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Eskrigg Reserve

July 2013 News Bulletin



Scottish Charity No:
SC 005538



1. View of the pond taken on the 31st of July.

2. Confirmed wildlife sightings at the Reserve

a. Birds

Blackbird, Blue Tit, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Chiffchaff, Coal Tit, Dunnock, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Jay, Little Grebe, Magpie, Mallard, Nuthatch, Oystercatcher, Pheasant, Raven, Robin, Siskin, Sparrowhawk, Swallow, Tawny Owl, Treecreeper, Whitethroat, Willow Tit, Wood Pigeon, Wood Warbler, Wren, Yellowhammer.

b. Mammals

Bank Vole, Mole, Noctule Bat, Rabbit, Red Squirrel.

e. Invertebrates

Bees – Common Carder Bee and White-tailed Bumblebee; Black Slug; Butterflies - Green-veined White, Large White, Meadow Brown, Red Admiral, Ringlet and Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary; Caterpillars - Birch Sawfly, Cinnabar Moth, Drinker Moth and **unidentified green caterpillar**; Damselflies – Azure, Common Blue, Large Red and Blue-tailed; Dragonfly - Common Hawker; Moths - Beautiful Carpet, Beautiful China-mark, Brown China-mark, Chimney Sweeper, Clouded Border, Double Square-spot, Large Yellow Underwing, Silver Y and Straw Dot; Grasshopper; Soldier Fly; Sunfly; Wasp.



Photographs by Jim Rae

3. July Photo-gallery



1st row - Birch Sawfly caterpillars, Grasshopper, Azure damselfly (m).

2nd row - Meadow Brown butterfly, Ringlet butterfly, Wasps (nesting in bird box).

3rd row - Buff Footman moth, Cinnabar moth caterpillar, Hoverfly on Red Valerian.

4th row - Common Lizard, Drinker moth caterpillar, Common Carder Bee on Tufted Vetch.

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4. Activities at the Reserve during July

With the schools being on holiday the activities concentrated mainly on maintenance work.

15th - Visit by French colleagues and family

Spent the morning pond dipping, bird orienteering, squirrel watching and exploring.

18th - July Moths at Eskrigg Reserve

The Robinson trap was set up overnight on the 17/18th on the pond fringe and the moths identified on the 18th. Species highlighted in **red** have not been previously recorded at the Reserve.

Macro-moths

Barred Red	12	Early Thorn	1	Northern Spinach	4
Barred Straw	12	Elephant Hawkmoth	1	Pebble Prominent	1
Beautiful Carpet	1	Engrailed	2	Poplar Hawkmoth	1
Brimstone	1	Garden Tiger	6	Rivulet	1
Buff Footman	1	Golden Twin-spot	1	Rosy minor	1
Burnished Brass	7	Gold Spot	1	Rufus minor	1
Clouded Border	54	Green Carpet	5	Scarce Silver Y	1
Common Carpet	3	Grey Dagger	1	Small Argent & Sable	1
Common Footman	3	Heart & Dart	4	Small Phoenix	1
Common Wainscot	3	Ingrailed Clay	2	Small Rivulet	1
Common Wave	3	July Highflyer	3	Small Wainscot	1
Common White Wave	5	Large Emerald	6	Smoky Wainscot	14
Coxcomb Prominent	1	Large Yellow Underwing	2	Square Spot	10
Dark Arches	1	Lesser Swallow Prominent	1	Square Spot Rustic	3
Dotted Clay	5	Light Emerald	12	Straw Dot	9
Double Lobed	2	Map-winged Swift	1	True Lover's Knot	2
Drinker	1	Middle-barred Minor	4	White Ermine	1
Dwarf Cream Wave	1	Mottled Beauty	6		

Micro-moths

<i>Agriphila latistria</i>	2	<i>Brown Chinamark</i>	18	<i>Pandemis corylana</i>	15
<i>Agriphila straminella</i>	8	<i>Catoptria margaritella</i>	1	<i>Pandemis heparana</i>	1
<i>Ancylis achatana</i>	11	<i>Crabus perlella</i>	7	<i>Scoparia ambigualis</i>	7
<i>Apotomis semifasciana</i>	1	<i>Epiblema uddmanniana</i>	1	<i>Udea olivalis</i>	3
<i>Apotomis turbidana</i>	1	<i>Evergestis pallidata</i>	5		
<i>Beautiful Chinamark</i>	1	<i>Lozotaenia forsterana</i>	1		



Heart & Dart



Epiblema uddmanniana



Pandemis corylana



Apotomis semifasciana

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5. Maintenance work during July.

3rd - Began levelling path alongside Dumfries Road to make it easier for people using mobility scooters to use.

10th, 12th, 17th, 20th & 24th - Pulled reed-grass at edge of pond.

23rd - Strimmed the edges of the paths within the Reserve and raked up the cut grass with the help of Chris Trott.

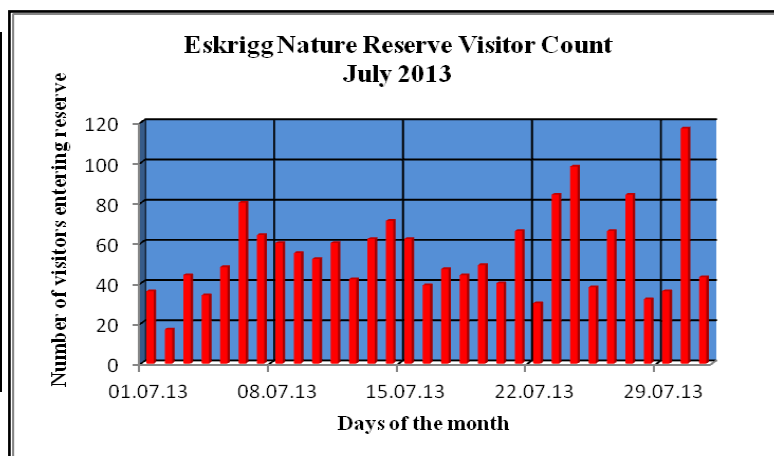
26th - Fitted gutter and drop pipe to front of Red Squirrel Hide (see picture).

27th - Strimmed and raked entrance at Dumfries Road, path opposite Dryfesdale Lodge Visitors' Centre in the morning and pulled reed-grass at edge of pond in the afternoon with the help of Bob Glaister.



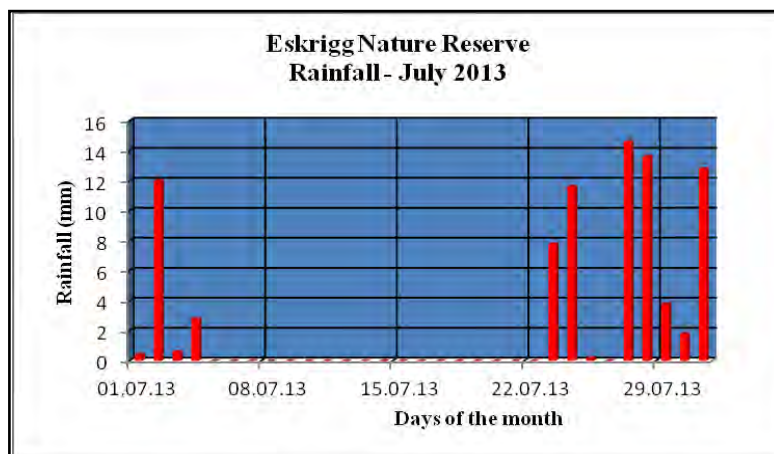
6. Visitor Records

Month	Total number of Visitors	Daily Average Visitors
Feb. 2013	1665	59.5
Mar. 2013	1599	52
Apr. 2013	3071	102
May 2013	2056	66
June 2013	1691	56
July 2013	1700	55



7. Precipitation

Month	Rainfall (mm)
Feb.2013	36.6
Mar. 2013	41.6
Apr. 2013	72
May 2013	118
June 2013	69.2
July 2013	82



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