



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Tall Trees Trail at Blackwater

Date: 29th January 2026
Walk Leaders: Will and Maz Russell
Weather: Overcast
Attendees: 14

We met at Blackwater car park found halfway along Rhinefield Ornamental Drive for a walk around the Tall Trees Trail. 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 there were any Hawfinches about, unfortunately none were seen, although four were reported on Birdguides website later that day.

Fungi	Birds
False Deathcap	Coal Tit
Bitter Oysterling	Blue Tit
Common Rustgill	Treecreeper
Sulphur Tuft	Blackbird
Butter Cap	Chaffinch
Hairy Curtain Crust	Duncock
Jelly Ear	Raven
Brittle Cinder	Song Thrush
	Crossbill



Bitter Oysterling by Lyn Traves