

# Flora & Fauna Group

The group operates from March to October each year. A programme is planned for various sites suitable for wild flowers, including grasses, riverside and bog plants or autumn fungi. We also try to identify any insects, including butterflies.

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## U3A Kennet – Flora & Fauna Group – 2016 List

### 8 March – SU 270715 Ramsbury

<b>Plants</b>	(in flower) snowdrops, dandelions, white deadnettle, king cups, daisy, primrose, butterbur, ivy (flowers & berries),
<b>Trees</b>	(in flower) blackthorn Wayfaring (dried fruits)
<b>Birds</b>	wren, robins, coal tit
<b>Other</b>	

### 12 April – Aldbourne (upwards from the sports ground)

<b>Plants</b>	(in flower) dandelion, bitter cress, white deadnettle, groundsel, germander speedwell, field speedwell, lesser celandine, violet (dark spur), dog rose, white rose, bluebells (hybrid), white bells, forget me not, dog's mercury, ground ivy, cowslip (in bud), wood anemone (wind flower)
<b>Trees</b>	blackthorn,
<b>Birds</b>	chaffinch, greenfinch, blackbird, coal tit, dunnock, chiffchaff, blackcap, wren, robin
<b>Butterflies</b>	brimstone
<b>Other</b>	buff tailed bumble bee, badger tracks

### 10 May – Morgan's Hill (westwards) near Calne SU025672

<b>Plants</b>	wild arum (Lords & Ladies), ground ivy, white dead nettle, dandelions, lesser dandelion, creeping buttercup, herb robert, dog's mercury, common field speedwell, cowslips, cow parsley (Queen Anne's lace), common dog violet, narrow leaved bird's foot trefoil (in bud)
<b>Trees</b>	beech, hazel, privet, crab apple, hawthorn (in bud)
<b>Birds</b>	dunnock, black cap, blackbird, chiffchaff, robin, greenfinch, wren
<b>Fauna</b>	buff tailed bumble bee, 7-spot ladybirds, red admiral, white lipped snail, brown lipped snail, garden snail

### 14 June – Oliver's Castle (Roundway Hill) SU004647

<b>Plants</b>	(in flower) common poppy, cleavers, welshed thistle, hedgerow crane's-bill, red campion, white clover, dandelion, cut-leaved crane's-bill, common nettle, black medick, ribwort plantain, prickly sow-thistle, hogweed, broad-leaved dock, creeping buttercup, red clover, bladder campion, curled dock, common bird's-foot-trefoil, greater knapweed, germander speedwell, wood avens, charlock, oxeye daisy, horseshoe vetch, rough hawkbit, salad burnet, common rock-rose, fairy flax, wild thyme, mouse-ear-hawkweed, saw-wort, yellow-wort, common mouse-ear, small scabious, hoary plantain, ground-ivy, sainfoin, goat's-beard, yellow-rattle, common milkwort, selfheal, tansy, pyramidal orchid, common spotted-orchid, bee orchid, fragrant orchid, lesser butterfly-orchid, early-purple orchid, common twayblade. <b>grasses</b> - false oat, rough meadow, perennial rye, cocksfoot, sterile brome, Yorkshire fog, crested hair, quaking grass, upright brome,
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<b>Trees</b>	elderflower, red hawthorn
<b>Birds</b>	blackbird, yellowhammer (h), red kite, swallow, robin (h), chiffchaff (h),
<b>Fauna</b>	white mouthed snail, brown slug, garden snail, large skipper butterfly (m), various bees, garden chafer, six-spot burnet moth, beautiful demoiselle damselfly (m),

**12 July – Stroud’s Hill, Chiseldon SU 187798**

<b>Plants</b>	( <i>in flower</i> ) knotgrass, broad-leaved dock, red campion, creeping buttercup, Welsh poppy, opposite-leaved golden saxifrage, creeping cinquefoil, bush vetch, common bird’s-foot-trefoil, black medick, red & white clovers, herb robert, cut-leaved crane’s-bill, meadow crane’s-bill, hedge crane’s-bill, sun spurge, great willowherb, broad-leaved willowherb, upright hedge parsley, hogweed, ground elder, fool’s water cress, hedge bindweed, large bindweed, field bindweed, lady’s bedstraw (yellow), hedge bedstraw (white), common comfrey (cream), water forget-me-not or waterside forget-me-not, selfheal, hedge woundwort, marsh woundwort, great mullein, water figwort, meadow sweet, white deadnettle, bittersweet, common mallow, ivy-leaved toadflax, ribwort plantain, pineapple weed, common ragwort, creeping thistle, common blue sowthistle, autumn hawkbit, smooth sowthistle, prickly sowthistle, herb bennet, enchanter’s nightshade, stinging nettle, cleavers, purple loosestrife. <b>grasses</b> – smooth brome, Yorkshire fog, false brome, false oat, common bent, smooth meadow, rye, crested dog’s tail, pendulus sedge, branched burr reed. <b>ferns</b> – hart’s tongue, broad buckler, soft shield, male.
<b>Fungi</b>	russula (specie not identified), bracket (Dryad’s saddle).
<b>Butterflies</b>	marbled white, meadow browns, comma, small skipper, ringlets, large white
<b>Birds</b>	magpie, chaffinch, carrion crow, house martin, chiffchaff, wren, blackbird, goldfinch, wood pigeon, robin, dunnock.
<b>Fauna</b>	white lipped snails, black beetle, baby frog, bumble bees, hoverflies

**9 August 2016 – from Cobb’s farmshop to Freeman’s Marsh, Froxfield SU 320685**

<b>Plants</b>	autumn hawkbit, bittersweet, blue water-speedwell, bramble, clustered dock, common comfrey, common mouse-ear, creeping thistle, daisy, dandelion, field bindweed, field forget-me-not, field scabious, fool’s-water-cress, great willowherb, greater bird’s-foot-trefoil, greater plantain, green alkanet, hedge bindweed, hemp-agrimony, herb-robert, hogweed, hop trefoil, lesser spearwort, marsh thistle, marsh woundwort, meadow buttercup, meadowsweet, monkeyflower (mimulus), mugwort, nipplewort, orange balsam, orange hawkweed (fox-and-cubs), pineappleweed, prickly sow-thistle, purple-loosestrife, ragged-robin, red bartsia, red clover, ribwort plantain, rosebay willowherb, selfheal, smooth hawk’s-beard, spear thistle, square-stalked St John’s-wort, tufted vetch, upright hedge-parsley, water dock, water figwort, water mint, water-cress, white clover, yarrow (millfoil) white & pink. American willowherb, fen bedstraw, gypsywort, marsh-bedstraw, meadow buttercup, silverweed, water forget-me-not, white dead-nettle.
<b>Trees</b>	Italian alder ( <i>at Cobb’s</i> ), English Alder ( <i>on Freeman’s Marsh</i> )
<b>Other</b>	<b>Birds</b> - <i>Freeman’s Marsh</i> - robin, wren, coot, rook, wood pigeon. <i>Cobbs farmshop</i> - 6 pied wagtails (mostly youngsters), swallows ++ <b>Insects</b> – small bumble bees, whitish butterflies, gatekeepers, little whitish moths.

**13 September 2016 – Lower Moor Farm SU 007939**

<b>Plants</b>	<i>(in flower)</i> black medick, groundsel, stinging nettle, common cat's ear, dandelion, ragwort, ribbed plantain, autumn hawkbit, white clover, white campion, yarrow, white deadnettle, bittersweet, toadflax, wood avens, creeping thistle, common chickweed, silverweed, hogweed, upright hedge parsley, smooth hawksbeard, bramble, smooth sowthistle, ivy, reed mace, water figwort, angelica, clustered dock, gypsywort, hemp agrimony, hedge bindweed, fleabane, watermint, St John's wort, greater willowherb, hoary willowherb, herb robert, hedge woundwort, pink campion, nipplewort, enchanters nightshade, red clover, tufted vetch, grey club rush, lords & ladies/arum lily, bristly ox-tongue, common club rush
<b>Trees/ shrubs</b>	<i>(fruits)</i> – acorns, cob nuts, hawthorn berries, blackberries, elderberries, apples, dewberries, guelder rose
<b>Other</b>	blackbird, mute swans, Canada geese, mallard, collared dove, wren, robin, moorhen, cygnets, heron, white-mouthed snail, daddy longlegs, various bees, red admiral butterfly, small white butterfly, hart's tongue fern, male fern, scaly male fern, various fungi including turkey tail.

### 11 October 2016 – West Woods, Lockeridge SU 153673

<b>Plants</b>	<i>(in flower)</i> stinging nettle, great willowherb, blackberry (flowers & fruit), wood avens, common figwort, wood sedge, tufted hair grass, herb robert, hedge woundwort, broad buckler fern, wood spurge, male fern, lady fern,
<b>Fungi</b>	Artist's bracket, stump puffball, sulphur tuft, turkey tail, common yellow russula, beech woodwart, tar-spot (on sycamore).
<b>Trees/ shrubs</b>	<i>(fruits)</i> hawthorn,
<b>Other</b>	robin, crow, woodpigeon, buzzard (h), wren (h), chaffinch.