

Flora and fauna survey of Honeybog Hill, Paisley (NS 507646)

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The survey was carried out by Paisley Natural History Society Study Group on 24 June 2025 between 7.00 and 8.30pm. It was a warm cloudy evening. We set out from the south entrance on Tylney Road, walked diagonally across the field to the left (northwest) and then north up to the highest point to enjoy the spectacular views, and then returned to our starting point.

Species list

Flora

Sweet Vernal-grass
Cow Parsley
False Oat-grass
Oval Sedge
Common Mouse-ear
Rosebay Willowherb
Creeping Thistle
Hawthorn
Crested Dog's-tail
Common Spotted-orchid
Northern Marsh-orchid
American Willowherb
Field Horsetail
Red Fescue
Meadowsweet
Cleavers
Common Marsh-bedstraw
Yorkshire-fog
Bluebell
Soft Rush
Meadow Vetchling
Perennial Rye Grass
Pineapple-weed
Tufted Forget-me-not
Water Forget-me-not
Red Bartsia
Amphibious Bistort
Timothy

51 species

Anthoxanthum odoratum
Anthriscus sylvestris
Arrhenatherum elatius
Carex leporina
Cerastium fontanum
Chamerion angustifolium
Cirsium arvense
Crataegus monogyna
Cynosurus cristatus
Dactylorhiza fuchsii
Dactylorhiza purpurella
Epilobium ciliatum
Equisetum arvense
Festuca rubra
Filipendula ulmaria
Galium aparine
Galium palustre
Holcus lanatus
Hyacinthoides non-scripta
Juncus effusus
Lathyrus pratensis
Lolium perenne
Matricaria discoidea
Myosotis laxa
Myosotis scorioides
Odontites vernus
Persicaria amphibia
Phleum pratense

Fox-and-cubs
Ribwort Plantain
Greater Plantain
Silverweed
Selfheal
Meadow Buttercup
Creeping Buttercup
Yellow-rattle
Bramble
Common Sorrel
Broad-leaved Dock
Grey Willow
Elder
Common Ragwort
Dandelion
Goat's-beard
Lesser Trefoil
White Clover
Colt's-foot
Common Nettle
Hairy Tare
Common Vetch
Bush Vetch

Insects

Black Fly
Red-tailed Bumble Bee
White-tailed Bumble Bee
Soldier Beetle
Seven-spot Ladybird
Dagger Fly
Chequered Pearl moth
Meadow Brown butterfly
Straw Dot moth
Crane-fly

Birds

Skylark
Goldfinch
Woodpigeon
Herring Gull
Magpie
Blackbird
Song Thrush

Pilosella aurantiaca
Plantago lanceolata
Plantago major
Potentilla anserina
Prunella vulgaris
Ranunculus acris
Ranunculus repens
Rhinanthus minor
Rubus fruticosus agg.
Rumex acetosa
Rumex obtusifolius
Salix cinerea
Sambucus nigra
Senecio jacobaea
Taraxacum agg.
Tragopogon pratensis
Trifolium dubium
Trifolium repens
Tussilago farfara
Urtica dioica
Vicia hirsuta
Vicia sativa
Vicia sepium

10 species

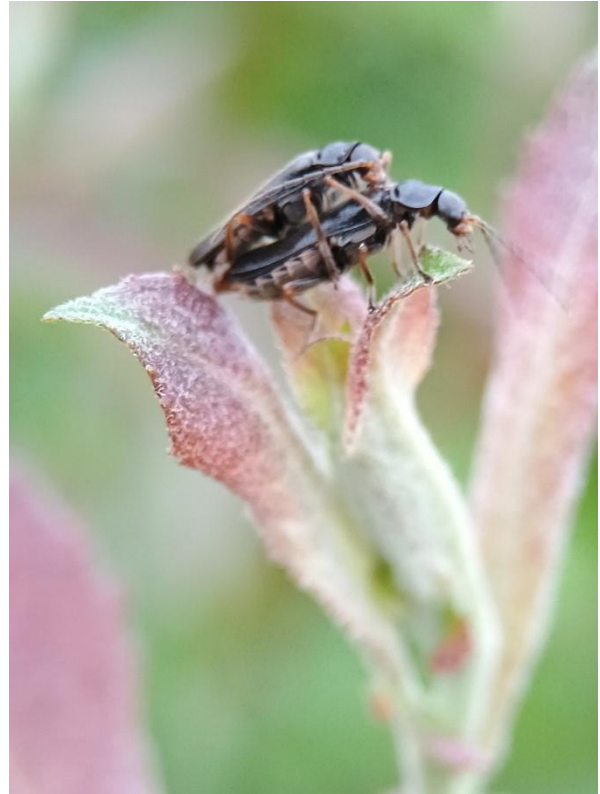
Aphis fabae
Bombus lapidarius
Bombus lucorum
Cantharis paludosa
Coccinella 7-punctata
Empis sp.
Evergestis pallidata
Maniola jurtina
Rivula sericealis
unidentified sp.

7 species

Alauda arvensis
Carduelis carduelis
Columba palumbus
Larus argentatus
Pica pica
Turdus merula
Turdus philomelos



Clockwise from top: Honeybog Hill grassland including Meadow Buttercup, White Clover, Yorkshire Fog and Common Vetch; Tufted Forget-me-not; Northern Marsh Orchid (photos: K Menzies)



Clockwise from top: Chequered Pearl moth; Soldier Beetles; Grassland including White Clover, Yorkshire Fog, Red Bartsia, Broad-leaved Dock, Common Vetch and Lesser Trefoil (photos: K Menzies)