

Moore Nature Reserve foray, October 2018

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Ten people turned out including Robin Dean, John Ratcliffe and Christopher Bowden together with several beginners at least one of which had found out about this beginners foray through our Facebook page. It is likely that two of them will join the Group.

I carried out a brief survey of the site before the others had arrived. My normal route starting out through the lowland heath part of the reserve looked to be a bit disappointing with regards to fungi however I also looked over an area near to the car park where we had previously found an earthstar and this appeared to be more promising with lots of brown roll rims, a fly agaric and other species likely to be of interest to beginners. Therefore, we covered this area first. It did not disappoint somebody spotted *Cyathus striatus* (Fluted Bird's Nest - top right) easily overlooked and a first for me at Moore.

We then went to the heath area and although the grass was quite long managed to find three waxcaps: *Hygrocybe conica*, *Hygrocybe psittacina* and *Cuphophyllus virgineus*.

The rest of the route was mainly through woodland and overall we identified fifty one species not bad for a beginners foray. Nothing rare but a number of species of particular interest to beginners including the scented



Clitocybe odora (Aniseed Toadstool) and *Lactarius glyciosmus* (Coconut Milkcap) together with more unusual looking species like *Otidea onotica* (Hare's Ear - below) and *Helvella lacunosa* (Elfin's Saddle).

