



Wyre Forest Study Group

MYCOLOGICAL REPORT FOR 2005

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We have been joined this year by David Antrobus and Ted Blackwell, giving our group much greater depth. The year started well with a visit to the Severn Valley Country Park, but the rains in the autumn were late and things did not get going properly until mid-October. Below is a brief outline of events.

23.04.05

Severn Valley Country Park

Vernal species seem to be a bit hit and miss but we did quite well finding *Mitrophora semilibera*, as well as the more uncommon *Verpa conica*. This latter fungus appears to favour Hawthorn scrub as a habitat as does the other vernal species that we found. *Calocybe gambosa* tends to be found in grassier places.

16.07.05

New Parks

Due to the lack of rain, much of the foraging was done around the wet flushes near to Dowles Brook. Although the list was short it was nice to find *Boletus aestivalis* and *Leccinum quercinum*.

Wimperhill Wood

Similarly it was dry here. The most prominent species found were the old black fruit bodies of *Russula nigricans*.

27.08.05

Park House

Still fairly dry but we made a few nice finds including *Inocybe maculata*, (determined by David), *I. margaritiformis*, (another first for the county), and *Megacollybia platyphylla* which is easily recognised by its fibrillose cap and the thick mycelial strands attached to the base of the stipe.

24.09.05

Mawley Hall

A nice list of finds in this area. There were a few special ones like *Hygrocybe glutinipes*, *Clavulinopsis luteoalba*, *Russula laurocerasi*, *Ganoderma pfeifferi* and *Boletus radicans*. This latter species is the first record for the county. It would be nice to go there again. This type of habitat is not common and may well yield some exceptional records.

21.10.05

Roxel

The grassy bank proved to be the most productive area and provided a good list of *Hygrocybe* species. *H. psittacina*, *H. virginea*, *H. pratensis*, *H. reidii*, and *H. laeta* are the ones that I saw identified on the day. Also on the bank were a group of Birches, surrounded by *Lactarius torminosus* and *Heboloma mesophaeum*. The star of the day was *Clavaria greletii* found by Rosemary on the grass near the car park. This was identified by Dr. Peter Roberts of Kew.

12.11.05

Park House

Another first was recorded on this outing; *Orbilia luteorubella*. This looks like *Bisporella citrina*. Ted sorted this out for me.

Pipe track, Corbets Park

The grass was a little long for grassland species but we found *Hygrocybe virginea*, *Psilocybe semilanceata*, and in the damp mossy bits some *Galerina* species. These are not identifiable in the field so Ted took them home and they were *G. subclavata* and *G. pumila*. At the edge of the track there was also *Amanita pantherina*.

Withybed Wood

This area produced another new record for the Shropshire Database i.e. *Pholiota scamba* and one or two other nice finds like *Boletus aestivalis* and *Lactarius deliciosus*.



Ganoderma pfeifferi
Mawley Hall 7-2-2004

Rosemary Winnall



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Verpa conica Rosemary Winnall
Severn Valley Country Park 23-4-2005



Clavaria greletii Rosemary Winnall
Roxel Postensplain 21-10-2005



Bulgaria inquinans Rosemary Winnall
New Parks 23-11-2002



Sulphur Tuft Fungi Rosemary Winnall
Eyemore Wood 28-9-2003



Chlorociboria aeriginascens Rosemary Winnall
Dowles 7-10-2005