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Eskrigg Reserve

September 2014 News Bulletin

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1. The pond at daybreak on the 8th and on the afternoon of the 26th during the long dry spell.



2. Confirmed wildlife sightings at the Reserve in September.

- a. **Birds**

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

There were also two possible sightings of a Merlin.

- b. **Mammals**

Bank Vole, Fox, Mole, Rabbit, Red Squirrel, Soprano Pipistrelle, Water Vole, Wood Mouse.

There was also a reported sighting of a Pine Marten.

- c. **Other wildlife**

Black Slug, Green-veined White, Large White, Peacock, Red Admiral, and Painted Lady Butterflies, Blue-tailed and Common Blue Damselflies, Common Darter Dragonfly, 7-spot Ladybird, Wasp, Spiders (*Meta mendei* & *Nuctenea umbratica*), Frog, Toad, Common Lizard.



4 moths caught on the 18th - Brown-spot Pinion, Pinion-streaked Snout, Purple Bar and Green Brindled Crescent.

3. September Photo-gallery

The following three photographs were taken by Jim Rae at Eskrigg:



Brown Birch Bolete



Lichen on Stone



Wood Hedgehog



Sawfly larva



Hawthorn Berries Galore



Bitter Bracket

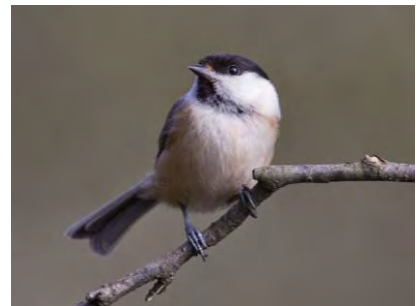
The following three photographs were taken by Bob Little at Eskrigg:



Wren



Red Squirrel



Willow Tit

The following three photographs were not taken in the Reserve but locally by Bob Glaister



14-Spot Ladybird
Propylea 14-punctata



Kidney-spot Ladybird
Chilocorus renipustulatus

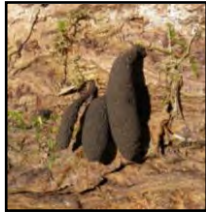


Pale Tortoise Beetle
Cassida flaveola

Unless otherwise stated, all photographs were taken by Jim Rae.

4. Planned Activities in September.
7th & 21st – Fungal Forays with Duncan Ford

Amethyst Deceiver
 Ashen Chanterelle
 Bay Bolete
 Bay Polypore
 Beechwood Sickener
 Birch Mazegill
 Birch (Dusky) Milkcap
 Birch Polypore
 Blackening Brittlegill
 Blusher
 Brown Birch Bolete
 Brown Rollrim
 Charcoal Burner
 Club-footed Funnelcap
 Clustered Touchshank
 Common Inkcap
 Dead Man's Fingers
 Deceiver
 Dyer's Mazegill
 Earthball, Common
 False Chanterelle
 False Saffron Milkcap
 Fly Agaric



Dead Man's Fingers



Photograph by Sybille Spägle

Foxy Orange Webcap
 Grey Grisette
 Grey Spotted Amanita
 Honey Fungus
 Jersey Cow (Bovine) Bolete
 Oak (Oakbug) Milkcap
 Ochre Brittlegill
 Orange Milkcap
 Poisonpie
 Primrose Brittlegill
 Puffball, Common
 Scarletina Bolete
 Sickener

Slippery Jack
 Slimy (Beech) Milkcap
 Snake's Tongue Truffleclub
 Sulphur Tuft
 Summer Bolete
 Tawny Grisette
 Tinder Bracket (Hoof Fungus)
 Turkeytail
 Willow Bracket
 Wood Hedgehog
 Wood Pinkgill
 Woolly Milkcap



Birch Mazegill



False Saffron Milkcap



Slippery Jack

18th & 24th – September Moths

Macro-moths:

Brimstone
 Brown-spot Pinion
 Canary-shouldered Thorn
 Common Marbled Carpet
 Copper Underwing
 Dusky Brocade
 Flame Carpet
 Frosted Orange
 Green-brindled Crescent

Grey Pine Carpet
 July Highflyer
 Large Yellow Underwing
 Oblique Carpet
 Pale Mottled Willow
 Pine Carpet
 Pinion-streaked Snout
 Pink-barred Sallow
 Purple Bar

Red-line Quaker
 Rosy Rustic
 Sallow
 Small Square-spot
 Small Wainscot
 Snout
 Spruce Carpet
 Straw Dot

Micro-moths:

Barred Fruit-tree Tortrix
 (*Pandemis cerasana*)



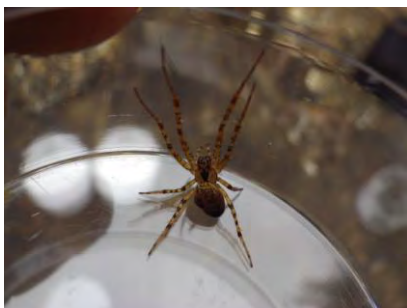
Acleris emargana
Acleris ferrugana



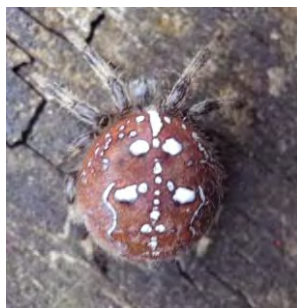
Epiblema costipunctana
Hypatima rhomboidella



19th – Spiders, Moths and Bats with Keith Kirk and Freda Seddon



Meta mengei



Araneus quadratus



Nuctenea umbratica

Keith gave a brief introduction to spiders during which he told us about their different hunting strategies, the different types of webs and showed us the Garden Spider (*Araneus quadratus*). We then went outside the Centre and found other species including *Meta mengei* and *Nuctenea umbratica*. Freda showed us how to use bat detectors before we went outside to search for bats around the Centre. Despite leaving it until a bit late in the evening we did manage to detect some Soprano Pipestrelles out foraging. The group also took the opportunity to look at moth trapping equipment and examine the twenty-six species of moths caught during the previous night.

5. Maintenance work during September.

Jim would like to thank the following volunteers for their help during the month -

Thomas Gibbs, Pamela Beeton, Connor Jardine, Lee Gage, Ian Dunn, Michael Kerr, Angus Johnstone, Drew Stewart, Robert Petry, Crispin McCreery, Sybille Spägle and David Hughes.

In addition to the normal maintenance at this time of year, two dog waste bins have been put up – one on the forest road and one on the new path.

6. Border News and Lookaround Visit.

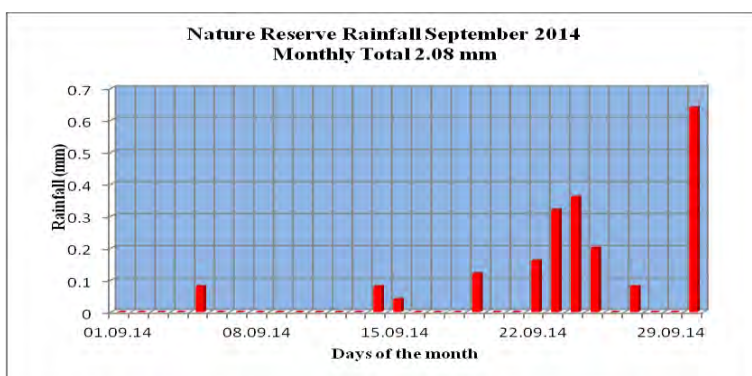
On the 3rd of September, Fiona McIlwraith (and cameraman – Mark) came to the Reserve to film the Red Squirrels and interview Heinz Traut (SWT) and Jim Rae about the recently publicised cases of Red Squirrel ‘Leprosy’. As reported last month, there have been only six confirmed cases over the past eight years in the whole of Scotland.



Border TV crew preparing to film the Red Squirrels

7. Precipitation

Month	Rainfall (mm)
Apr. 2014	89.6
May 2014	88.8
June 2014	42
Jul. 2014	79
Aug. 2014	106
Sept. 2014	2.08



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