



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Standing Hat Walk

Date: 5th August 2021
 Weather: Overcast with rain on second part of the walk
 Walk Leaders: Maz and Will Russell
 Attendees: 12

Our walk started from Standing Hat car park which is down a track leading from Balmer Lawn, Brockenhurst, a favorite place for commoners stock to graze. We took the left hand track from the car park through Pignal Inclosure leading to Parkhill Inclosure where walked through the Frowhawk Ride. According to an information sign this ride (passage through a plantation) is dedicated to the memory of the naturalist Frederick William Frohawk (1861-1946). He is closely associated with the New Forest from his summer visits made here in search of butterflies over the best part of a lifetime. The Forestry England manages the Frohawk Ride for butterflies as part of their commitment to conservation of rare insects. Regrettably, we did not see as many butterflies as we would have liked. By the time we reached the ride where we stopped to have a picnic lunch it started to rain and it continued for the remainder of the walk.

Flowering Plants	Flowering Plants cont	Birds	Butterflies
Creeping Thistle	Marsh Thistle	Great Spotted Woodpecker	Gatekeeper
Wood Spurge	Lesser Spearwort	Robin	Small Skipper
Perforate St John's Wort	Bell Heather	Wood Pigeon	Meadow Brown
Stinging Nettle	Bitter Vetchling	Blue Tit	Silver-washed Fritillary
Ribwort Plantain	Sneezewort	Crossbill	
Creeping Buttercup	Fairy Flax	Goldfinch	Insects
Tormentil	Cross-leaved Heath		Black Ants & nest
Foxglove	Honeysuckle	Reptiles	Southern Wood Ants & nest
Self-heal	Water Mint	Common Lizard	
Cinquefoil	Cow Wheat		
Catsear	Common Centuary		
Birdsfoot Trefoil	Bettony		
Greater Birdsfoot Trefoil	Yellow Pimpernel		
White Clover	Black Medick		
Marsh Bedstraw	Broad-leaved Willowherb		