

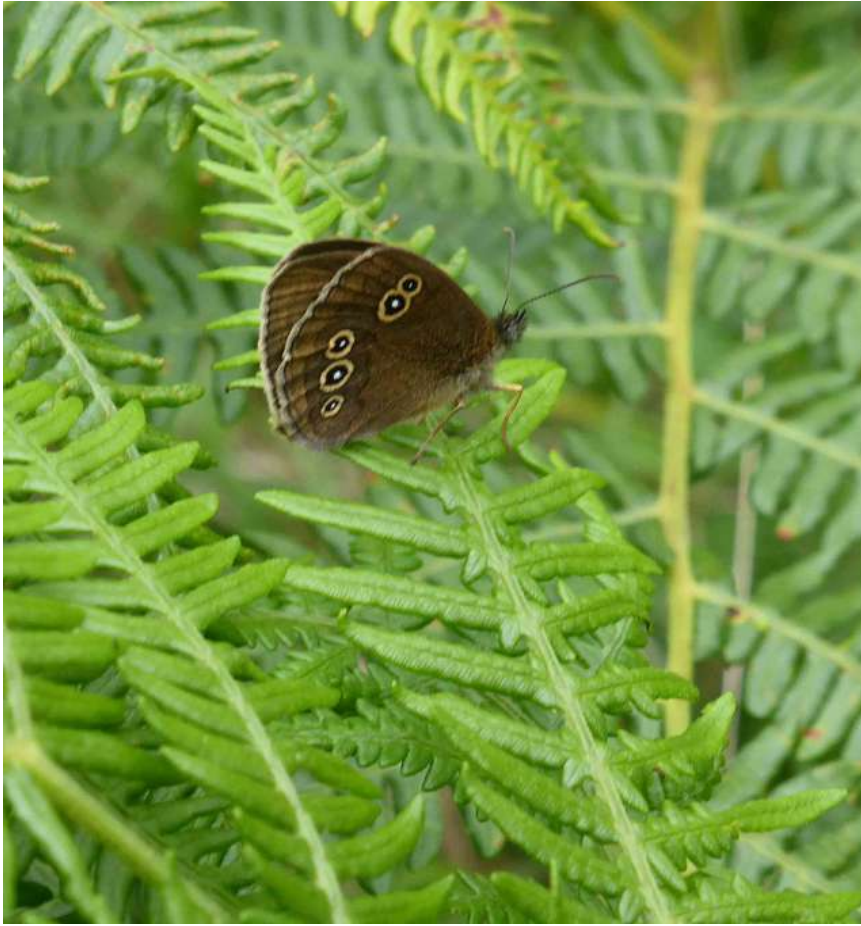


Ringwood Natural History Society Balmer Lawn & Standing Hat Walk

Date: 24th June 2017
 Walk Leaders: Will & Maz Russell
 Weather: Cloudy and windy
 Temperature: 19 degrees
 Attendees: 13

Our walk started from Standing Hat car park which is a track leading from Balmer Lawn Brockenhurst, a favourite place for commoners' stock to graze. We took the left hand track from the car park through Pignal Inclosure leading to Parkhill Inclosure where walked through the Frowhawk Ride. According to an information sign this ride (passage through a plantation) is dedicated to the memory of the naturalist Frederick William Frohawk (1861-1946). He is closely associated with the New Forest from his summer visits made here in search of butterflies over the best part of a lifetime. The Forestry Commission manages the Frohawk Ride for butterflies as part of their commitment to conservation of rare insects. Although it was cloudy we managed to see vast numbers of butterflies mainly on bramble bushes and grasses alongside the track.

Flowering Plants, etc.	Flowering Plants cont.	Birds	Butterflies
Bramble	Bog Pimpernel	Robin	Meadow Brown
Tormentil	Spear Thistle	Marsh Tit	Ringlet
Ribwort Plantain	Water Figwort	Chiffchaff	Large Skipper
Catsear	Bitter Vetchling	Buzzard	Silver-washed Fritillary
Cinquefoil	Bog Pondweed	Great Spotted Woodpecker	Marbled White
White Clover	Common Valerian		Speckled Wood
Creeping Buttercup	Greater Water-plantain		
Marsh Thistle	Lesser Water-plantain		
Foxglove	Wood Sage	Others	Dragonflies & Damselflies
Stinging Nettle	Thyme-leaved Speedwell	Labyrinth Spider's web	Keeled Skimmer
Black Medick	Germander Speedwell	Southern Wood Ants	Broad-bodied Chaser
Daisy	Cleavers	Common Lizard	Beautiful Demoiselle
Broad-leaved Willowherb		Tadpoles	
Silverweed		Whirligig Beetle	Flies & Bees
Marsh Bedstraw			Marmalade Hoverfly
Greater Birdsfoot Trefoil			Cossus Hoverfly
Common Mouse-ear			Death' Head Hoverfly
Common Vetch			Common Carder Bee
Field Rose			
Honeysuckle			
Self-heal			
Cross-leaved Heath			
Wood Spurge			
Slender St. John's Wort			
Lesser Spearwort			
Common Centaury			



Standing Hat Walk - Ringlet Butterfly by Lyn Traves



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