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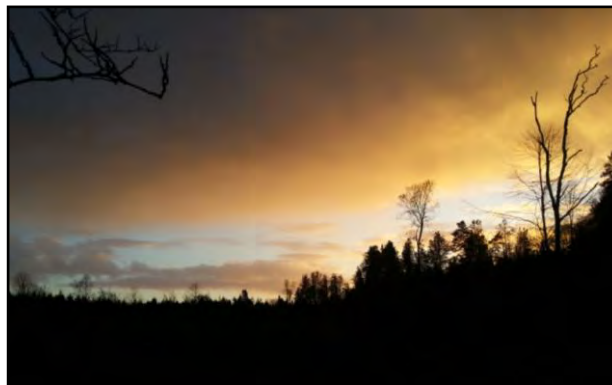


Eskrigg Reserve

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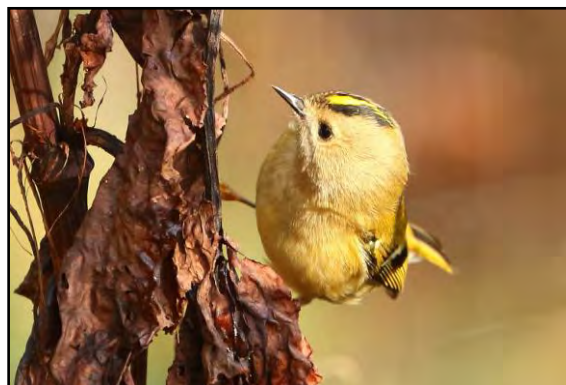
1. View of the pond taken on the 20th and sunset over the woods on the 23rd.



2. Confirmed wildlife sightings at the Reserve in November.

a. Birds

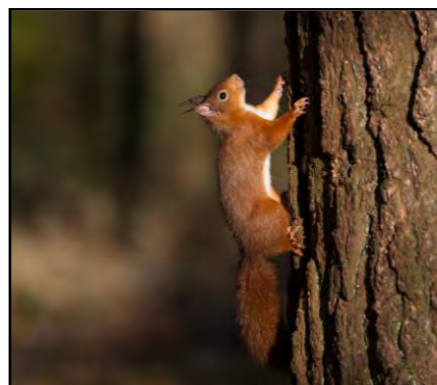
Blackbird, Black-headed Gull, Blue Tit, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Dunnock, Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Greenfinch, Grey Heron, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Jay, Long-tailed Tit, Mallard, Moorhen, Mute Swan, Nuthatch, Pheasant, Pied Wagtail, Raven, Robin, Siskin, Song Thrush, Sparrowhawk, Tawny Owl, Treecreeper, Willow Tit, Wood Pigeon, Wren.



Goldcrests by Andrina and Raymond Laidler

b. Mammals

Bandit Pipistrelle, Mole, Rabbit, Red Squirrel, Roe Deer.



Red Squirrel by Mark Medcalf

All photographs in this issue are taken by Jim Rae unless otherwise indicated.

3. November Photo-gallery



Row 1: Gilded Brittlegill, Porcelain Fungus, Fly Agaric.

Row 2: Shaggy Inkcap, Mute Swan, Jelly Tooth.

Row 3: Penny Bun, Common Puffball, Scarletina Bolete.

Row 4: Red Squirrel, Heath Wax-cap, Red Squirrel.

Row 5: Red Squirrels preparing for Christmas – photographs by Bob Little and Paul Wharton.

4. Planned Activities

Sat. 1st - Lantern Parade

Unfortunately, the weather on this Saturday evening was not very nice. Nevertheless, a few hardy individuals braved the elements and paraded through the Reserve with their lanterns. Well done.

Wed. 5th – Mid-Annandale Playcare (MAP)

Staff and children from MAP spent a couple of happy hours playing games and exploring the Reserve.

Wed. 26th – Photography Class

Jim brought Carol Donnelly and her 3rd year photography class from Lockerbie Academy down to the Reserve so that they could take some shots of the wildlife for a school project.



5. Youth Volunteers

Tues. 4th – **Thomas Gibbs** helped rake up leaves along the Reserve path.

Sat. 15th and Sun. 16th – **Michael Kerr** looked after the Centre and the wildlife feeders over the weekend while Jim was in Germany.

Sat. 22nd – **Michael Kerr** helped rake up leaves from yet another section of the Reserve path.

Sat. 29th – **Michael Kerr and Angus Johnstone** tidied up around the Reserve and repaired a section of the boardwalk.



6. Adult Volunteers

After opening the Centre on the morning of Friday 7th November, I unfortunately had a car accident. I am very grateful to **Bob Glaister** and **Sybille Spägele** who stood in to open and close the Centre, top up the bird and squirrel feeders and do some tidying up around the Reserve between the 7th and the 18th of month.

23rd **Grace Martin** visited the Reserve for an afternoon and helped lay some wire netting on one of the bridges along a new section of woodland walk.



7. Maintenance Day - 30th

Sybille Spägele and Michael Kerr carried out repairs to the jetty in the morning. In the afternoon they were joined by Yvonne Kerr and undertook to upgrade part of a woodland walk. I managed to assist by doing a spot of raking.



For more information call Jim Rae or visit our website.

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