



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Worth Matravers Walk

Date: 30 May 2019
 Weather: Misty, clearing to warm sunshine later
 Walk Leader: Pete Wellstead

Attendees: 15

Worth Matravers is a village and civil parish, situated on the Purbeck cliffs west of Swanage. This was a fairly strenuous 3 mile circular walk from the village of Worth Matravers with its attractive cottages of Purbeck stone, down to the sea at Winspit, the site of a disused limestone quarry. The walk along the coastal path to Seacombe Cliff and steeply back up to Worth Matravers. The area between Winspit and Swanage is said to be the stronghold in Dorset of the Early Spider Orchid, but the season was over when we did this walk. On the other hand, grass vetchling, a plant with small crimson flowers that is seldom noticed because it is virtually indistinguishable from grass when not in bloom, was seen growing alongside the path.

Flowering Plants	Flowering Plants cont.	Flowering Plants cont.	Birds
Daisy	Curled dock	Salad burnet	Sky lark
Oil seed rape	Creeping buttercup	Common milkwort	Yellow hammer
Charlock	Green alkanet	Bramble	White throat
Ribwort plantain	Dog rose	(Ivy?) Broomrape	Wren
Herb Bennet	Guelder-rose	Sycamore	Rock pipit
Cow parsley	Dogwood	Prickly sow-thistle	Shag
Smooth sow thistle	Musk thistle	Common gorse	Guillemot
Dandelion	Cut-leaved cranesbill	Stinking iris	Swift
Cleavers	Black medic	Wild cabbage	Peregrine
White dead nettle	Wood dock	Common sorrel	Stonechat
Stinging nettle	Hedge woundwort	Honeysuckle	
Elder	Common vetch	Eyebright	Butterflies
Herb Robert	White clover	Mouse-ear hawkweed	Small skipper
Field bindweed	Hedge mustard	Horseshoe vetch	Grizzled skipper
Early forget-me-not	Woody night shade	Pale flax	Small heath
Wood spurge	Rough chervil	Scarlet pimpernel	Common blue
Red campion	Germander speedwell	Wild madder	Adonis blue
Clary	Meadow vetchling	Hop trefoil	
Garlic mustard	Wild carrot	Wild thyme	
Creeping thistle	Tormentil	Thrift	Other animals
Pig nut	Hounds tongue	Yellow vetchling	Bloody nose beetle
Common mallow	Common mouse-ear	Kidney vetch	Common lizard
Common field speedwell	Grass vetchling	Vipers bugloss	



Broomrape by Derrick Holder



Winspit Quarry by Derrick Holder