

Walk round the reserve with Rupert – 12 June 2010

Species spotted

Edge of Savage's Wood/into Savage's

Hedge woundwort
Marsh woundwort
Wayfaring tree
Tufted vetch
Geum urbanum
Common figwort (Scrofularia)
Dogwood

Newt ponds and around

Palmate and smooth newts
Birds' foot trefoil
Bombus lapidarius
Large skipper
Blackneck moth (quite scarce)
Dark bush cricket
Grass vetchling
Straw dart moth
Lattice heath moth
Common grass moth
Guelder rose

Big meadow

Common blue
Heart and dart moth
Silver Y moth
Crow garlic
Grass vetchling
Broadleaved spurge
Lesser trefoil

New pond

Emerald damselfly
Broad-bodied libellula

Planting north of big meadow

Wild privet
Beaked hawk's beard (not native, came with hay?)

Between Primrose Bridge and Savage's

Spindle
Hemlock water-dropwort

From Savage's to Webb's

Common fleabane

False fox-sedge
Whitethroat
Burnet moth
Bugle
St John's Wort

Orchard

Common blue
Timothy tortrix
Burnet companion
Meadow vetchling

Bank below Webb's Wood meadow

Bladder campion
Little Tove
Hairy St John's Wort
Willow warbler

Grassland by webb's wood

Skippers
Burnet companion
Common Blue
Narrow-banded 5-spot burnet
Bombus lapidarius
Glaucous sedge
Zigzag clover (not common)
White briony
Small tortoiseshell

Tasks suggested

- [Cutting back ash saplings along the edge of Savage's Wood by the school fence](#)
 - [Still a day's worth of hazel coppicing in Savage's](#)
 - [In the plantation immediately north of Savage's there is still some ash growing too near to cherry trees which could be taken out](#)
 - [And more ash to thin in the block of planting north of the big meadow, leaving the cherries](#)
 - [And more thinning in whatever the plantation is called near the school fence as you head to the lake](#)
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- [The hedge along Bradley Stoke way needs to be laid \(continue where we left off I guess\)](#)
 - [The grassy area below the upper newt pond is wildflower-rich, worth cutting back shrubs and scything every 3 years](#)
 - [The upper newt pond requires a major dredging exercise \(probably beyond us!\)](#)

- Old apple trees near Primrose Bridge – worth tidying up round the bottom and flailing the bramble