



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Blashford Lakes Walk

Date: 14th July 2026
 Weather: Hot and sunny
 Walk Leaders: Liz and Mike Read
 Attendees: 14

Our walk this week was scheduled to be at Fontmell Down, but due to the continuing heatwave it was re-located to Blashford Lakes, our local patch and where there is shade from trees. We started from Tern Hide car park and walked to Goosander Hide then to Lapwing Hide. On our way there Andy spotted a Kingfisher fishing from a post, photo below. We returned back to the car park where we had lunch in the shade of some trees. Afterwards the remaining hardy walkers crossed Ellingham Drove to reach the Education Centre then both Ivy Lake Hides where Andy spotted a Cattle Egret resting in a tree.

Flowering Plants	Flowering Plants	Birds	Others
Perforate St. John's Wort	Water Plantain	Cormorant	Butterflies
Musk Mallow	Water Forgetmenot	Wren	Gatekeeper Butterfly
Bramble	Bittersweet	Mute Swan with Cygnets	Green-veined White
Common Centuary	Creeping Jenny	Sand Martin	Clouded Yellow
Common Storksbill	Traveller's Joy	Egyptian Geese	Red Admiral
Autumn Hawkbit	Nodding Thistle	Canada Geese	Meadow Brown
Common Ragwort	Wetted Thistle	Buzzards	Painted Lady
Spear Thistle	Lady's Bedstraw	Coot	Peacock
Agrimony	Buttonweed	Lapwing	Speckled Wood
Field Bindweed	Curled Dock	Common Tern	Large White
Common Fleabane	Haresfoot Clover	Black-headed Gull	Small Copper
Great Willowherb	Marsh Horsetail	Herring Gull	Dragonflies etc.
Buddleia		Red Kite	Common Blue Damselfly
Hard Rush		Reed Warbler	Brown Hawker
Lady Fern		Kingfisher	Black-tailed Skimmer
Scarlet Pimpernel		Tufted Duck	Beautiful Demoiselle
Hemp Agrimony		Blackcap	Banded Demoiselle
Common Figwort		Goldcrest	Emperor
Pendulous Sedge		Stock Dove	Others
Enchanter's Nightshade		Robin	Carp
Yellow Loosestrife		Grey Heron	Cinnabar Moth Larva
Water Mint		Little Egret	Common Carder Bee
Marsh Thistle		Cattle Egret	Early Bumblebee
Gypsywort		Mallard	Face Fly
Self-heal		Great Crested Grebe	Bat-winged Phasia (fly)



Kingfisher by Andy Enefer



Black-tailed Skimmer Dragonfly by Andy Enefer