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Eskrigg Reserve

October 2014 News Bulletin

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1. Views of the pond taken on the 10th of October at 8:38am (left) and 9:23am (right).

2. Confirmed wildlife sightings at the Reserve in October.

a. Birds

Blackbird, Blue Tit, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Collared Dove, Dunnock, Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Grey Heron, Grey Wagtail, House Sparrow, Jay, Kingfisher, Little Grebe, Long-tailed Tit, Mallard, Moorhen, Nuthatch, Pheasant, Pied Wagtail, Raven, Robin, Siskin, Sparrowhawk, Starling, Swallow, Treecreeper, Willow Tit, Wood Pigeon, Wren.

There was a reported sighting of a Waxwing on the 22nd of the month.

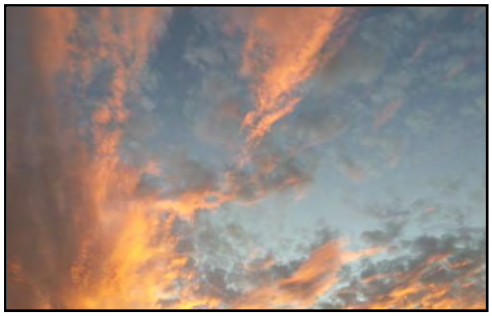
b. Mammals

Bank Vole, Mole, Rabbit, Red Squirrel, Water Vole.

Above selection of Red Squirrel photographs taken by Bob Little on the 24th.

All other photographs in this edition taken by Jim Rae

3. October Photo-gallery



Red Squirrel, Cobweb, Red Squirrel
Jelly Tooth, Squirrel, Golden Scalycap
Woodland Edge, Lichen, Forest Road
Slippery Jack, Evening Sky, Jellybaby
Inkcap, Kids Ahoy, Earthball
Red Squirrel, Red Squirrel

The squirrels are back at the feeders.

4. Planned Activities

Tues. 14th. Den Building

Twenty-one youngsters enjoyed a pleasant afternoon building dens and playing in the woods. Many thanks to the parents who joined in and who also provided the picnic and birthday treats for the kids.

Thurs. 16th. Autumn Through The Lens with Keith Kirk

Thanks again to Keith for helping amateur photographers improve their digital photography skills. The weather was good and the autumn colours inspiring.

Sun. 19th. Fungal Foray with Duncan Ford

During the morning, Duncan taught us how to recognise the main groups of fungi, identified twenty-four different species, intrigued us with tales of fungal folklore, gave advice on cooking edible fungi and told us what fungi to avoid. Many thanks Duncan for a great morning.

Over the weekend other types of fungi were identified, making a total of forty-two species. This was remarkable considering there were very few in evidence just a few days beforehand due to the dry September.

Amethyst Deceiver
Ashen Chanterelle
Bay Polypore
Birch Polypore
Blackening Brittlegill
Blusher
Bovine Bolete
Brown Birch Bolete
Candlesnuff Fungus
Clouded Funnel
Club Foot
Common Inkcap
Conifer Mazegill
Crested Coral
Dead Man's Fingers
Dead Moll's Fingers
Earthball, Common
False Chanterelle
Fly Agaric
Golden Scalycap
Honey Fungus
Jellybaby
Jelly Ear
Jelly Tooth
Oakbug Milkcap
Ochre Brittlegill
Penny Bun / Cep
Poisonpie
Porcelain Mushroom
Primrose Brittlegill
Puffball, Common
Shaggy Inkcap
Sickener, The
Slender Club
Slippery Jack
Snaketongue Truffleclub
Summer Bolete
Truffleclub
Turkeytail
Wood Cauliflower
Wood Hedgehog
Yellow Stagshorn

Shaggy Inkcap

Penny Bun

Slender Club

5. New bench seat overlooking the Annan valley.

Alan Elkington very kindly donated a bench seat for use by ramblers visiting the Woodland Walks next to Eskrigg Reserve.

L to R: Lee, Mrs Scott, Connor.

Fri. 3rd. Lee Gage and Connor Jardine, from Lockerbie Academy, helped collect the kit from Creca Sawmill and then assembled the new seat.

Sat. 4th. The seat was treated with wood preservative and Alan helped transport it to its chosen site overlooking the Annan valley.

Unfortunately, the mist was down and obscured the view of the far side of the valley.

Thur. 30th. I took a picture of Alan sitting on the seat – but once again it was a wet day and you could not see the woods at Rammerscales.

6. Work on perimeter path.

Fri. 10th. Lee Gage helped to clear a wet patch of the perimeter walk and lay in a drainage pipe.

Sun. 26th. On the monthly maintenance day, David Hughes, Sybille Spägele and Michael Kerr helped to lay a terram membrane over the wet area and cover it with gravel. The path is firming up nicely and will make it easier for ramblers.

7. Other maintenance work.

Many thanks to Sybille Spägele, Thomas Gibbs and Michael Kerr for their help with other tasks during the month.

Note 1: There will be no more rainfall data until I fix the rain gauge because someone decided to fill the gauge with wheat a while ago and it needs to be stripped down and repaired.

Note 2: There will be no details of visitor numbers until we can install new counters at both ends of the Reserve.

For more information call Jim Rae or visit our website.

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