

# Lockerbie Wildlife Trust

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## Eskrigg Reserve

# September 2015 News Bulletin

### 1. View of pond taken on the 16th of September.



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

#### a. Birds

Blackbird, Blue Tit, Bullfinch, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Dunnock, Goldcrest, Goshawk, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Grey Heron, Grey Wagtail, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Jay, Kestrel, Kingfisher, Little Grebe, Long-tailed Tit, Mallard, Moorhen, Mute Swan, Nuthatch, Oystercatcher, Pheasant, Raven, Robin, Rook, Siskin, Song Thrush, Sparrowhawk, Starling, Swallow, Treecreeper, Tree Pipit, Tree Sparrow, Willow Tit, Woodpigeon, Wren.

#### b. Mammals

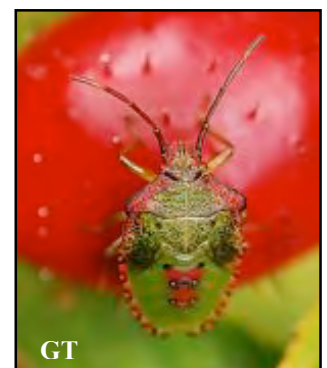
Hedgehog, Mole, Pipistrelle Bat, Rabbit, Red Squirrel, Roe Deer, Stoat, Wood Mouse.

#### c. Other Vertebrates

Stickleback, Frog, Toad, Lizard.

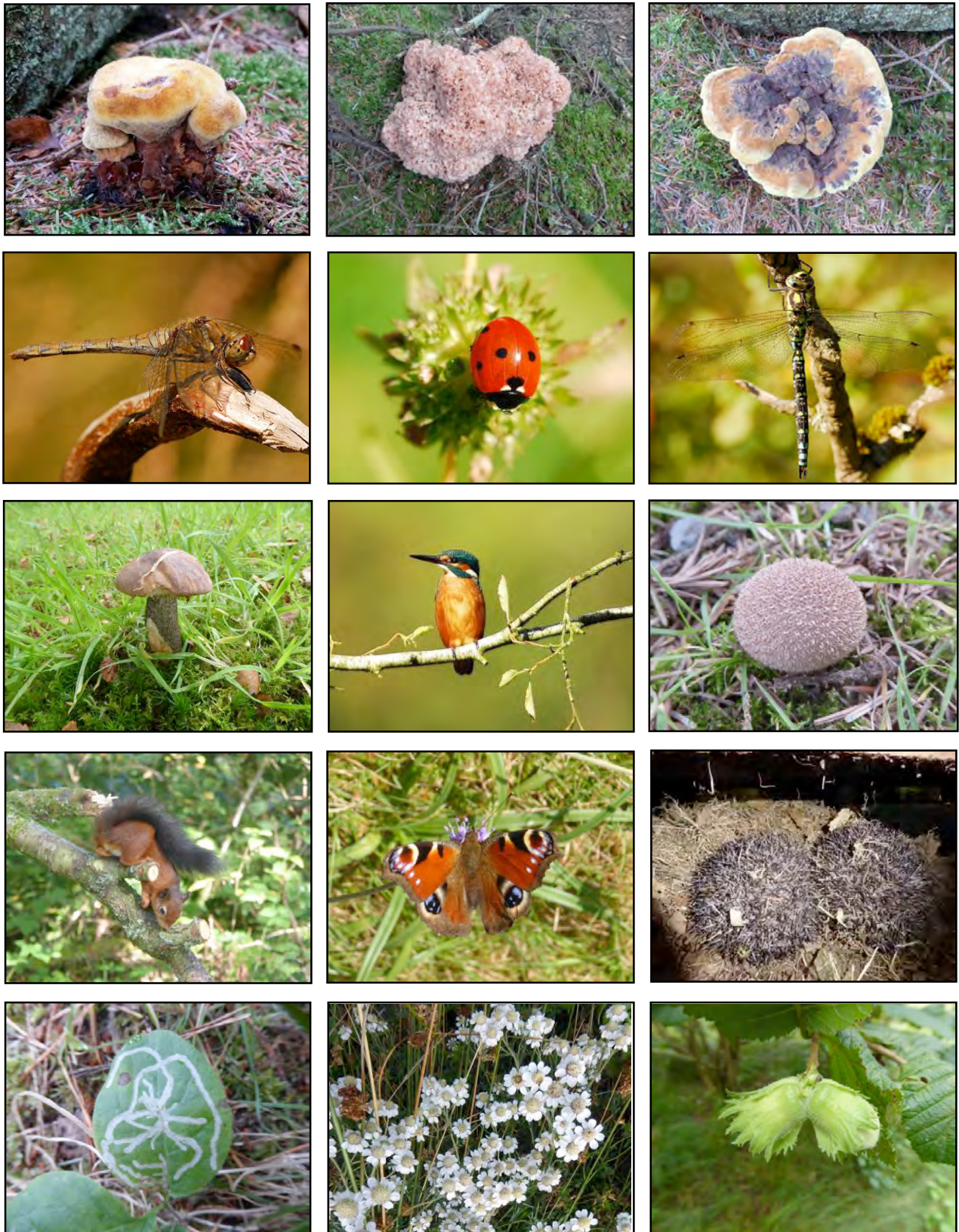
#### d. Invertebrates

Black Slugs; bees; beetles; butterflies - Green-veined White, Peacock, Red Admiral and Small Tortoiseshell; damselflies - Azure, Blue-tailed, Common Blue and Large Red; Dragonflies - Black Darter, Common Darter and Southern Hawker; grasshoppers; **Hawthorn Shieldbug**, hoverflies; moths - Common Carpet, Common Marbled Carpet and Silver Y; spiders; wasps.



Photographs: Jim Rae (JR), George Trudt (GT).

3. September photo-gallery



Row 1: Dyers Mazegill (Young) - JR, Wood Cauliflower - JR, Dyers Mazegill (11 days older) - JR

Row 2: Common Darter (F) - GT, 7 Spot Ladybird - GT, Southern Hawker (M) - GT

Row 3: Brown Birch Bolete - JR, Kingfisher - GT, Spiny Puffball - JR

Row 4: Red Squirrel - JR, Peacock Butterfly - JR, Pair of Hedgehogs - JR

Row 5: Honeysuckle leaf with leaf miner - JR, Sneezewort - JR, Ripening Hazelnuts - JR

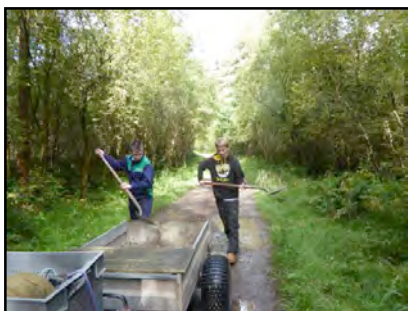
#### 4. Volunteer Work

**Thu. 3<sup>rd</sup> Thomas Gibbs and Connor Jardine** helped treat the East Hide with wood preservative before clearing a low branch from above the boardwalk.



**Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> Duke of Edinburgh Award Volunteers, Rory Holden, Angus Johnstone and Adam Wilson** worked on the woodland path.

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**Thu. 24<sup>th</sup> Thomas Gibbs and Connor Jardine** filled in holes on the forest road and practised driving the quad bike.

**Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> Duke of Edinburgh Award Volunteers, Rory Holden, Michael Kerr, Rory Morford and Adam Wilson** worked on the woodland path. Jim Rae strimmed the path at the Cemetery entrance and the edges along the first part of the forest road.



#### **Sun. 27<sup>th</sup> - Maintenance Day**

**Jim Rae** strimmed the sides of the path through the Reserve and started to rake up the cut grass while **Sybille Spägele** pulled reeds around the pond margin. Sybille also worked hard, pulling reeds, on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

#### 5. Planned Activities

##### **10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> International Sheepdog Trials**

**Jim** set up a display, for the three days of the trials, to promote the Eskrigg Reserve and the the work of Lockerbie Wildlife Trust.



##### **Mon. 14<sup>th</sup> - Lockerbie Academy Commenius Group**

Senior pupils brought four groups of foreign students and teachers round the Reserve during the afternoon and each group was provided with snacks and refreshments.

##### **Tue. 15<sup>th</sup> - RSPB friends from Hamilton**

This group were given a guided tour of the Reserve.

Photographs by Jim Rae

**6. Sun. 20th - September Moths**

**Macro-moths**

Common Name	Scientific Name	Pond Fringe	Spruce Wood	Pine Wood
Copper Underwing	<i>Amphipyra pyramidea</i>	-	-	1
Common Footman	<i>Eilerna lurideola</i>	-	-	1
Common Marbled Carpet	<i>Chloroclysta truncata</i>	12	5	3
Common Wainscot	<i>Mythimna impura</i>	1	-	-
Frosted Orange	<i>Gortyna flavago</i>	-	1	-
Grey Pine Carpet	<i>Thera obeliscata</i>	1	-	-
July Highflyer	<i>Hydriomena furcata</i>	11	14	27
Large Yellow Underwing	<i>Noctua pronuba</i>	2	-	-
Lesser Broad-bordered				
Yellow Underwing	<i>Noctua janthe</i>	1	-	-
Pine Carpet	<i>Thera firmata</i>	3	-	-
Pink-barred Sallow	<i>Xanthia togata</i>	6	-	-
Red-line Quaker	<i>Agrochola Iota</i>	1	-	-
Rosy Rustic	<i>Hydraecia micacea</i>	3	-	-
Silver Y	<i>Autographa gamma</i>	1	-	-
	<i>f. nigricans</i>			
Small Square-spot	<i>Diarsia rubi</i>	-	-	1
Small Wainscot	<i>Chortodes pygmina</i>	1	-	1
Spruce Carpet	<i>Thera britannica</i>	1	-	1
Water Carpet	<i>Lamproteryx suffumata</i>	1	1	-
Yellow-line Quaker	<i>Agrochola macilenta</i>	1	-	-

**Micro-moths**

1136	<i>Epinotia immundana</i>
1184	<i>Epiblema scutulana</i>



**Yellow-line Quaker (*Agrochola macilenta*)**

**New sightings at the Reserve**



***Epinotia immundana***



**Frosted Orange**

Photographs by Jim Rae

**It is with sadness that we note the death of IAN DUNN. Ian came over from Dumfries one day a week to help Jim with tasks around the Reserve for several years.**

**Our thoughts are with Ian's family at this time.**

**For more information call Jim Rae or visit our website.**

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