

Leicestershire Fungi Study Group Survey of New Lount Reserve. On Sunday 6th November 2011.

The foray was well attended by the group and I accompanied them on behalf of the Volunteer Group. The dry spring and summer had resulted in a generally poor season for fungi, but the recent wet weather had resulted in a wide variety of fungi being found; there were over 70 species recorded.

Richard Iliffe of the Fungi Study Group commented, "*It was our most productive foray of this season, and as varied and interesting as any previous list made at New Lount.*"

Gymnopilus fulgens will be a county first and is rare nationally. It has been sent to Kew for confirmation. Several species were new to me, including ***Galerina atkinsoniana*** and ***Lyophyllum loricatum***, though both have been recorded in the county before".

Some of the species photographed were:-



Soft Puffball ***Lycoperdon molle*** (not common locally)



Hare's Foot Inkcap *Coprinopsis lagopus*



The Dog-sick Slime Mould *Mucilago crustacean*



Angel's Bonnets *Mycena arcangeliana*



The Fool's Funnel *Clitocybe rivulosa*
(so-called because it is very poisonous but looks like another species which is edible and good)



The Field Mushroom *Agaricus campestris*.
(This one is edible)

As you can see New Lount Reserve is a very good site for fungi and has a large variety of species, some of which are rare in the county.

The Fungi Study Group has a fixed route around the site, which enables them to compare one survey's results with another. There is however other areas of the site which would have further species and the group will attempt to survey some of these areas in the future. The group has also provisionally looked at Coleorton Wood and are intending to survey the wood on a regular basis from 2012.

If anyone requires the complete list of species please contact coleorton11@gmail.com