

MKNHS Plant Group – 28th April 2024 – Shenley Wood

Consolidated List of Plants observed

Habitat: Ancient Woodland except for the south entrance area

Weather: dull, cold for time of year, heavy rain in past few weeks, very wet and muddy clay soil

This List is a working document for the information of Plant Group members based solely on their observations on 28th April. A supplementary Photo Album is included as an annex. It shows some of the botanical features that can be helpful in plant identification as well as illustrating a small selection of other species observed.

Ground Flowering Plants

Anemone Wood (*Anemone nemorosa*)

Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*)

Bramble sp. (*Rubus fruticosus* agg. – type unknown)*

Bristly Oxtongue (*Helminthotheca echioides*)*

Buttercup Creeping (*Ranunculus repens*)*

Buttercup Meadow (*Ranunculus acris*)*

Bugle (*Ajuga reptans*)

Campion Red (*Silene dioica*)

Celandine Lesser (*Ficaria verna*)

Cowslip (*Primula veris*)

Cow parsley (*Anthriscus sylvestris*)

Creeping Jenny (*Lysimachia nummularia*)

Daisy (*Bellis perennis*)

Dandelion (*Taraxacum* agg.)

Dock sp. (*Rumex* sp.) possibly Wood Dock (*Rumex sanguineus*)

Dog's Mercury (*Mercurialis perennis*) \$

Figwort Common (*Scrophularia nodosa*)* or was it Water Figwort (*Scrophularia auriculata*)*: plant examined had square stem with slight wings on each corner?

Forget-me-not sp. (*Myosotis* sp.) \$

Ground Ivy (*Glechoma hederacea*)

Herb Robert (*Geranium robertianum*)

Hogweed (*Heracleum sphondylium*)*

Honeysuckle (*Lonicera periclymeum*)*

Ivy (*Hedera helix*)*

Lords and Ladies (*Arum italicum*)

Meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*)*

Mouse Ear Sticky (*Cerastium glomeratum*) (car park edge)

Nettle Common (*Urtica dioica*)*

Nightshade Enchanter's (*Circaea lutetiana*)*

Orchid Common Spotted (*Dactylorhiza fuchsii*)* or Orchid Early Purple (*Orchis mascula*)* – (spotted leaf rosettes)

Primrose (*Primula vulgaris*)
Ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*)*
Rose sp. (*Rosa* sp.)*
Silver weed (*Potentilla anserina*) \$
Speedwell Thyme-leaved (*Veronica serpyllifolia*)
Speedwell sp. probably Germander (*Veronica chamaedrys*)
Strawberry Barren (*Potentilla sterilis*)
Stitchwort Greater (*Stellaria holostea*)
Vetch Bush (*Vicia sepium*)
Willow herb Rosebay (*Chamerion angustifolium*)*

Trees and Shrubs

Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*)
Blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*)
Dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea*)
Dogwood, Red Osier (*Cornus sericea*) * (south entrance area, cultivated)
Elder (*Sambucus nigra*) (south entrance area)
Field Maple (*Acer Campestre*)
Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*) (south entrance area)
Guelder Rose (*Viburnum opulus*) (south entrance area)
Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*)
Hazel (*Corylus avellana*)
Oak Pedunculate (*Quercus robur*)
Rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*) (south entrance area)
Wayfaring Tree (*Viburnum lantana*) (south entrance area)

Sedges and Ferns

Sedge Pendulous (*Carex Pendula*)
Sedge Wood (*Carex sylvatica*)
Bracken (*Pteridium aquilinum*) just unfurling
Buckler Fern sp. Either Male- fern (*Dryopteris filix-mas*) or Scaley Male- fern (*Dryopteris affinis*) just unfurling

Notes

1. *Indicates plant not in flower
2. \$ indicates identified only on 21st April 2024 recce
3. All observations within perimeter of Shenley Wood except those in the south entrance area as indicated above

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MKNHS Plant Group: Shenley Wood 28 April 2024 – Photo Album

These photos supplement the *Consolidated List of Plants Observed*. A number of botanic plant features that proved important in the field are included as well a small selection of other species observed (with thanks to Bob Phillips).

1. Sticky Mouse-ear



2. Sticky Mouse-ear close-up to show glandular hairs on a stem – individual hairs are tipped with a small nodule



3. Guelder Rose



4. Guelder Rose - leaf



5. Pendulous Sedge - male part



6. Pendulous Sedge - female part



7. Pendulous Sedge - whole plant



8. Pedunculate Oak flower (female)



9. Pedunculate Oak flower (male)



10. / 11. Wood Sedge



12. Bugle – whole plant



13. Bugle – close-up



14. Bush Vetch



15. Bush Vetch - flowers



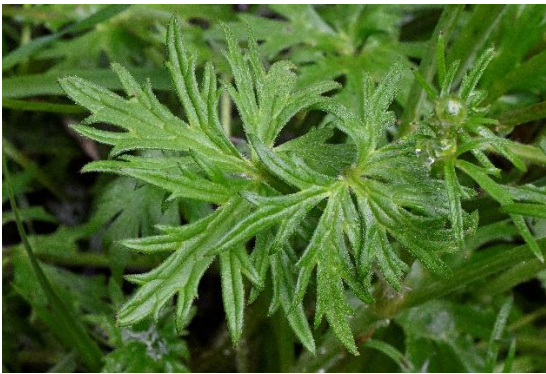
16. Bush Vetch - leaves



17. Wood Anemone



18. Meadow Buttercup - leaves



20. Meadow Buttercup - flower buds



19. Meadow Buttercup - plant



21./22. Common Figwort (or was it Water Figwort?) - plant (l) and leaf (r)



23. Common Figwort (or was it Water Figwort?) - last year's plant



24. Barren Strawberry

