



## **RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

### **Blashford Lakes Walk**

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
 Weather: Cold  
 Walk Leader : Christine Storey  
 Attendees: 11

Blashford Lakes is a 159-hectare (390-acre) nature reserve north of Ringwood, which is managed by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust in partnership with New Forest District Council and landowners Wessex Water and Bournemouth and West Hampshire Water. It is an internationally important site for thousands of wildfowl and woodland birds, as such it has SSSI, Ramsar, SPA and SINC protection status. The lakes are surrounded by willow, birch and alder woodland, as well as grassland. The site has six bird hides and 8km of rolled gravel paths. The landscape of the reserve has changed dramatically, in less than 100 years it has been farmland, a WWII airbase, motor racing circuit, sand and gravel pits and today is an important nature reserve and water reservoir. Our walk started from the main car park off Ellingham Drive at Tern Hide. We walked a clockwise circuit around Ivy Lake, a section along Ivy Lane a single track road, and a tiny bit of A338. We had a picnic lunch outside Tern hide.

<b>Birds</b>	<b>Birds</b>	<b>Fungi</b>	<b>Flowering Plants</b>
Mute Swan	Black-headed Gull	Candlesnuff	White Dead Nettle
Canada Goose	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Turkeytail	Red Campion
Egyptian Goose	Herring Gull	Jelly Ear	
Wigeon	Stock Dove	Beech Woodwart	<b>Dragonflies</b>
Gadwall	Wood Pigeon	Clouded Funnel	Red Darter
Teal	Great Spotted Woodpecker	Trooping Funnel	
Mallard	Magpie	Blushing Bracket	
Pintail	Jay	Hairy Curtain Crust	
Shoveller	Jackdaw	Blushing Milkcap	
Pochard	Rook	Cushion Bracket	
Tufted Duck	Carrion Crow	Artist Bracket	
Goldeneye	Blue Tit	Rusty Crust	
Goosander	Great Tit	Silverleaf Fungus	
Cormorant	Long-tailed Tit	Oak Curtain Crust	
Little Egret	Chiffchaff	Clustered Bonnet	
Great White Egret	Nuthatch		
Grey Heron	Wren		
Little Grebe	Blackbird		
Great Crested Grebe	Song Thrush		
Moorhen	Redwing		
Coot	Robin		
Lapwing Green	Dunnock		
Green Sandpiper	Siskin		
Treecreeper	Chaffinch		