



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Martin Down to Pentridge Walk

Date: 9th June 2022
 Weather: Overcast
 Walk Leader: Jean Crawford
 Attendees: 15

This circular route straddles the North East Dorset and West Hampshire borders and is in the Cranborne Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Sillens Lane is found by turning off Martin Drove End, the road which runs through Martin village, at the triangular green, there is a car park where the tarmac road ends. We took the left hand path from the car park walking over Martin Down where we saw Common Spotted, Greater Butterfly and Fragrant Orchids in abundance until we reached Bokerley Dyke. A Turtle Dove was heard there when Jean did the recce on Sunday. The dyke runs along the county borders throughout the down, it originated in the Bronze Age or Early Iron Age. We crossed the dyke and the footpath led us to a junction with the Jubilee Trail which we followed, walking along the top of Pentridge Down to reach Penbury Knoll. There are far reaching views from Penbury Knoll with a great picnic spot at the top. It is crowned by a simple ditch Iron Age hill fort. After lunch we returned back the same way until we reached Bokerley Dyke, we then walked alongside it until we reached a footpath branching off and walking along this path over the down to return back to the car park.

Flowering Plants	Flowering Plants cont.	Birds	Insects
Pineappleweed	Houndstongue	Red Kite	Cinnabar Moth
White Clover	Hedge Woundwort	Corn Bunting	5-spot Burnet Moth
Privet	Dovesfoot Cranesbill	Chiffchaff	Fox Moth Caterpillar
Bramble	Nipplewort	Blackbird	Red-tailed Bumblebee
Hogweed	Daisy	Rook	Common Carder Bumblebee
Elder	Groundsel	Chaffinch	Green Flower Beetle
Cow Parsley	Wild Carrot	Sky Lark	Swollen-thighed Beetle
Goatsbeard	Hedge Mustard	Jackdaw	Cockchafer
Meadow Buttercup	Prickly Sow-thistle	Carrion Crow	Butterflies
Bulbous Buttercup	Honeysuckle	Stonechat	Small Heath
Dandelion	Bluebell	Yellowhammer	Common Blue
Kidney Vetch	Foxglove	Wood Pigeon	Meadow Brown
Dropwort	Common Mallow	Pheasant	Red Admiral
Ox-eye Daisy	Field Madder	Lesser Whitethroat	Marsh Fritillary
Salad Burnet	Red Campion	Whitethroat	Spiders
Ribwort Plantain	Slender Bedstraw	Blackcap	Cucumber Spider
Marjoram	Bladder Campion	Tree Pipit	Mammals
Dog Rose	Wood Forget-me-not	Wren	Brown Hare
Black Medick	Creeping Thistle	Swift	Fungi
Wayfaring Tree	Musk Thistle	Buzzard	Chicken of the Woods
Wild Thyme	Common Mouse-ear	Swallow	Stinkhorn
Birdsfoot Trefoil	Hoary Plantain	Cuckoo	Stinkhorn

Horseshoe Vetch	Ground Ivy	Goldfinch	
Fairy Flax	Greater Stitchwort	Treecreeper	
Lesser Stitchwort	Cut-leaved Cranesbill		
Yellow Rattle	Scarlet Pimpernel		
Chalk Milkwort	Wood Dock		
Hedge Bedstraw	Bush Vetch		
Mignonette	Fumitory		
Dogwood	Greater Knapweed		
Common Valerian	Wild Parsnip		
Catsear	Orchids		
Mouse-ear Hawkweed	Common Spotted		
Field Scabious	Fragrant		
Rock Rose	Greater Butterfly		
White Bryony	Pyramidal		
Black Bryony	Early Purple		
Herb Robert	Grasses		
Cleavers	Cocksfoot		
Herb Bennet	Yorkshire Fog		
Germander Speedwell	Quaking Grass		
Eyebright			
Silverweed			



Common Spotted Orchid by Lyn



Fragrant Orchid by Lyn Traves



Greater Butterfly Orchid by Lyn Traves