

Sydlings Copse 25 October 2023

A group of four parked and gathered on the road near Sydlings Copse to meet the warden and discuss the day's plan. It was sunny and comfortably warm as the group set out across the field, finding two different *Psathyrella* species on the way.



At the entrance to the copse, the leader, Caroline Jackson-Houlston, found a *Mycena vitilis* (Snapping Bonnet) and was able to demonstrate how it makes its loud noise to Joseph who was on his first FSO fungus walk.



A *Stereum sanguinolentum* (Bleeding Conifer Crust) performed beautifully when scratched with a fingernail, exuding its red latex that resembles blood.



Heather found a *Lactarius pyrogalus* (Fiery Milkcap) which was bravely tasted by Caroline who confirmed the identification. This species is associated with hazel, and is usually greyer in colour. The photo shows the washed-out version that has been common this year.





Mycena rosea
(Rosy Bonnets) were ubiquitous, brightening up the leaf litter with their pretty pink caps.



Inocybe cf rimosa
(Split Fibrecap) was found in the leaf litter by Caroline who invited the group to sniff its distinctive odour.



Echinoderma asperum (Freckled Dapperling) was a lovely find.



Lepiota grangei
(Green
Dapperling) was
a mystery in the
field, but
Caroline
managed to
identify it at
home after
some research.
It is seriously
poisonous!



*Mycena
galericulata*
(Common Bonnets)
were found
snuggling in the
crevice of a tree by
Joseph.

Crepidotus cesatii
(Roundspored
Oysterling) was
found on a twig
and confirmed
through microscopy
by Linda



*Mycena
haematopus*
(Burgundydrop
Bonnets)
are easy to
identify with their
red latex "blood".





Geastrum triplex
(Collared Earthstars)
are always a fabulous
find and there were
dozens in the leaf litter.



In the same area we found
Coprinopsis picacea (Magpie
Inkcaps) in every stage of
development.



Linda found
some
*Trichaptum
abietinum*
(Purplepore
Brackets)
on an old log





Sydlings Copse is so beautiful with a variety of habitats. We walked through peaceful beech woods dappled with sunlight while on our survey.



Amanita rubescens (Blushing Bracket) was found guarding a gate after our encounter with a horse who wanted us to get out of the way!



We entered a meadow where we found *Cuphophyllus virgineus* (Snowy Waxcap).



The group stopped to confer on a fungus identification while Linda found a *Fistulina hepatica* (Beefsteak Fungus) on a stump.



Caroline noticed a tiny *Mycena* (Bonnet) growing on a small pinecone next to the path— not an easy find!



Russula atropurpurea (Purple Brittlegill) was a bright spot of colour almost hidden under a hedge.