

Prior's Wood 24 June 2017

After four days which had been described as the hottest days in June since 1976, the year of the Great Drought, we did not have high expectations. Surprisingly, we found Prior's Wood in full greenery and with large areas of dampness, especially in the lower part. So we were pleased with what we found, including examples of several key genera. There were excellent instances of *Kuehneromyces mutabilis* and *Pleurotus pulmonarius*. A small stalked fungus with a dark brown base to its stem was common on twigs throughout the wood. This caused some confusion on the day, but its identification as *Cudoniella clavus*, an Ascomycete was soon established. There were sufficient specimens to discourage a serious search for rust fungi, but one, *Puccinia circaeae* on Enchanter's Nightshade, was very common. It is unfortunate that this disease is not more effective in reducing the growth of this obnoxious weed in gardens!

Agaricus augustus
Antrodia serialis
Cristulariella depraedans
Cudoniella clavus
Dacrymyces stillatus
Daldinia concentrica
Diatrype stigma
Flammulaster ferrugineus
Gymnopus dryophilus
Hymenochaete corrugata
Hypholoma fasciculare
Hypoxylon fragiforme
Kuehneromyces mutabilis
Lycogala terrestre
Marasmius rotula

Megacollybia platyphylla
Microbotryum silenes-dioicae
Mollisia sp.
Phallus impudicus
Pleurotus pulmonarius
Pluteus cervinus
Polyporus squamosus
Puccinia circaeae
Reticularia lycoperdon
Russula parazurea
Schizopora paradoxa
Stereum hirsutum
Trametes versicolor
Xylaria longipes



From Top Left (clockwise):

Pleurotus pulmonarius
Puccinia circaeae
Cudoniella clavus





Kuehneromyces mutabilis