

Lockerbie Wildlife Trust

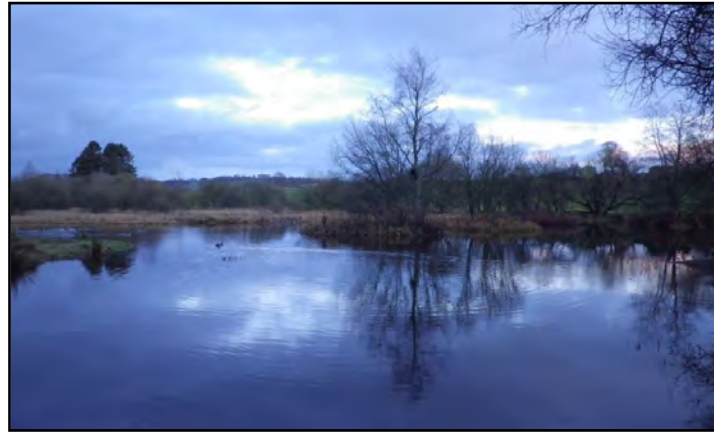
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Scottish Charity No:
SC 005538

Eskrigg Reserve

December 2012 News Bulletin



1. This picture of the pond was taken on Christmas Day.

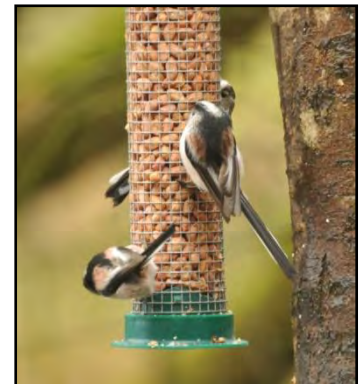
2. Confirmed wildlife sightings

a. Birds

Blackbird, Blue Tit, Bullfinch, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Common Gull, Dunnock, Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Grey Heron, Jay, Little Grebe, Long-tailed Tit, Mallard, Moorhen, Nuthatch, Pheasant, Raven, Redwing, Robin, Siskin, Sparrowhawk, Starling, Tree Creeper, Water Rail, Willow Tit, Wood Pigeon, Wren.

b. Mammals

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



3. Activities at the Reserve during December

These were largely restricted to the usual maintenance activities – strimming, pruning, ditch clearance and path repair or improvement.

4. S4 Environmental Studies (3rd December)

The weather was poor so instead of visiting the Reserve this month the class stayed in school and helped modify the squirrel feeders for the regional survey which was to take place in Spring 2013.



Paul removing the stiff rubber hinges.

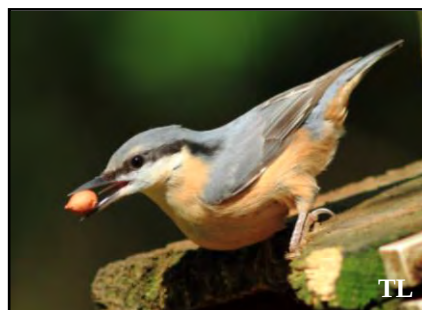


Danny cutting new, flexible hinges from a roll of dampcourse.



Pamela fixing the new hinges to the lids of the feeders.

5. December Wildlife Pictures



First Row: Grey Heron, Jay, Nuthatch.

Second Row: Red Squirrel, Reed Bunting; Waxwings.

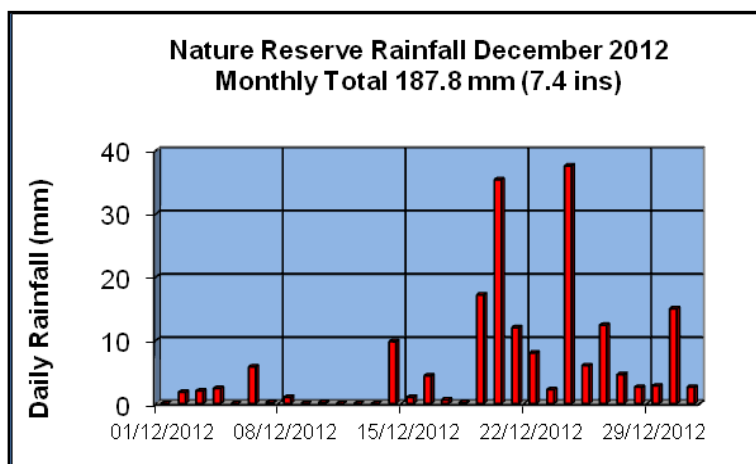
6. Visitor Records

Month	Total number of Visitors	Daily Average Visitors
July	2098	68
August	1960	63
September	2384	79.5
October	2864	92
November	1911	63.7
December	1334	43



7. Precipitation

Month	Rainfall (mm)
July	135.5
August	160.2
September	98.4
October	161.9
November	Not available
December	187.8



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