



## ***RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY***

### Tall Trees Trail at Rhinefield Ornamental Drive

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
Walk Leaders: Lyn and Gerry Traves  
Weather: Overcast  
Attendees: 21

We met at Blackwater car park around halfway along Rhinefield Ornamental Drive for an afternoon walk around the Tall Trees Trail, on a very busy day due to school holidays. The ornamental drive runs from the A35 road two miles west of Lyndhurst to Whitefield Moor and onwards to Brockenhurst. Rhinefield House was built at the sharp bend in the road in the 1850's, it is now a hotel. By 1859 many ornamental trees had been planted along the entrance drive, mainly Douglas Firs and two giant Sequoia or Redwood trees, today these are now the tallest trees within the New Forest. There are also many broad-leaved trees providing a spectacular show of autumn colour. After we completed the trail, we entered Blackwater Arboretum, a short walk from the car park. This is a relatively small area that contains a selection of trees from around the world. There is a gravel track around the arboretum where we patiently waited to see if any Hawfinches came in to roost at dusk, unfortunately none were seen.

<b>Fungi</b>	<b>Birds</b>
Buttercup	Coal Tit
False Death cap	Siskin
Sickener	Robin
Blusher	Mistle Thrush
Tawny Funnel	Clarion Crow
Ivory Coral	Hawfinch (heard but not seen)
A Slime Mould <i>Stemonitopsis Typhina</i>	
Milking Bonnet	<b>Others</b>
Burgandydrop Bonnet	Grey Squirrel
Candlesnuff Fungus	Harvestman (an arachnid)



*Tall Trees Trail by Gerry Traves*