

# Lockerbie Wildlife Trust

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## Eskrigg Reserve

### August 2013 News Bulletin



1. View of the pond taken on the 1st of August by Jim Rae.

#### 2. Confirmed wildlife sightings at the Reserve

##### a. Birds

Blackbird, Blue Tit, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Dunnock, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Grey Heron, House Martin, Jay, Little Grebe, Magpie, Mallard, Moorhen, Mute Swan, Nuthatch, Pheasant, Pied Flycatcher, Raven, Redstart, Robin, Siskin, Sparrowhawk, Swallow, Tawny Owl, Treecreeper, Willow Tit, Wood Pigeon, Wren, Yellowhammer.

##### b. Mammals

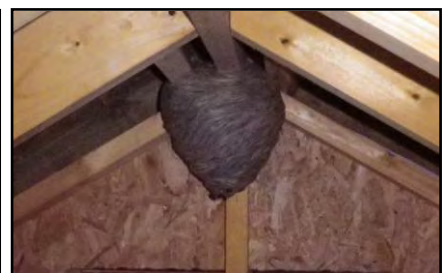
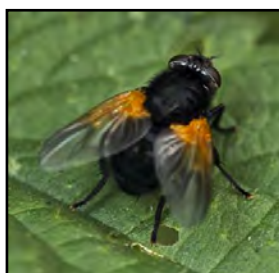
Bank Vole, Mole, Rabbit, Red Squirrel, Wood Mouse.

##### c. Amphibians and Reptiles

Frog, Palmate Newt, Toad and Common Lizard.

##### e. Invertebrates

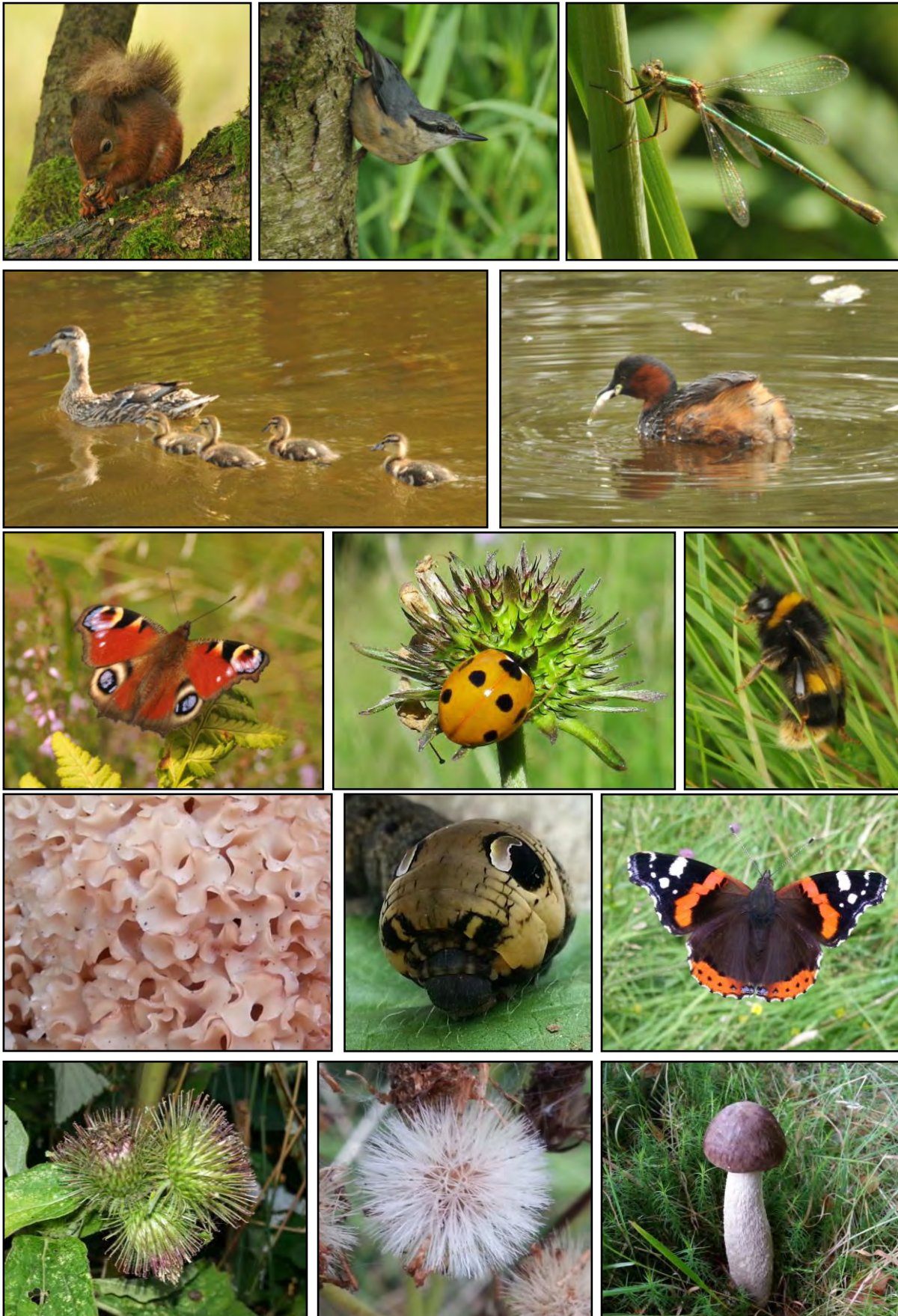
Butterflies - Green-veined White, Large White, Meadow Brown, Peacock, Red Admiral, Small Tortoiseshell, Small White; Caterpillars - Cinnabar Moth, Elephant Hawk-moth; Damsel flies – Azure, Blue-tailed; Common Blue, Emerald and Large Red; Dragonfly - Common Hawker; Moths – Common Carpet, Brown China-mark, Silver Y and Shaded Broad-bar; Grasshopper and Wasp.



Marmalade Fly, Noon Fly and Sunfly photographed by Bob Little.

Wasp byke in Centre by Jim Rae.

### 3. August Photo-gallery



First row: Red Squirrel, Nuthatch, Emerald Damselfly.  
Second row: Mallard & ducklings, Little Grebe feeding on Stickleback.  
Third row: Peacock Butterfly, Ladybird on Devil's-bit Scabious, Bumblebee  
Fourth row: Cauliflower Fungus, Head of Elephant Hawkmoth caterpillar, Red Admiral.  
Fifth row: Burrs of Burdock, Ragwort Seeds, Brown Birch Bolete.  
Photographs by Jim Rae

#### 4. Activities at the Reserve during August

There were no planned activities during the first two weeks when Jim was on holiday.

##### 15th - Visit by Margaret Cameron and her youth group

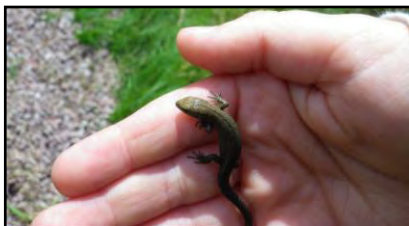


The group spent the afternoon pond dipping and exploring.

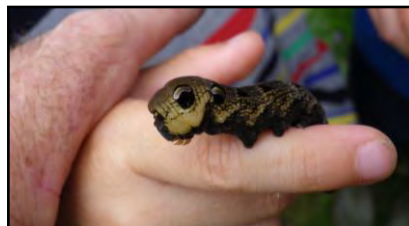
##### 16th – Visit by Vanessa Traut and her group of home learners



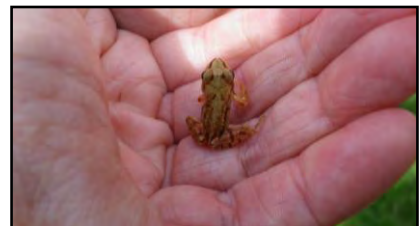
The group took part in wildlife orienteering, pond dipping and hunting minibeasts.



Young Lizard



Elephant Hawk-moth caterpillar



Young Frog

##### 30th – Visit by Wendy Gilmour and ladies from Strathaven.

After visiting the Visitors' Lodge, the ladies enjoyed a guided tour of the Reserve before heading off to the Queens Hotel for a light sandwich lunch.

Photographs by Jim Rae



## 5. Moth Trapping

The Robinson trap was set up overnight on the 22nd/23rd on the pond fringe and the moths identified on the 23rd. Species highlighted in **red** have not been previously recorded at the Reserve.

Macros			
<b>August Thorn</b>	<b>2</b>	Lesser Yellow Underwing	2
<b>Bordered Beauty</b>	<b>1</b>	Oblique Carpet	7
<b>Broad-bordered Y. Underwing</b>	<b>1</b>	Pale Prominent	3
Buff Footman	27	Pebble Hook-tip	1
<b>Chinese Character</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Phoenix</b>	<b>1</b>
Common Carpet	15	Rosy Rustic	6
Common Footman	5	Sallow	5
Common Marbled Carpet	17	Shaded Broad-bar	1
Common Rustic	6	Silver Y	1
Common White Wave	1	Small Phoenix	20
Crescent	18	Small Square Spot	19
Dark Marbled Carpet	17	Small Wainscot	11
<b>Dotted Carpet</b>	<b>1</b>	Micros	
Dun-bar	10	Brown Chinamark	4
Flame Carpet	25	<b><i>Clepsis spectrana</i></b>	<b>1</b>
Flame Shoulder	1	<i>Epiblema uddmanniana</i>	2
Ingrailed Clay	1	<i>Eriocrania subpurpurella</i>	1
Iron Prominent	1	<b><i>Eudemis profundana</i></b>	<b>13</b>
July Highflyer	65	<i>Eudonia truncicolella</i>	10
Large Yellow Underwing	18	<i>Pandemis heparana</i>	1
Lesser Broad-bordered Y. Underwing	3		



August Thorn



Bordered Beauty



Chinese Character



Dotted Carpet



Phoenix

Photographs by Jim Rae

## 6. Maintenance work during August.

**1st & 2nd** - The path at the Dumfries Road and the path through the Reserve were strimmed and raked and some reed-grass in the pond was pulled out.

**20th** – Ian Dunn and Pamela Beeton helped to weed the path, pulled out self-seeded trees in the heathland area and pruned back some of the trees. They then helped Jim clear the weeds from Neo's Neuk.

**24th** – Charlotte Carruthers, Megan Johnstone and Drew Stewart helped to weed and rake part of the Reserve path then raked the cut grass and pruned the trees along the path behind the shelter.



Sybille and David

**25th – Maintenance Day:** Sybille Spägele and David Hughes helped clear the rest of the path between the shelter and the field gate then raked up the area around the duck feeder.

**26th** – Jim strimmed the grass at the Dumfries Road entrance.

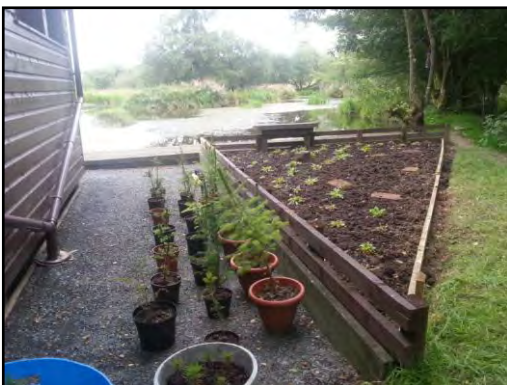
**27th** – Pamela Beeton helped Jim cut part of the hedge beside the Dumfries Road. She then raked up some of the grass after Jim had strimmed the path.



Ian and Pamela

**28th** – Jim finished raking up the grass at the Dumfries Road before potting up the conifers he had been bringing on in Neo's Neuk.

**29th** – Dayne Earl helped Jim to cut and clear the remaining hedge at the Dumfries Road before they dug and raked over Neo's Neuk.



Neo's Neuk

**30th** – Jim Anderson brought down to the Reserve some plants he had reared in his greenhouse. He and Jim Rae planted out the Dog Violet and Ragged Robin in Neo's Neuk. In time other plants will be sown or planted in the area to attract butterflies, bees and other insects.

Some of the conifers will be transplanted to Beattie's Clump – the St Mungo Primary forest classroom and others will be planted at Eskrigg Reserve.

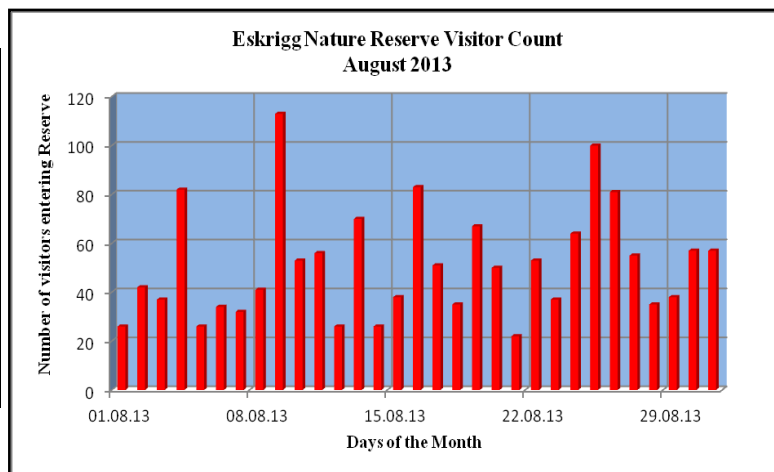
**31st** – Charlotte Carruthers, Megan Johnstone, Angus Johnstone and Drew Stewart helped Jim to clear the path behind the cemetery and down to the Muirhead farm road. They removed rubbish, cut back the bracken, pruned the trees then strimmed and raked the path.



Dayne Earl

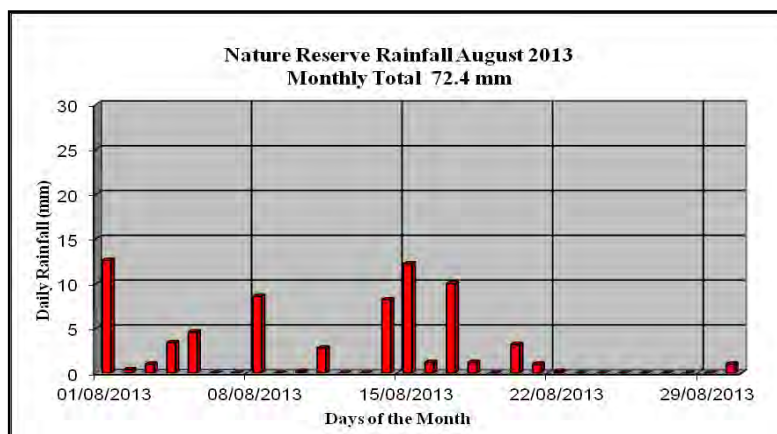
## 7. Visitor Records

Month	Total number of Visitors	Daily Average Visitors
Mar. 2013	1599	52
<b>Apr. 2013</b>	<b>3071</b>	<b>102</b>
May 2013	2056	66
June 2013	1691	56
July 2013	1700	55
Aug. 2013	1587	51



## 8. Precipitation

Month	Rainfall (mm)
Mar. 2013	41.6
Apr. 2013	72
May 2013	118
June 2013	69.2
July 2013	82
Aug. 2013	72.4



## 9. Coming Events

Date	Event	Times	Meeting point
Thur. 12 Sept.	September Moths at Eskrigg	10 a.m. – 12 noon.	Eskrigg Centre
Sun. 15 Sept.	Fungal Foray with Duncan Ford	1 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Cemetery Car Park
Wed. 2 Oct.	Red Squirrels with Heinz Traut	8 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Cemetery Car Park
Sat. 5 Oct.	Red Squirrels with Heinz Traut	8 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Cemetery Car Park
Mon. 14 Oct.	Pond Dipping at Eskrigg	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Eskrigg Centre
Thurs. 17 Oct.	October Moths at Eskrigg	10 a.m. – 12 noon.	Eskrigg Centre
Sat. 19 Oct.	Woodland Foray with Duncan	1 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	Cemetery Car Park
Mon. 21 Oct.	Den Building at Eskrigg	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Eskrigg Centre
Wed. 23 Oct.	Red Squirrels with Heinz Traut	8 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Cemetery Car Park
Thurs. 24 Oct.	Autumn pics. with Keith Kirk	10 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Eskrigg Centre
Sat. 26 Oct.	Red Squirrels with Heinz Traut	8 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Cemetery Car Park
Sun. 3 Nov.	Eskrigg Lantern Parade	6.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.	Eskrigg Centre

**For more information, or booking, call Jim Rae, look out for the posters or visit our website.**

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