



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Acres Down Walk

Date: 21st April 2026
 Weather: Fine and sunny with a cool wind
 Walk Leader : Pat Holder
 Attendees: 12

Acres Down Car park is situated off Forest Road which runs between the A35 at Emery Down, just west of Lyndhurst towards Stoney Cross on the A31, near the village of Minstead. The lane to Acres Down car park is narrow and has a ford over the Mill Stream, which can get deep after heavy rain. After leaving the car park a path takes you to up to a viewpoint over Highland Water and Acres Down Inclosures, along with views to the Isle of Wight to the south. It is a popular spot with birdwatchers looking for birds of prey soaring on the thermals. Following the path to the left took us past Acres Down pond, then led us to Pilmore Gate Heath and then Broom Hill where we circled round back to the start. Unfortunately Acres Down Farm Tea Rooms does not open on a Tuesday. There was a certain amount of head scratching as members tried to get the new RingGo car parking app to work, introduced the day before by Forestry England to work.

Flowering Plants	Birds	Others
Rowan	Chiffchaff	Frog Tadpoles
Common Gorse	Goldcrest	St. Mark's Fly
Holly	Song Thrush	Grey Squirrel
Pendulate Oak	Chaffinch	Birch Polypore
Wavy Bittercress	Stock Dove	
Crab Apple	Redstart	
Annual Meadow Grass		
Field Woodrush		
Tormentil		
Lousewort		
Heath Milkwort		
Round-leaved Water Crowfoot		
Daisy		
Dandelion		
Black Medick		
Sticky Mouse-ear		
Bluebell		
Dog Violet		
Germander Speedwell		
Field Sedge		
Creeping Willow		
Thyme-leaved Speedwell		
Hard Fern		

