



# Ringwood Natural History Society

## Langford Lakes

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
 Walk Leader: Sue McLaughlan  
 Weather: Sunny  
 Temperature: 10 degrees  
 Attendees: 18

Langford Lakes is nestled in the Wylde Valley between Salisbury and Warminster, an ideal place for bird watching. The four lakes provide a vital stopping off point and resident habitat for about 150 different bird species. When gravel was excavated during the 1960s and 1970s the process left behind holes that filled with water and were turned into a commercial fishery. The lakes were acquired by the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust in 2001 and have created islands, ponds and wader scrapes that provide habitat for birds. They have improved the 800m stretch of Wylde River for fish, designated a Special Area of Conservation and have transformed a neighbouring field into the Great Meadow wetland, which opened in September 2012.

Our walk took us around Brockbank Lake, Round Pond and Long Pond visiting the sites 5 hides and the many viewing points on a beautiful sunny but chilly autumn day. After lunch two of our members returned to the site and saw 14 rats all together and also an otter on Brockbank Lake.

Birds	Birds	Flowering Plants	Others
Mute Swan	Kingfisher	White Dead-nettle	Rat family (8)
Tufted Duck	Goldfinch	Nipplewort	Common Darter Dragonfly
Gadwall	Chaffinch	Yarrow	Red Admiral Butterfly
Black-headed Gull	Bullfinch	Oxeye Daisy	
Canada Goose	Common Buzzard	Hogweed	
Cormorant	Great-spotted Woodpecker	Prickly Sow-thistle	
Grey Heron	Little Grebe	Wall Lettuce	
Coot	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Hemp Agrimony	
Moorhen	Herring Gull	Melilot	
Robin	Shoveller	Hedge Bindweed	
Great Tit	Wigeon	White Campion	
Blue Tit	Mallard		
Long-tailed Tit	Teal		
Rook	Cetti's Warbler		
Carrion Crow	Goldcrest		
Jackdaw	Wren		
Raven	Pied Wagtail		
Magpie	Blackbird		
Snipe			



*Wild Teasel Seed Heads by Gerry Traves at Langford Lakes*