

Norfolk Fungus Study Group Foray Report

Lound Lakes Sunday 12th July 2026

There were twelve attendees this month at Lound Lakes including Bronwen's brother Vincent, a keen photographer and this report will be accompanied by some of his excellent photographs. He seemed to enjoy the day even though we did warn him in advance that the dry conditions would make fungi to photograph difficult to find.

Situated South of Gorleston and Great Yarmouth, Lound Lakes, created by peat diggings in the medieval period, and the surrounding country park, are owned by Essex & Suffolk Water and managed for wildlife by Suffolk Wildlife Trust (SWT). The site measures 280 acres, straddles the Norfolk and Suffolk border, and the habitats include open water, woodland, grassland, rush pasture and fen meadow. Our guide for the day was Steve - a member of our fungus group as well as a volunteer at this reserve - a big thanks to him for showing us around.



Yet again this summer foray location had been chosen to give the best chance of wet conditions but had been preceded by weeks of little or no rain. Fortunately our microfungi expert, Stewart was able to add plenty of fungal plant pathogens to the list throughout the day. Mildews (*Erysiphe* and *golovinmyces*), rusts (*Puccinia*) and leaf spots (*Ramularia*) were recorded on many plants, such as ground-ivy, buttercup and honeysuckle, in the fen meadow, grassland and woodland. In the morning we were able to find a moderately moist ditch surrounded by birch, oak, sycamore and alder. The decaying wood discovered there produced some snowy discos, cous cous crust and woolly woodwart, also some well eaten dead moll's fingers on a dead sycamore branch and one example of Alder tongue. Vicky spotted some oyster mushrooms high up in rowan tree and the assumption was that they were the common variety. There was plenty of insect activity to keep the photographers happy. The most notable, just before lunch, were a number of great green bush crickets spotted among the brambles along the path (check out the photographs)

Lunch was taken perched on some logs in the woodland. During it we were entertained by Anne using a long branch to get a specimen of *Trametes pubescens* from a high birch branch for identification purposes. There was also a fine specimen of *Fuligo septica*/Flowers of Tan, a slime mould, easily spotted glowing yellow on a dead trunk.

The afternoon was an exploration of much damper woodland, mostly in Suffolk. The highlights were Glenn finding some gilled fungi - a very nice colony of fairy inkcaps on a dead branch and a dwarf shield on dead wood which he spectacularly retrieved when trying to cross a very wet patch of woodland. Chris also found a very moth eaten bolete which was identified in the field as likely to be suede bolete. There were also plenty of wood rotters, *Hypoxylons petrinae* and *fuscum* and *Jackrogersellas minutella* and *multiformis* as well as turkeytail and blushing bracket. Two further slime moulds were also recorded - a very bright *Lycogala terrestre* and a very squashed false puffball.

The day ended with a scramble through head high bracken to get ourselves back to the grassland and the car park during which a crested coral was spotted and identified.

There were 60 field identifications and a final total of 88 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, and the 2026 list so far there are 59 are new for the site - however as we crossed into Suffolk for some of the time we were in a kilometre square not recorded by the group before. Only one was relatively uncommon - *Gnomonia alnea*, which are very small black projections growing on the underside of dead alder leaves - a third record for the mycota.

	
Pluteus nanus/Dwarf Shield	Psathyrella candolleana/Pale Brittlestem
	
	
Xerocomus subtomentosus/Suede Bolete	Coprinellus disseminatus/Fairy Inkcap



Great Green Bush Cricket



Searching for the bush cricket



Lachnum virgineum/Snowy Disco



Orbilia curvatispora



	
Lycogala terrestris	Fuligo septica/Flowers of Tan

Finds

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	SUBSTRATE	ASSOCIATED ORGANISM
Ascodichaena rugosa		Dead Twig	Quercus
Berlesiella nigerrima		Fruitbody	Jackrogersella multiformis
Bulbillomyces farinosus	Cous Cous Crust	Rotten Wood	
Cercospora depazeoides		Live Leaf	Sambucus nigra
Cercospora resedae		Live Leaf	Reseda luteola
Chaetosphaerella phaeostroma	Black Velvet	Dead Branch	Alnus glutinosa
Clavulina coralloides	Crested Coral	Soil	
Colletotrichum nymphaeae		Live Leaf	Nymphaea alba
Coprinellus disseminatus	Fairy Inkcap	Dead Branch	
Dacrymyces stillatus	Common Jellyspot	Fence Post	
Daedaleopsis confragosa	Blushing Bracket	Dead Branch	Betula
Dialonectria episphaeria		Fruitbody	Diatrype stigma
Diatrype bullata	Willow Barkspot	Dead Branch	Salix
Diatrype stigma	Common Tarcrust	Dead Branch	Alnus glutinosa
Diplodia sapinea		Dead Cone	Pinus sylvestris

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<i>Diatrypella favacea</i>	Birch Blackhead	Dead Branch	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Epichloe typhina</i>	Choke	Live Stem	<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>
<i>Erysiphe alphitoides</i>	Oak Mildew	Live Leaf	<i>Quercus</i>
<i>Erysiphe aquilegiae</i> var. <i>ranunculi</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Ranunculus</i>
<i>Erysiphe circaeae</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Circaea lutetiana</i>
<i>Erysiphe lonicerae</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i>
<i>Eudarluca caricis</i>		Uredinia	<i>Phragmidium violaceum</i>
<i>Fomitopsis betulina</i>	Birch Polypore	Dead Trunk	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Fuligo septica</i>	Flowers of Tan	Dead Trunk	
<i>Ganoderma adspersum</i>	Southern Bracket	Dead Trunk	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Gnomonia alnea</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>
<i>Golovinomyces asperifolii</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Echium vulgare</i>
<i>Hymenochaete rubiginosa</i>	Oak Curtain Crust	Dead Trunk	<i>Quercus</i>
<i>Hypoxylon fuscum</i>	Hazel Woodward	Dead Branch	<i>Corylus avellana</i>
<i>Hypoxylon petriniae</i>		Dead Branch	<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>
<i>Jackrogersella minutella</i>		Dead Branch	<i>Quercus</i>
<i>Jackrogersella multiformis</i>	Birch Woodward	Dead Branch	<i>Betula</i>
<i>Lachnum pudibundum</i>		Fallen Branch	<i>Salix</i>
<i>Lachnum virgineum</i>	Snowy Disco	Rotten Wood	
<i>Lasiosphaeria ovina</i>	Woolly Woodward	Dead Branch	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>
<i>Leptosphaeria acuta</i>	Nettle Rash	Dead Stem	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
<i>Lycogala terrestre</i>		Dead Wood	
<i>Melampsora caprearum</i>		Live Leaf	<i>Salix</i>
<i>Micropodia pteridina</i>	Bracken Swarmer	Dead Stem	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>
<i>Microthyrium ciliatum</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
<i>Microthyrium ilicinum</i>		Dead Leaf	<i>Quercus ilex</i>

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Mollisia cinerea	Common Grey Disco	Fallen Branch	Alnus glutinosa
Mycosphaerella punctiformis		Dead Leaf	Quercus robur
Ophiognomonia intermedia		Dead Leaf	Betula
Orbilia curvatispora		Fallen Branch	Salix
Peniophora quercina		Dead Branch	Quercus ilex
Periconia byssoides		Dead Stem	Urtica dioica
Phacidium lauri		Dead Leaf	Ilex aquifolium
Phragmidium violaceum	Violet Bramble Rust	Live Leaf	Rubus fruticosus agg.
Phyllosticta foliorum		Dead Leaf	Taxus baccata
Pleurotus ostreatus	Oyster Mushroom	Trunk	Sorbus aucuparia
Pluteus nanus	Dwarf Shield	Dead Wood	
Psathyrella candolleana	Pale Brittlestem	Dead Wood	
Puccinia coronata		Live Leaf	Holcus lanatus
Puccinia malvacearum	Hollyhock Rust	Live Leaf	Malva neglecta
Puccinia ribis-pendulae		Live Leaf	Carex pendula
Ramularia abscondita		Live Leaf	Arctium minus
Ramularia cynarae		Live Leaf	Cirsium arvense
Ramularia glechomatis		Live Leaf	Glechoma hederacea
Ramularia lamii var. lamii		Live Leaf	Mentha aquatica
Ramularia rubella		Live Leaf	Rumex obtusifolius
Ramularia urticae		Live Leaf	Urtica dioica
Reticularia lycoperdon	False Puffball	Dead Wood	
Rhopoglyphus filicinus	Bracken Map	Dead Stem	Pteridium aquilinum
Rhytisma acerinum	Sycamore Tarspot	Live Leaf	Acer pseudoplatanus
Rosellinia britannica		Dead Wood	Corylus avellana

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Schizopora paradoxa	Split Porecrust	Dead Branch	
Scirrhia rimosa		Dead Stem	Phragmites australis
Scleroderma citrinum	Common Earthball	Soil	
Septoria hydrocotyles		Live Leaf	Hydrocotyle vulgaris
Setoseptoria arundinacea		Dead Stem	Phragmites australis
Stictis arundinacea		Dead Stem	Phragmites australis
Stomiopeltis betulae		Fallen Branch	Betula
Taphrina alni	Alder Tongue	Live Cone	Alnus glutinosa
Taphrina betulina	Birch Besom	Live Leaf	Betula
Trametes pubescens		Trunk	Betula
Trametes versicolor	Turkeytail	Dead Stump	
Trichaptum abietinum	Purplepore Bracket	Dead Branch	Pinus sylvestris
Trichoderma pulvinatum	Ochre Cushion	Fruitbody	Fomitopsis betulina
Trochila ilicina	Holly Speckle	Dead Leaf	Ilex aquifolium
Uromyces euphorbiae-corniculati		Live Leaf	Lotus corniculatus
Vialaea insculpta		Drooping Twigs	Ilex aquifolium
Vuilleminia alni		Dead Branch	Alnus glutinosa
Vuilleminia comedens	Waxy Crust	Dead Branch	Quercus robur
Vuilleminia coryli	Hazel Waxy Crust	Dead Branch	Corylus avellana
Xanthoriicola physciae		Thallus	Xanthoria parietina
Xerocomus subtomentosus	Suede Bolete	Soil	
Xylaria longipes	Dead Moll's Fingers	Dead Branch	Acer pseudoplatanus