

REPORT OF HFFS VISIT TO GAMLINGAY WOOD 10/09/2017

The group of eleven members spent two and half hours at the site led by Peter Walker and James Bonfield (the new volunteer warden). The route covered both sections of the wood (Avenell's and Mertonage) including a short walk in Sugley Wood (The new extension to the reserve). The walk looked at both the historical elements of the wood, the different habitats and the management regimes. During the visit interesting plants, fungi and creatures were highlighted and some records were compiled. The most spectacular find was a large female wasp spider in Sugley and the display of Devils-bit Scabious was remarkable on the main ride in the wood. Mike Twinn may have recorded Birds? Sarah Orbell recorded two frogs

Invertebrates: Wasp Spider, Buff-tip Moth larvae both in Sugley

Plant galls:

On Field Maple leaves: *Aceria macrochelus*

Aceria aceriscampestris

On Hawthorn leaves: *Phyllocoptes gonothorax*

Dasineura crataegi

On Ash : *Psylloopsis fraxini* on leaves

On Wayfaring Tree on leaves: *Eriophyes viburni*

On Spindle on leaves; *Eriophyes convolvens*

On Meadowsweet: *Dasineura ulmaria*

On Blackthorn on leaves: *Eriophyes similis*

On Rose: *Diplolepis rosae* on leaves

On Sallow Leaves: *Iteomyia major*, *I. capreae*, *Pontania bridgmanii*

On Sallow bud: *Rabdophaga cinerearum*

On Oak leaves : *Neuroterus numismalis*, *N. albipes*, *N. quercusbaccarum*, *Cynips divisa*

Macrodiplosis volvens,

On Oak acorns: *Andricus grossularis*, *A. quercuscalcis*.

On Oak Bud: *Andricus curvator*, *A. kollari*

Fungi:

Toadstools

Amanita citrina False Death-cap

Bolbitius vitellinus Yellow Field-cap

Clitocybe metachroa Two-tone Funnel

Gymnopus dryophilus Russet Toughshank

Coprinellus micaceus Glistening Ink-cap

Parasola plicatilis Pleated Ink-cap

Cortinarius several species not identified

Hypholoma fasciculare Sulphur Tuft

Inocybe geophylla var. *geophylla* White Fibrecap

Laccaria laccata The Deceiver

Lepista flaccida Tawny Funnel

Chlorophyllum rhacodes Shaggy Parasol

Mycena galericulata Common Bonnet

Mycena galopus var. *candida* Milking Bonnet (white)

Mycena haematopus Burgundy-drop Bonnet

Mycena pura Lilac Bonnet

Mycena vitilis Snapping Bonnet

Russula atropurpurea Purple Brittle-gill

Russula nigricans Blackening Brittle-gill

Russula ochroleuca Ochre Brittle-gill

Brackets etc.

Trametes versicolor Turkey Tail
Daedaleopsis confragosa Blushing Bracket
Ganoderma lucidum Lacquered Bracket
Hymenochaete rubiginosa Oak Curtain Crust
Inonotus hispidus Hairy Bracket
Piptoporus betulinus Birch Polypore
Postia caesia Conifer Blueing Bracket
Stereum hirsutum Hairy Curtain-crust
Thelephora spiculosa

Lycoperdon utriforme Mosaic Puffball
Lycoperdon perlatum Common Puffball
Clavulina coralloides Crested Coral

Ascomycetes

Hypoxyton fuscum Hazel Wood-wart
Chlorociboria aeruginascens Green Wood Cup

Mildews

Erysiphe alphitoides on Oak
Erysiphe heraclei on Hogweed
Hypomyces chrysospermus yellow mould on other fungi

Myxomycetes

Arcyria denudata ? ?

Peter Walker