

## ***RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY***

### A Walk Around North Poulner Lakes

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025  
 Weather: Sunny and warm  
 Walk Leader : Christine Storey  
 Attendees: 17

Spring has arrived bringing with it lots of wild flowers, butterflies and birds to be seen.

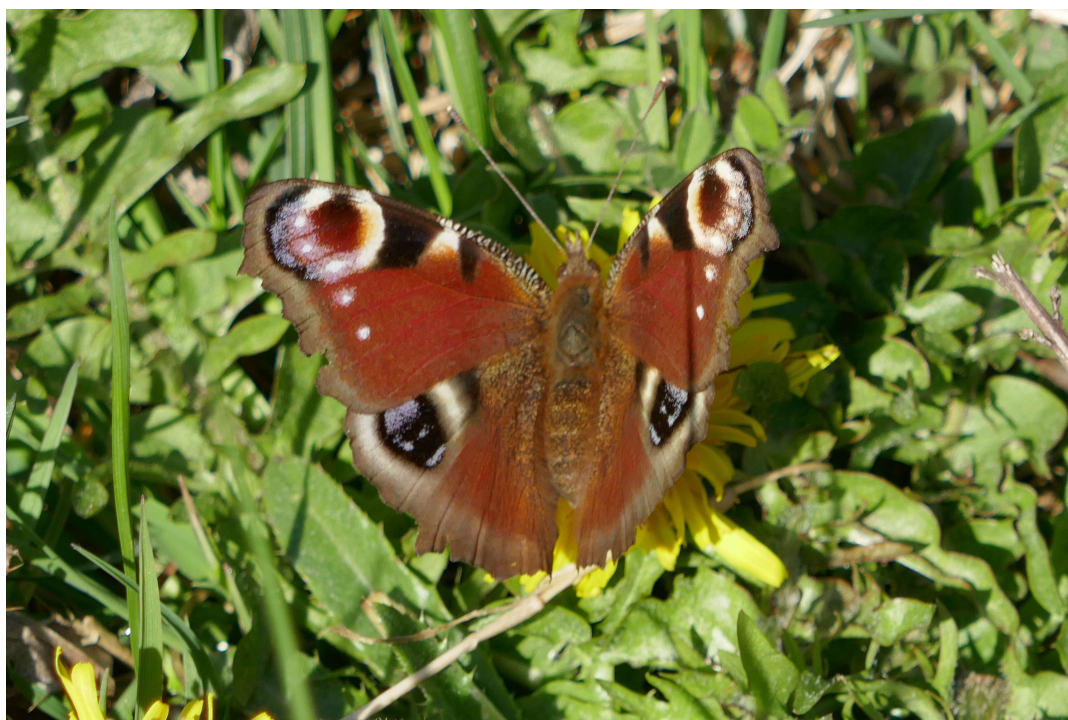
Our walk started from North Poulner Lakes car park off North Poulner Road, the lakes are flooded former gravel pits. We walked northwards past Wash Pit on the left and Northfield Lake to the right, crossing Lin Brook then turning left to walk along Woolmer Lane, reaching Snails Lane at the junction with the A338 Ringwood to Salisbury road. We walked along Snails Lane passing the proposed building development site of 140 houses, reaching a gated footpath to walk alongside Snails Lake to the left and Spinnaker Lake (on the OS map its shown as Blashford Lake) on the right, reaching the sailing clubhouse on Ivy Lane. This lake is shared by Christchurch Angling Club and used as a Carp fishery along with Spinnaker Sailing Club. After a short detour to view a Lungwort Christine had seen on her recce (we decided it was the common variety) we returned back to Snails Lane then Linbrook Lake to the car park. Sonia who lives nearby invited us back to her home for an outside picnic lunch with tea and cake also provided. Many thanks to Christine and Sonia for a lovely day, with the added benefit of warm sunshine.

<b>Flowering Plants</b>	<b>Birds</b>	<b>Insects</b>
Bluebells	Greenfinch	Peacock
Leaser Celandine	Chiffchaff	Comma
Common Gorse	Robin	Speckled Wood
Greater Periwinkle	Wren	Brimstone
Dandelion	Canada Geese	Small White
Daisy	Blackbird	Orange Tip
Wood Anemone	Cetti's Warbler	<b>Others</b>
Common Dog Violet	Nuthatch	Dark-edged Bee-fly
Greater Stitchwort	Blackcap	Carder Bumblebee
Wood Spurge	Chaffinch	
Primrose	Red Kite	
Wild Cherry	Wood Pigeon	
Cow Parsley	Buzzard	
Whitlow Grass	Dunnock	
Red Campion	Jay	
Ground Ivy	House Sparrow	
Cherry Laurel	Black-headed Gull	
Green Alkanet	Herring Gull	
Red Dead-nettle	Coot	
White Dead-nettle	Mallard	
Tuberous Comfrey	Mute Swan	
Groundsel	Carrion Crow	

Wild Strawberry	Rook	
Wavy Bittercress	Jackdaw	
Wild Garlic	Magpie	
Yellow Archangel	Common Tern	
Lungwort	Pied Wagtail	
	Stock Dove	



*Speckled Wood Butterfly by Lyn Traves*



*Peacock Butterfly by Lyn Traves*