

# Lockerbie Wildlife Trust

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## Eskrigg Reserve

### October 2015 News Bulletin



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#### 1. View of the pond taken on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October. Beech trees along the old hedge on the 13<sup>th</sup> October.



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

##### a. Birds

Blackbird, Blue Tit, Bullfinch, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Common Sandpiper, Dunnock, Fieldfare, Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Greenfinch, Grey Wagtail, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Jay, Kestrel, Kingfisher, Little Grebe, Long-tailed Tit, Mallard, Moorhen, Mute Swan, Nuthatch, Pheasant, Raven, Robin, Rook, Sedge Warbler, Siskin, Song Thrush, Sparrowhawk, Starling, Swallow, Tawny Owl, Treecreeper, Tree Sparrow, Willow Warbler, Woodcock, Woodpigeon, Wren.



Flock of Starlings (1.10.15) JR

##### b. Mammals

Bank Vole, Mole, Pipistrelle Bat, Rabbit, Red Squirrel, Roe Deer, Wood Mouse.

##### c. Other Vertebrates

Stickleback, Frog, Toad.

##### d. Invertebrates

Black Slugs; butterflies - Red Admiral and Small Tortoiseshell; Dragonflies - Black Darter, Common Darter and Southern Hawker; spiders.

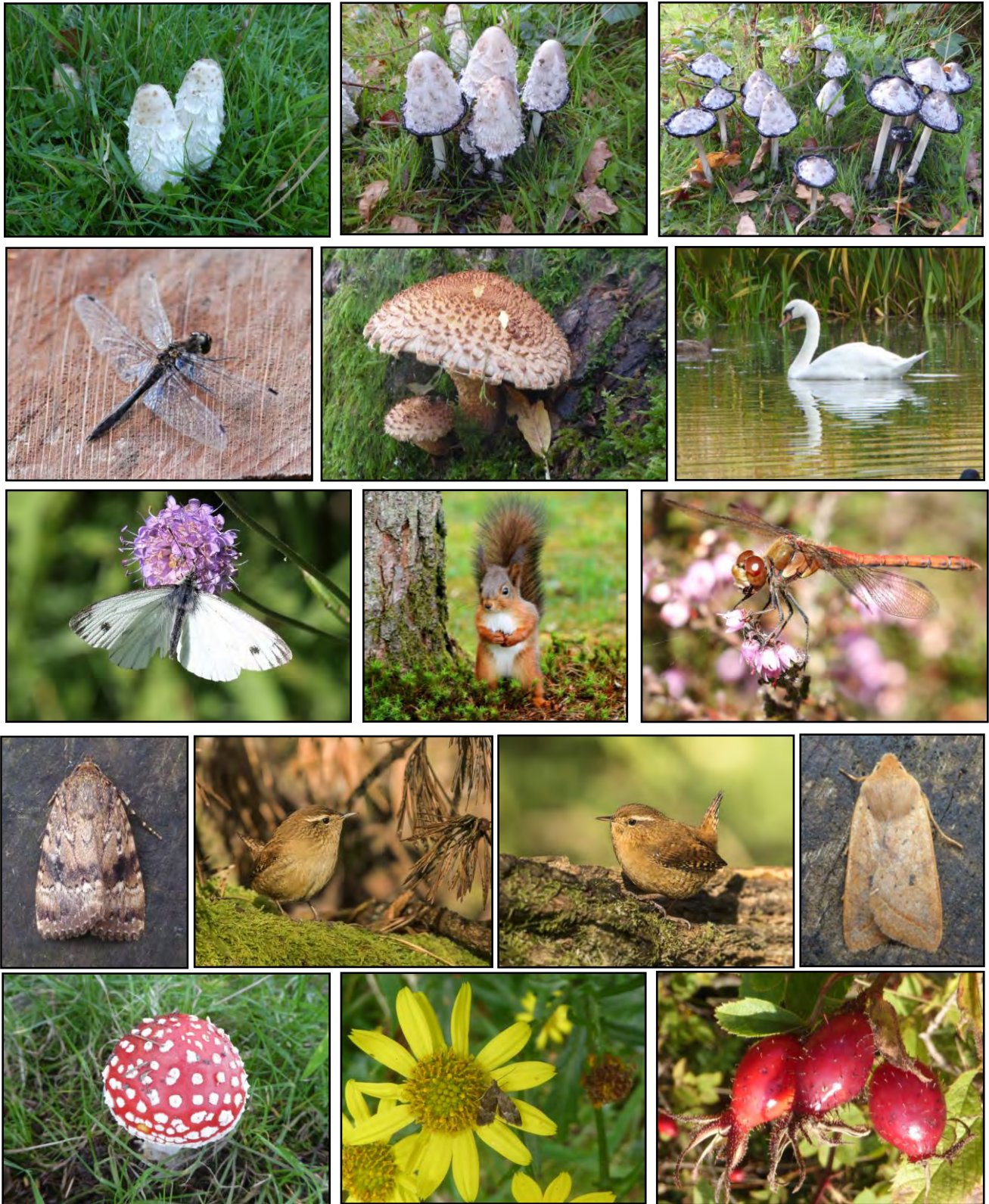


Red Squirrel (20.10.15) JR

Photographs: Jim Rae (JR)



3. October photo-gallery.



Row 1: Shaggy Inkcap at different stages in development (JR)

Row 2: Black Darter (GT), Shaggy Scalycap (JR), Mute Swan (JR)

Row 3: Green-veined White on Devil's-bit Scabious (AL), Red Squirrel (AL), Common Darter (AL)

Row 4: Copper Underwing (JR), Wrens 1 & 2 (BL), Yellow-lined Quaker (JR)

Row 5: Fly Agaric (JR), Nettle-tap on Marsh Ragwort (JR), Rosehips (JR)

Photographs by: Andrina Laidler (AL), Bob Little (BL), Jim Rae (JR), George Trudt (GT).



#### 4. Volunteer Work

##### Thu. 1<sup>st</sup> - Lockerbie Academy - Work Experience

**Thomas Gibbs** and **Connor Jardine** helped to rake up leaves from the Reserve path.



##### Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Lockerbie Academy - Duke of Edinburgh Award

**Rory Morford**, **Keir Stewart** and **Adam Wilson** (not in Picture) worked on the woodland path.



##### Thu. 8<sup>th</sup> - Lockerbie Academy - Work Experience

**Thomas Gibbs** and **Conor Jardine** helped prune the willow sculpture at Applegarth Primary and gather willow branches from the primary and at the Reserve for the Den Building activity on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October.



##### Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> - Lockerbie Academy - Duke of Edinburgh Award

**Adam Wilson**, **Angus Johnstone**, **Michael Kerr** and **Patrick Malone** worked on the woodland path and gathered up willow branches for the Den Building activity on the 15<sup>th</sup>.



##### Tue. 12<sup>th</sup> and Thu. 14<sup>th</sup>

##### Lockerbie Academy - Duke of Edinburgh Award

**Angus Johnstone** helped to clear reed-grass from the pond margin.



**Thu. 15<sup>th</sup> - Stuart Black** cut off the branches from the tree that had fallen into the pond then ringed the trunk to kill the tree but left the trunk in place to provide a perch for the Kingfisher and other wetland birds.



##### Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> - Lockerbie Academy - Duke of Edinburgh Award

**Patrick Malone**, **Michael Kerr**, **Adam Wilson** and **Angus Johnstone** topped up the Reserve path with gravel.

##### Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> - Maintenance Day

**Sybille Spägele** and **Jim Rae** raked up and cleared the leaves from the Reserve path.

##### Thu. 29<sup>th</sup> - Lockerbie Academy - Work Experience

**Connor Jardine** helped **Jim** to clear branches from the edge of the pond and put up some of the lanterns for the Lantern Parade on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

##### Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> - Lockerbie Academy - Duke of Edinburgh Award

**Rory Holden**, **Michael Kerr**, **Rory Monford** and **Adam Wilson** helped to clear cut timber from the pond and bank and put up the remaining lanterns.

Photographs by Jim Rae

## 5. Planned Activities

### Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> - Wild Autumn - October Moths with Jim Rae

There were seventeen species identified on the day, with three of them new to the Reserve.

#### Macro-moths

Canary-shouldered Thorn, Common Marbled Carpet, Copper Underwing, **Dark Chestnut**, Dark Marbled Carpet, **Feathered Thorn**, Grey Pine Carpet, July Highflyer, Large Yellow Underwing, Pine Carpet, Pink-barred Sallow, Red-line Quaker, Spruce Carpet, **Streak**, Yellow-line Quaker.

#### Micro-moths

Nettle-tap, *Ypsolopha parenthesesella* (no common name)



New Species:

**Dark Chestnut**

**Feathered Thorn**

**Streak**

### Thu. 15<sup>th</sup> - Den Building with Jim Rae and Rory Macpherson



Just four of the eight dens constructed by the groups involved.

### Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> - Wild Autumn - Fungal Foray with Duncan Ford

Once again, we thank Duncan for a very interesting and informative afternoon.

The following fungi were identified during the guided walk:

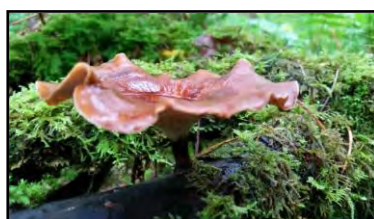
*Amanita franchetii*, Amethyst Deceiver, Beechwood Sickener, Blackening Brittlepill, Blusher, Cep, Chanterelle, Clouded Funnel, Common Puffball, Deadly Webcap, Dyer's Mazegill, Elfin Saddle, Fly Agaric, Grey Knight, Honey Fungus, Jelly Tooth, Ochre Brittlepill, Primrose Brittlepill, Rufous Milkcap, Saffron Milkcap, Sickener, Shaggy Scalycap, Tawny Grisette, Wood Cauliflower, Wood Hedgehog, Wood Pinkgill.

The following were identified on the same day, before or after the guided walk:

Ashen Chanterelle, Bay Polypore, Birch Milkcap, Birch Polypore, Bovine Bolete, Brown Rollrim, Club Foot, Common Earthball, Common Eyelash, Conifer Mazegill, Crab Brittlepill, Crested Coral, Dappled Webcap, Earthtongue, Fenugreek Milkcap, Glistening Inkcap, Grey Grisette, Horsehair Parachute, Jellybaby, Shaggy Inkcap, Snaketongue Truffleclub, Turkeytail, Willow Bracket, Yellow Stagshorn.



Honey Fungus



Bay Polypore



Common Eyelash

Photographs by Jim Rae



### Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> - Mid-Annandale Playcare

A group of youngsters came the Reserve to do a spot of pond dipping as part of the holiday activities organised by the nursery group. See below for list of organisms found.



Photograph taken by group leader.

### Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> - Wild Autumn - Autumn Pond Life with Jim Rae



#### Pond organisms found:

Orange Leech, Black Leech, Pond Snail, Pea Mussel, Cased-caddis larva, Alderfly nymph, Damselfly nymph, Mayfly nymph, Water Boatman, Lesser water boatman, Diving Beetle, Great Diving Beetle, Minnow, Stickleback, Frog.

## 6. Planned Visits

### Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> - Slings Around

A group of mothers, carrying young children in slings, got together for a bit of exercise and a chat whilst visiting the Reserve.



### Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> - Moffat Rambling Club

Members of the Moffat Rambling Club called in at the Reserve for a bit of a break and to watch the Red Squirrels during their day's excursion.

Photographs by Jim Rae (unless stated otherwise.)

For more information call Jim Rae or visit our website.

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