

Lockerbie Wildlife Trust

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Eskrigg Reserve

November 2012 News Bulletin



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1. The picture of Eskrigg Centre was taken on the 2nd, that of the pond on the 11th.

2. Confirmed wildlife sightings

a. Birds

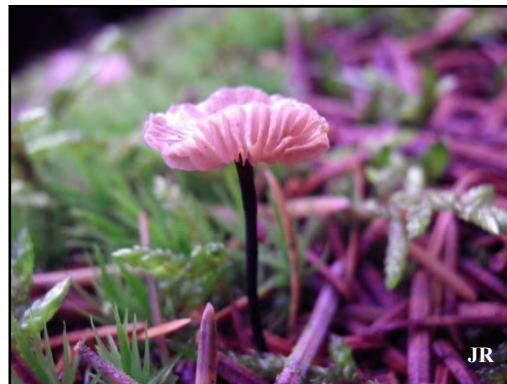
Black-headed Gull, Blackbird, Blue Tit, Brambling, Bullfinch, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Dunnock, Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Greenfinch, Grey Heron, Jay, Kingfisher, Long-tailed Tit, Mallard, Moorhen, Nuthatch, Pheasant, Raven, Robin, Sparrowhawk, Tree Creeper, Willow Tit, Wood Pigeon, Woodcock, Wren.

b. Mammals

Bank Vole, Mole, Rabbit, Red Squirrel, Roe Deer, Wood Mouse.

c. Fungi

There were hundreds of small fruiting bodies of two types of fungi covering large areas of the woodland floor beneath the Sitka Spruce.



I am not sure about the identity of the first species but I think the second is the Horsehair Parachute (*Marasmius androsaceus*).

Pictures by: Jim Rae (JR), Sybille Spägele (SS)

3. Activities at the Reserve during November

a. Sun. 4th - Lantern Competition and Parade

Some members and friends gathered at Eskrigg Centre at 18:30 for the lantern competition and to take part in the parade through the Reserve. The event was enjoyed by all.

Prizes were awarded for the four best lanterns.

Next year the parade will be advertised more widely and open for anyone to enter.



b. Mon. 5th - Environmental Studies Class

The students from Lockerbie Academy kindly dismantled the trellis that had been set up for the Lantern Competition and Parade.

c. Squirrel Survey

Two squirrel feeders were made according to a design supplied by Heinz Traut (Scottish Wildlife Trust – Saving the Red Squirrel) and then tested out at the Reserve to make sure the squirrels would use them and leave behind hair samples. The feeders worked well although some of the smaller squirrels had difficulty raising the lids because the feeders were too tall.



d. Selection of wildlife pictures taken during the month



Pictures by: Jim Rae (JR), Roddy Armstrong (RA).

c. Maintenance work

Lewis and Charlotte Carruthers helped re-surface part of the gravel path through the Reserve on the 24th and this work was continued by Trust members on the maintenance day on the 28th.

4. Visitor Records

Month	Total number of Visitors	Daily Average Visitors
June	1560	52
July	2098	68
August	1960	63
September	2384	79.5
October	2864	92
November	1911	63.7

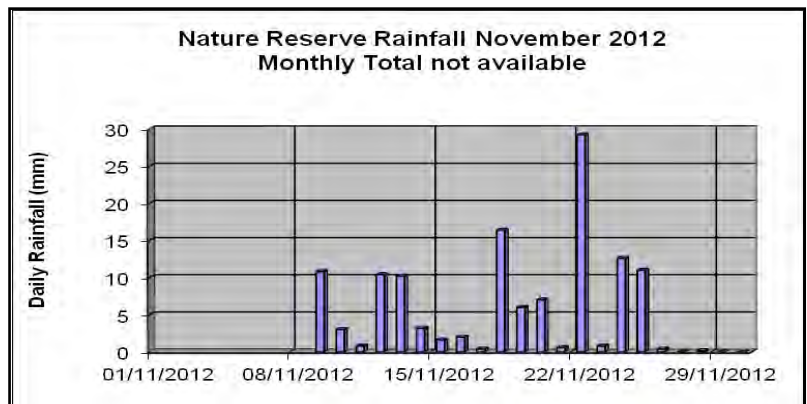


5. Weather Records

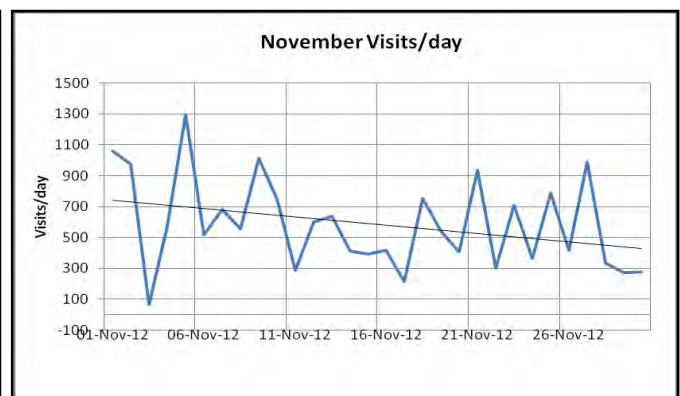
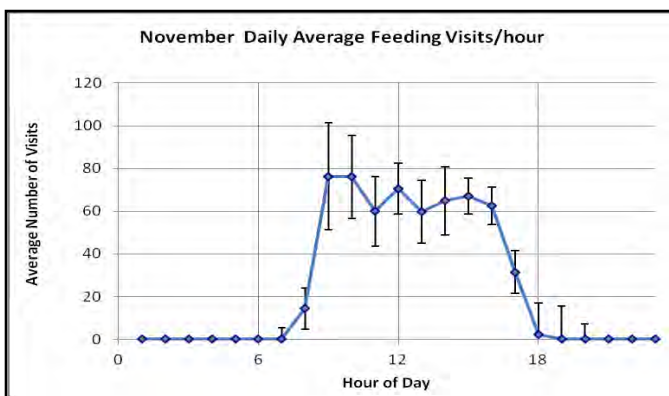
a. Air temperature – record not available at this time.

b. Precipitation

Month	Rainfall (mm)
June	207.9
July	135.5
August	160.2
September	98.4
October	161.9
November	Not available



6. Monitoring Red Squirrel Feeding Behaviour



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