

Walton Common and Weston Big Wood 12 October 2019



A Joint Foray was held with the Cotswold Fungus Group as a Memorial to the contributions made by Roy Betts to both Groups, as a mentor and leader of the NSBFG and as a major contributor to the annual Westonbirt Forays organised over many years by the CFG.

The two Avon Wildlife sites had been regularly studied by Roy over many years with over 2000 records from Walton Common, an ancient common surrounded on both sides by mixed woodland and nearly 1000 from Weston Big Wood (data from CATE2 database).

As a consequence many old friends met for a morning Foray on Walton Common and after an excellent pub lunch we visited Weston Big Wood. Over 100 species of fungus were recorded.

Walton Common proved to be one of the best Forays of 2019, producing more than 80 species, including several noteworthy fungi, including three that Roy had not seen at the site – *Armillaria tabescens*, *Cortinarius umbrinolens* and *Lepiota grangei*. There were 7 species of *Agaricus*, including both *A. moelleri* and *A. phaeolepidotus*. Many of the *Agaricus* sporophores were a strikingly bright pink due to the excessive rains over the previous weeks. There were also 7 species of *Lepiota*, including the small green *L. grangei*.

Weston Big Wood also revealed many different species, reserving the best until everyone was leaving the site when Jason found *Melanophyllum eyrei*, a rare species with green gills. One that Roy had seen there before.

List of Fungi from Walton Common

<i>Agaricus arvensis</i>	<i>Auricularia auricula-judae</i>	<i>Clitocybe rivulosa</i>
<i>Agaricus dulcidulus</i>	<i>Bjerkandera fumosa</i>	<i>Clitopilus prunulus</i>
<i>Agaricus moelleri</i>	<i>Byssomerulius corium</i>	<i>Coprinellus micaceus</i>
<i>Agaricus phaeolepidotus</i>	<i>Chlorophyllum rhacodes</i>	<i>Cortinarius umbrinolens</i>
<i>Agaricus porphyrizon</i>	<i>Clavulina rugosa</i>	<i>Cuphophyllum pratensis</i>
<i>Agaricus silvicola</i>	<i>Clavulinopsis corniculata</i>	<i>Cystolepiota bucknallii</i>
<i>Agaricus xanthodermus</i>	<i>Clitocybe fragrans</i>	<i>Cystolepiota hetieri</i>
<i>Amylostereum laevigatum</i>	<i>Clitocybe gibba</i>	<i>Daldinia concentrica</i>
<i>Armillaria tabescens</i>	<i>Clitocybe phaeophthalma</i>	<i>Echinoderma aspera</i>

Entoloma caeruleum
Entoloma chalybeum
Entoloma hebes
Entoloma serrulatum
Exidia thuretiana
Flammulina velutipes
Geastrum triplex
Gliophorus psittacinus
Gymnopus confluens
Gymnopus dryophilus
Hebeloma sinapizans
Hygrocybe conica
Hyphodontia sambuci
Hypholoma fasciculare
Inocybe nitidiuscula
Laccaria amethystina
Lactarius quietus
Leccinum scabrum
Lepiota castanea

Lepiota clypeolaria
Lepiota cristata
Lepiota echinella
Lepiota grangei
Lepiota oreadiformis
Lepiota pseudolilacea
Lepista flaccida
Lepista nuda
Lycoperdon excipuliforme
Lycoperdon perlatum
Macrolepiota mastoidea
Marasmius rotula
Melanoleuca polioleuca
Mucilago crustacea
Mycena filopes
Mycena haematopus
Mycena leptcephala
Mycena pelianthina
Mycena pseudocorticola

Mycena pura
Mycena rosea
Mycena rosea f. candida
Mycena vitilis
Panellus stipticus
Paxillus involutus
Pseudoinonotus hispidus
Ramaria stricta
Resupinatus applicatus
Rhizomarasmius undatus
Rhodocollybia maculata
Rhytisma acerinum
Stegophora ulmea
Stereum gausapatum
Stereum hirsutum
Tricholoma album
Tricholoma sulphureum
Tubaria furfuracea
Xylaria hypoxylon

Agaricus phaeolepidotus*, *Resupinatus applicatus*, *Lepiota grangei*, *Lepiota echinella (Top left clockwise)



List of Fungi from Weston Big Wood

Agaricus moelleri
Agaricus porphyizon
Agaricus xanthodermus
Armillaria mellea
Byssostilbe stilbigera
Calocera viscosa
Ceratiomyxa fruticulosa
Clitocybe nebularis
Clitocybe phaeophthalma
Clitocybe rivulosa
Coprinellus micaceus
Crepidotus applanatus
Crepidotus cesatii
Crepidotus mollis
Daldinia concentrica
Entoloma hebes
Erysiphe trifoliorum

Exidia nucleata
Exidia thuretiana
Galerina marginata
Geastrum triplex
Gymnopus dryophilus
Hebeloma sinapizans
Hygrophorus cossus
Kuehneromyces mutabilis
Lepiota castanea
Lepiota cristata
Lepiota grangei
Lepista flaccida
Lepista sordida
Lycogala epidendrum
Lycoperdon perlatum
Marasmiellus ramealis
Marasmius wynneae

Melanophyllum eyrei
Mucilago crustacea
Mycena corynephora
Mycena galericulata
Mycena galopus var. galopus
Mycena haematopus
Mycena olida
Mycena rosea
Phleogena faginea
Phragmidium violaceum
Pluteus cervinus
Stereum hirsutum
Stereum subtomentosum
Trametes versicolor
Trichia varia
Tricholoma album
Xylaria hypoxylon

Melanophyllum eyrei: a rare species with green gills



Calocera viscosa: growing on the remains of an old conifer stump

