

Boynes Meadows and Coppice, Brotheridge Green (SO 830 410)

Wednesday 12th June, 2 pm – 4 pm approx. Weather dry to start, cloudy, then rain.

Probably due to the wet summer and autumn last year, and cold late winter and early spring this year, the grass in the meadows was much longer and more lush, even swamping some of the flowers, compared with on our visit last year. Also, the flowering season is obviously later this year. Only the north meadow was surveyed due to the rain, but a quick look confirmed that the flowers were mostly present in the SSSI meadow also.

Species list

Flora

North meadow

English name	Scientific name	Comments
Avens, Wood /Herb Bennet	<i>Geum urbanum</i>	
Bird's foot trefoil, Common	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	
Buttercup, Meadow	<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Lots, all over meadow
Clover, Red	<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	
Daisy, Ox-eye	<i>Chrysanthemum leucanthemum</i>	
Dock, Broad-leaved	<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>	
Forget-me not, Field	<i>Myosotis arvensis</i>	
Goosegrass	<i>Galium aparine</i>	In hedgerow
Hemlock	<i>Conium maculatum</i>	Near hedgerow
Hogweed	<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>	
Knapweed	<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	A few, not in flower
Medick, Black	<i>Medicago arabica</i>	Lots, all over meadow
Mouse-ear, Common	<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>	
Mustard, garlic	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	In hedgerow
Nettle, Common	<i>Urtica dioica</i>	
Orchid, Green-winged	<i>Anacamptis morio</i>	

Orchid, Southern marsh	<i>Dactylorhiza praetermissa</i>	A single spike, middle of western half of the field, to right of faint track going towards field gate into coppice. Needs to be confirmed.
Parsley, cow	<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	Near hedgerow
Plantain, ribwort	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	
Self-heal	<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	
Sorrel, common	<i>Rumex acetosa</i>	
Vetch, Common	<i>Vicia sativa</i>	
Yellow rattle	<i>Rhinanthus minor</i>	

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Bird's foot trefoil, common	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	
Buttercup, meadow	<i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i>	
Clover, red	<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	
Cowslip	<i>Primula veris</i>	Seedheads
Daisy, ox-eye	<i>Chrysanthemum leucanthemum</i>	
Hogweed	<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>	
Knapweed	<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	
Medick, black	<i>Medicago arabica</i>	
Orchid, common spotted	<i>Dactylorhiza fuchsii</i>	
Orchid, green-winged	<i>Anacamptis morio</i>	
Plantain, ribwort	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	
Rose	<i>Rosa</i>	Low-growing amongst grass, near wood edge
Self-heal	<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	
Sorrel, common	<i>Rumex acetosa</i>	
Yellow rattle	<i>Rhinanthus minor</i>	