RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Durlston Country Park

Date: 23rd September 2026
Weather: A warm day with a slight breeze
Walk Leader: Pete Wellstead
Attendees: 7

Walk report and sightings by Liz and Mike Read

Durlston Castle and Country Park, situated 1 mile from Swanage in Dorset, is a 320 acre National Nature Reserve owned and managed by Dorset County Council.

We had a short walk to the hide and then through woodland and out onto the downland. There were lots of Clouded Yellow butterflies to be seen.

Some members walked down to the lighthouse for lunch and then back up to the castle, whilst two members stayed at the top for their lunch.

Flowering Plants	Birds	Fruits and Berries
Green Alkanet	Robin	Hawthorn
Dandelion	Willow Warbler	Dog Rose
Common Knapweed	Wood Pigeon	Sloe
Fleabane	Great Tit	Blackberry
Agrimony	Goldfinch	Black Bryony
Daisy	Dunnock	Privet
Wild Parsnip	Magpie	
Corky-fruited Water Dropwort	Swallow	**Ferns**
Wild Carrot	Buzzard	Male Fern
Restharrow	Mouse Martin	Hart's-tongue Fern
Common Catsear	Raven	
Bristly Ox-tongue	Carrion Crow	**Butterflies and Moths**
Yarrow	Jackdaw	Painted Lady
Common Ragwort	Stonechat	Speckled Wood
Yellow Toadflax	Herring Gull	Red Admiral
Field Bindweed	Cormorant	Clouded Yellow
	Oystercatcher	Hummingbird Hawk moth