



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Broughton Down Walk

Date: 20th August 2019
 Weather: 21 degrees, sunny with light patchy cloud
 Walk Leaders: Theresa Holden and Martin King
 Attendees: 7

Broughton Down is managed by Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and is also a designated SSSI. It is an area of fine unimproved chalk downland lying on a north-east facing escarpment, providing fine views over the Test Valley to Danebury Hill Fort and Stockbridge Down. It is located 5 miles south west of Stockbridge, close to the border with Wiltshire. From the village of Broughton we parked at the end of Buckholt Road and continued on foot up the hill, skirting Smiths Plantation and then along the track at the top of the down. The down is fringed by mature woodland including beech and yew at its eastern end is bisected by a small wooded valley. We entered the down via a second gate avoiding the steep valley, we found 17 different varieties of butterfly including our target species of the Silver-spotted Skipper along with numerous chalk land wild flowers and close views of two Red Kites trying to pinch carrion from a group of three Buzzards. After having our picnic lunch sat on the barrow known as 'Plum Pudding' we returned along part of The Clarendon Way a 24 mile long footpath which runs from Salisbury to Winchester, it gets its name from Clarendon Park on the eastern edge of Salisbury.

Flowering Plants	Flowering Plants cont.	Birds	Butterflies
Pineappleweed	Autumn Hawkbit	Rook	Meadow Brown
Knotgrass	Harebell	Wood Pigeon	Green-veined White
Bittersweet	Self-heal	Long-tailed Tit	Brimstone
Shepherd's Purse	Eyebright	Blue Tit	Speckled Wood
Stinging Nettle	Horseshoe Vetch	Chiffchaff	Red Admiral
Mugwort	Autumn Gentian	Carrion Crow	Brown Argus
Hedge Bindweed	Dwarf Thistle	Red Kite	Common Blue
Field Bindweed	Spear Thistle	Sparrowhawk	Small Heath
Traveller's Joy	Carline Thistle	Herring Gull	Silver-spotted Skipper
Creeping Thistle	Lady's Bedstraw	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Chalkhill Blue
Greater Plantain	Common Rock-rose	Nuthatch	Painted Lady
Ribwort Plantain	Dodder	Great Spotted Woodpecker	Adonis Blue
Hogweed	Marjoram	Red-legged Partridge	Small White
Dandelion	Red Bartsia	Pheasant	Large White
Herb Robert	Wild Carrot	Swallow	Peacock
Nipplewort	Common Ragwort	Buzzard	Clouded Yellow
Rosebay	Squinancywort		Holly Blue
Field Scabious	Wild Parsnip	Fruits	Insects
Herb Bennet	Saw-wort	Yew	Common Darter Dragonfly
Bramble	Lesser Knapweed	Cobnuts	6-spot Burnet Moth
Agrimony	Greater Burdock	Elder	Mint Moth
Wild Basil	Chamomile	Blackberry	Hornet
Perforate St John's Wort	Red Clover	Dogwood	Long-winged Cone-head
Pignut	White Clover	Haws	Hairy Shieldbug
Great Mullein	Chicory	Rose Hip	7-spot Ladybird
Hemp Agrimony	White Dead-nettle	Sloe	Common Harvestman
Corn Sow-thistle	Common Toadflax	Common Whitebeam	Bloody-nosed Beetle



Sliver-spotted Skipper by Martin King



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