally Sika Deer are encountered elsewhere in the forest.

Birds	Flowering Plants	Dragonflies	Fungi
Buzzard	Hedgerow Cranesbill	Common Darter	Honey Fungus
Wood Pigeon	Common Ragwort	Migrant Hawker	Soapy Knight
Great Spotted Woodpecker	Catsear		Sulphur Tuft
Jay	Scarlet Pimpernel	Mammals	False Death Cap
Carrion Crow	Creeping Buttercup	Grey Squirrel	Deceiver
Raven	Wood Spurge	Fallow Deer	Purple Russula
Coal Tit		Sika Deer	Yellow Russula
Marsh Tit			Blusher
Wood Lark		Butterfly	Fly Agaric
Long-tailed Tit		Red Admiral	Turkey Tail
Firecrest			
Goldcrest		Fish	
Wren		Minnow	
Treecreeper			
Blackbird		Insects	
Fieldfare		Hornet	
Robin			
Stonechat			
Dunnock			
Chaffinch			
Bullfinch			
Goldfinch			



Sika Deer, (seen at a different location) By Lyn Traves