

Norfolk Fungus Study Group Foray Report

Strumpshaw Fen. Sunday 15th March 2026.

Twenty one members of the group turned out for the latest foray to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds reserve of Strumpshaw Fen sited to the south east of Norwich. We were also joined by a member of the Facebook group who was interested in the photography.

The nature reserve is situated on the River Yare. The Buckenham Marshes RSPB reserve borders the reserve to the east. The site is part of the Mid-Yare National Nature Reserve established in 1997 and it was purchased by the RSPB in 1974. It forms part of the Yare Broads and Marshes Site of Special Scientific Interest. It consists of a mixture of reedbeds, woodlands and orchid-rich meadows.



On the present Norfolk Mycota there are 871 records of 427 species after 67 visits and the last official visit by the group was in February 2020.

We met in the overspill car park which proved quite busy, possibly due to our outing coinciding with Mother's Day. Our aim was to explore the wet woodlands further in but we did start in the drier woodland on the left just past the visitor centre. We spent the rest of the morning here as there was plenty to record on the dead wood, woody litter and the

vegetation. There were some notable slime moulds/Myxomycetes including a fine example of *Craterium minutum* growing on an oak leaf and *Trichia favoginea* growing with *Polycephalomyces tomentosum* (see the photos) as well as *Diderma globosum*. The rest were the wood rotters, rusts and other microfungi we would expect to find in the woods at this time of year - Peniophoras, Hypoxylons, Diapoths and Puccinias. Only a few gilled fungi made it onto the morning list - Sulphur Tuft and Peeling Oysterling.

Lunch was a very civilised affair as, despite having plenty of fallen trees, we were able to use the picnic benches and the seats near the dipping pond.

After lunch the majority of us made it into the wet woodland. Again there were plenty of microfungi - among which were *Berlessiella nigerrima* and *Cosmospora annulohypoxli* growing together. Another myxomycete - *Perichaena corticalis* was found on a fallen ash tree - this was a cluster of reddish brown globose sporocarps packed with golden yellow spores. The specimen we looked at in the afternoon had a hyphomycete growing over some of it. This was *Cacumisporium capitulatum* that was growing on the surrounding wood and spreading over the slime mould. That makes it two slime moulds with microfungi growing on them in the day!

Although Scarlet Elfcup had been found in the morning there were many more finer examples here and this was the only place that Alder Goblet was recorded. A couple of examples of Funeral Bell and a crowd of Glistening Inkcaps were the main gilled fungi for the afternoon. Also a very photogenic Hazel Porecrust made it into the records. Finally we were also joined by a newish member of our email group who brought the whole family along and the children seemed to enjoy our findings.

An extremely pleasant day out with some interesting finds.

There were 79 field identifications and a final total of 164 species. A big thanks to those who came and helped with the finds and who did the homework to create the final list.

When comparing the list with the current Norfolk Mycota, the 2025 list, and the 2026 list so far there are 95 new species for the site.

There are four new for the county -

Apiospora hysterina - causing spots on canes of Bamboo

Asteroma robergei - flask shaped fruiting bodies on Hemlock stem

Phomopsis conii - more flask shaped fruiting bodies on Hemlock

Pyrenopeziza laricina - on a larch cone

There were also four second records and three third records for Norfolk.

Below are some photographs to illustrate the finds, the habitat and the experience of our visit. Thanks to Jeremy, Mike, Glenn, Steve and myself for sending in contributions.

Mike Ball's photos from the day are on his website: [Strumpshaw NFSG 15/03/26](#)

The list of finds is at the end of this report.

Steve Pinnington.

Photographs



Polycephalomyces tomentosus growing on *Trichia varia*



Diderma globosum



Galerina marginata/Funeral Bell



Dichomitris campestris/Hazel Porecrust





Slime Mould



Sarcoscypha austriaca/Scarlet Elfcup



Lachnum virgineum/Snowy Disco



Lachnum pudibundum



Datronia mollis/Common Mazegill



Ceratomyxa fruticulosa



Craterium minutum



Coprinellus micaceus/Glistening Inkcap

Finds

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	SUBSTRATE	ASSOCIATED ORGANISM
<i>Acrospermum compressum</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
<i>Albugo laibachii</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>
<i>Alternaria ramulosa</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Conium maculatum</i>
<i>Apiospora arundinis</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Phragmites australis</i>
<i>Apiospora hysterina</i>		Dead Cane	<i>Pseudosasa japonica</i>
<i>Arthonia parietinaria</i>		Thallus	<i>Xanthoria parietina</i>
<i>Asteroma robergei</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Conium maculatum</i>
<i>Athelia arachnoidea</i>	Cobweb Duster	Dead Branch/Deciduous	
<i>Auricularia auricula-judae</i>	Jelly Ear	Dead Log/Deciduous	
<i>Berlesiella nigerrima</i>		Fruitbody	<i>Jackrogersella multiformis</i>
<i>Bispora antennata</i>		Cut Stump	<i>Corylus avellana</i>
<i>Bispora pallescens</i>		Cut Stump	<i>Salix cinerea</i>
<i>Bjerkandera adusta</i>	Smoky Bracket	Dead Stump	<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>
<i>Boeremia hedericola</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Hedera helix</i>
<i>Brachysporium bloxamii</i>		Rotten Wood	<i>Quercus robur</i>
<i>Byssomerulius corium</i>	Netted Crust	Dead Twig/Deciduous	
<i>Cacumisporium capitulatum</i>		Dead Wood	<i>Quercus robur</i>
<i>Calloria tremelloides</i>	Nettle Pox	Dead Stem	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
<i>Camarosporium oreades</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Quercus robur</i>
<i>Ceratiomyxa fruticulosa</i>		Rotten Wood	
<i>Chaetosphaerella phaeostroma</i>		Dead Branch/Deciduous	

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<i>Ciboria caucus</i>	Alder Goblet	Dead Catkin	<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>
<i>Coleophoma cylindrospora</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
<i>Colletotrichum dematium</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Carex pendula</i>
<i>Colletotrichum samararum</i>		Keys	<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>
<i>Coprinellus micaceus</i>	Glistening Inkcap	Dead Log	
<i>Corynespora smithii</i>		Dead Twig	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
<i>Cosmospora annulohypoxyli</i>		Stromata	<i>Jackrogersella multiformis</i>
<i>Craterium minutum</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Quercus</i>
<i>Crepidotus mollis</i>	Peeling Oysterling	Dead Log	
<i>Cyathicula cyathoidea</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
<i>Dacrymyces stillatus</i>	Common Jellyspot	Dead Branch	
<i>Daedaleopsis confragosa</i>	Blushing Bracket	Dead Log	<i>Salix</i>
<i>Daldinia concentrica</i>	King Alfred's Cakes	Dead Branch	<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>
<i>Datronia mollis</i>	Common Mazegill	Dead Branch	<i>Corylus avellana</i>
<i>Dendryphion comosum</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
<i>Diaporthe arctii</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>
<i>Diaporthe circumscripta</i>		Dead Twig	<i>Sambucus nigra</i>
<i>Diaporthe pardalota</i>		Dead Twig	<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>
<i>Diaporthe pulla</i>		Dead Wood	<i>Hedera helix</i>
<i>Diaporthe samaricola</i>		Dead Keys	<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>
<i>Diaporthopsis urticae</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
<i>Diatrype stigma</i>	Common Tarcrust	Dead Branch	<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>
<i>Diatrypella favacea</i>	Birch Blackhead	Dead Branch	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Diatrypella quercina</i>	Oak Blackhead	Dead Branch	<i>Quercus</i>
<i>Dichomitus campestris</i>	Hazel Porecrust	Dead Twig	<i>Corylus avellana</i>
<i>Diderma effusum</i>		Dead Wood	
<i>Diderma globosum</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
<i>Diplodia sapinea</i>		Fallen Cone	<i>Picea abies</i>
<i>Dothiora ribesia</i>		Dead Twig	<i>Ribes rubrum</i>
<i>Ellisembia leptospora</i>		Dead Wood	<i>Sambucus nigra</i>
<i>Entyloma ficariae</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>
<i>Eutypa lata</i>		Dead Wood	<i>Hedera helix</i>
<i>Galerina marginata</i>	Funeral Bell	Dead Log	
<i>Ganoderma applanatum</i>	Artist's Bracket	Trunk	<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>
<i>Gloniopsis praelonga</i>		Fallen Cone	<i>Larix decidua</i>

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<i>Gnomonia gnomon</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Corylus avellana</i>
<i>Helminthosporium velutinum</i>		Dead Wood	
<i>Hemitrichia calyculata</i>		Dead Branch	<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>
<i>Heterosphaeria patella</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Conium maculatum</i>
<i>Hydropisphaera arenula</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Conium maculatum</i>
<i>Hymenochaete rubiginosa</i>	Oak Curtain Crust	Dead Log	<i>Quercus</i>
<i>Hymenoscyphus vernus</i>		Wet, Rotten Wood	
<i>Hypholoma fasciculare</i>	Sulphur Tuft	Rotten Wood	
<i>Hypoderma rubi</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Rubus fruticosus agg.</i>
<i>Hypoxyton cercidicola</i>		Dead Branch	<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>
<i>Hypoxyton fuscum</i>	Hazel Woodwart	Dead Branch	<i>Corylus avellana</i>
<i>Hypoxyton petriniae</i>		Dead Branch/Deciduous	
<i>Illosporopsis christiansenii</i>		Thallus	<i>Xanthoria parietina</i>
<i>Jackrogersella multiformis</i>	Birch Woodwart	Dead Log	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Kretzschmaria deusta</i>	Brittle Cinder	Dead Branch	
<i>Lachnella alboviolascens</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
<i>Lachnum pudibundum</i>		Dead Branch	<i>Salix</i>
<i>Lachnum virgineum</i>	Snowy Disco	Rotten Log	
<i>Leptosphaeria acuta</i>	Nettle Rash	Dead Stem	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
<i>Leptotrochila cerastiorum</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Cerastium glomeratum</i>
<i>Lichenopeltella nigroannulata</i>		Dead Cane	<i>Pseudosasa japonica</i>
<i>Lophiostoma semiliberum</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Phragmites australis</i>
<i>Mastigosporium muticum</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>
<i>Mazzantia angelicae</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Angelica sylvestris</i>
<i>Melampsorium hiratsukanum</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>
<i>Microthyrium ciliatum</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
<i>Mollisia cinerea</i>	Common Grey Disco	Dead Branch	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Mollisia hydrophila</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Phragmites australis</i>
<i>Mycosphaerella pteridis</i>		Dead Frond	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>
<i>Mycosphaerella punctiformis</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Quercus</i>
<i>Nemania serpens</i>		Dead Branch	<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>
<i>Neosetophoma samarorum</i>		Dead Keys	<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>
<i>Nodosphaeria cirsii</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Cirsium palustre</i>
<i>Ophiognomonia alni-viridis</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>
<i>Ophiognomonia intermedia</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Betula pendula</i>

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<i>Ophiostoma ulmi</i>	Dutch Elm Disease	Dead Wood	<i>Ulmus minor</i>
<i>Panaeolus acuminatus</i>	Dewdrop Mottlegill	Leaf Litter/Deciduous	
<i>Paradidymella clarkii</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Rubus fruticosus agg.</i>
<i>Peniophora cinerea</i>		Dead Branch	<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>
<i>Peniophora lycii</i>	Ashen Crust	Dead Twig	<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>
<i>Peniophora polygonia</i>		Dead Twig	<i>Populus tremula</i>
<i>Peniophora quercina</i>		Dead Twig	<i>Quercus</i>
<i>Perichaena corticalis</i>		Fallen Trunk	<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>
<i>Periconia byssoides</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
<i>Phacidium lauri</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
<i>Phoma lineolata</i>		Fallen Cone	<i>Larix decidua</i>
<i>Phomopsis conii</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Conium maculatum</i>
<i>Phomopsis digitalis</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>
<i>Phomopsis hysterioloa</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Angelica sylvestris</i>
<i>Phyllachora dactylidis</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>
<i>Phyllosticta foliorum</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Taxus baccata</i>
<i>Physarum album</i>		Rotten Wood	
<i>Plicatura crispa</i>	Crimped Gill	Dead Log/Deciduous	
<i>Polycephalomyces tomentosus</i>		Sporangia	<i>Trichia favoginea</i>
<i>Praetumpfia obducens</i>		Dead Branch	<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>
<i>Psathyrella spadiceogrisea</i>	Spring Brittlestem	Woody Litter/Deciduous	
<i>Pseudonectria buxi</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>
<i>Puccinia coronata</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>
<i>Puccinia glechomatis</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>
<i>Puccinia malvacearum</i>	Mallow Rust	Live Leaf	<i>Malva sylvestris</i>
<i>Puccinia primulae</i>	Primrose Rust	Live Leaf	<i>Primula vulgaris</i>
<i>Puccinia smyrnii</i>	Alexander's Rust	Live Leaf	<i>Smyrnum olusatrum</i>
<i>Puccinia urticata</i>	Nettle Clustercup Rust	Live Leaf	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
<i>Pyrenopeziza digitalina</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>
<i>Pyrenopeziza escharodes</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Rubus fruticosus agg.</i>
<i>Pyrenopeziza laricina</i>		Fallen Cone	<i>Larix decidua</i>
<i>Ramularia cardamines</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Cardamine amara</i>
<i>Ramularia glechomatis</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>
<i>Ramularia rhabdospora</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>
<i>Ramularia rubella</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>

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<i>Ramularia septata</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Galanthus</i>
<i>Ruzenia spermoides</i>		Dead Wood	<i>Corylus avellana</i>
<i>Ramularia urticae</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
<i>Reticularia lycoperdon</i>	False Puffball	Live Trunk	<i>Prunus cerasifera</i>
<i>Rhopoglyphus filicinus</i>	Bracken Map	Dead Stem	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>
<i>Rhytisma acerinum</i>	Sycamore Tarspot	Dead Leaf	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>
<i>Rosellinia britannica</i>		Dead Branch	<i>Hedera helix</i>
<i>Sarcoscypha austriaca</i>	Scarlet Elfcup	Soil	
<i>Scirrhia rimosa</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Phragmites australis</i>
<i>Septocyta ruborum</i>		Live Stem	<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg.
<i>Septoria digitalis</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>
<i>Septoria stellariae</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Stellaria media</i>
<i>Setoseptoria arundinacea</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Phragmites australis</i>
<i>Solicorynespora foveolata</i>		Dead Cane	<i>Pseudosasa japonica</i>
<i>Spermosporina aricola</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Arum maculatum</i>
<i>Stereum hirsutum</i>	Hairy Curtain Crust	Dead Log	<i>Quercus</i>
<i>Taphrina betulina</i>	Birch Besom	Twig	<i>Betula pendula</i>
<i>Torula herbarum</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
<i>Trametes versicolor</i>	Turkeytail	Dead Log	<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>
<i>Tremella mesenterica</i>	Yellow Brain	Dead Twig/Deciduous	
<i>Tremella versicolor</i>		Fruitbody	<i>Peniophora lycii</i>
<i>Trichia botrytis</i>		Dead Wood	
<i>Trichia favoginea</i>		Dead Wood	
<i>Trochila ilicina</i>	Holly Speckle	Dead Leaf	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
<i>Tubaria furfuracea</i>	Scurfy Twiglet	Soil	<i>Corylus avellana</i>
<i>Typhula setipes</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Betula pendula</i>
<i>Unguiculariopsis thallophila</i>		Thallus	<i>Lecanora hybocarpa</i>
<i>Uromyces dactylidis</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Ficaria verna</i>
<i>Velutarina rufo-olivacea</i>		Dead Stem	<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg.
<i>Venturia ditricha</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Vialaea insculpta</i>		Drooping Twigs	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
<i>Vouauxiella lichenicola</i>		Apothecia	<i>Lecanora hybocarpa</i>
<i>Vuilleminia alni</i>		Dead Twig	<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>
<i>Vuilleminia coryli</i>		Dead Branch	<i>Corylus avellana</i>
<i>Xanthoriicola physciae</i>		Apothecia	<i>Xanthoria parietina</i>

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<i>Xylaria hypoxylon</i>	Candlesnuff	Dead Stump	
<i>Xylodon sambuci</i>	Elder Whitewash	Live Trunk	<i>Sambucus nigra</i>