



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Northfield Lake Field Study and Walk

Date: 10th May 2022
 Weather: Cloudy and damp to start becoming sunny
 Walk Leaders: Sonia Wilkinson and Judy Thomas for Martin King
 Attendees: 11

Our walk this week was to survey Northfield Lake for RACE -Ringwood Actions for Climate Emergency. Northfield Lake is part of Poulner Lakes and is found off North Poulner Road where there is a car park. It is approximately 25 acres in size and depths of up to 14 feet. The lake is spring fed and is generally clear. It is a specialist fishing lake, containing Roach, Rudd, Carp, Tench and Bream. We surveyed the surrounding area for RACE, then walked along Snails Lane to the A338 Ringwood to Salisbury road where we picked up another footpath leading into Blashford Lakes. We walked around Ivy Lake, then returned back to Poulner Lakes car park.

Flowering Plants	Flowers seen elsewhere	Grasses etc.	Birds
Creeping Buttercup	Hogweed	Remote Sedge	Chiffchaff
Bulbous Buttercup	Hedge Bedstraw	Hairy Sedge	Wren
Groundsel	Star-of-Bethlehem	False Brome	Black-headed Gull
Bluebell	White Dead Nettle	Pendulous Sedge	Swallow
Dandelion	Stinging Nettle	Cocksfoot	Wood Pigeon
Gorse	Black Medick	Smooth Meadow-grass	Jackdaw
Elder	Prickly Sow-thistle	Sweet Vernal Grass	Blackbird
Hawthorn	Garlic Mustard	Annual Meadow-grass	Blackcap
Rowan	Hairy Bittercress		Robin
Green Alkanet	Hop	Ferns	Siskin
White Campion	Sycamore	Soft Shield Fern	Cormorant
Agrimony	Common Field Speedwell	Male Fern	Song Thrush
Bramble	Greater Celandine	Bracken	Goldcrest
Cuckoo Flower	Lesser Celandine		Coal Tit
Daisy	Shining Cranesbill	Fungi	Mallard
Wood Forget-me-not	Ground Elder	Birch Polypore	Egyptian Goose
Columbine	Lords-and-Ladies		Canada Goose
Laburnum	Common Dog Violet	Insects	Chaffinch
Cleavers	Hemlock Water Dropwort	Click Beetle	Mistle Thrush
Common Vetch	Wood Speedwell	Common Blue Damselfly	Carrion Crow
American Wintercress	Solomon's Seal	Speckled Wood Butterfly	Collard Dove
Wintercress	Wild Blackcurrant	Small White Damselfly	
Herb Robert	Cowslip		Mute Swan
Ivy-leaved Speedwell	Ragged Robin	Others	Great Crested Grebe

Ground Ivy	Ivy-leaved Toadflax	Oak Gall	
Herb Bennet	Common Storksbill		
Germander Speedwell	Green Field Speedwell		
Dogwood	Barren Strawberry		
Greater Stitchwort	Sorrel		
Lesser Stitchwort	Sheep's Sorrel		
Cow Parsley	Fine-leaved Water Dropwort		
White Comfrey	Common Mouse-ear		
Common Comfrey	Wood Spurge		
Tuberous Comfrey	Field Horsetail		
Spanish Broom			



Star of Bethlehem by Lyn Traves



Mute Swan family seen on Ivy Lake by Lyn Traves