

Lockerbie Wildlife Trust

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Scottish Charity No:
SC 005538

Eskrigg Reserve

December 2013 News Bulletin

1. Views of the Reserve in December.



Duck waiting to be fed on a clear morning 17.12.13



Pond in heavy rain 21.12.13

2. Confirmed wildlife sightings at the Reserve

a. Birds

Blackbird, Blue Tit, Brambling, Bullfinch, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Collared Dove, Dunnock, Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Goosander, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Grey Heron, Greylag Goose, Jay, Kingfisher, Long-tailed Tit, Magpie, Mallard, Mandarin, Merlin, Moorhen, Nuthatch, Pheasant, Raven, Robin, Sparrowhawk, Tawny Owl, Treecreeper, Willow Tit, Wood Pigeon, Wren.

b. Mammals

Bank Vole, Mole, Red Squirrel, Wood Mouse.

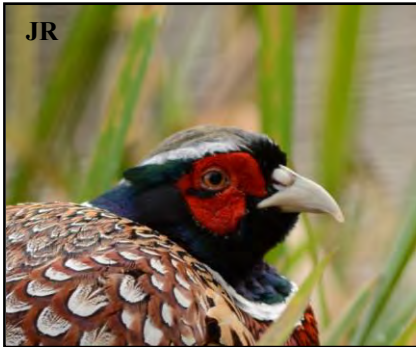
On the 13th of December, a red squirrel was found dead on one of the squirrel feeders. The front half of its body was inside the feeder and the rear end outside with the hind legs standing on the platform. It looked as if the squirrel had died whilst feeding.



Photographs by Ken McKillop (KM^K) and Jim Rae (JR).

Happy New Year to all readers

3. December Photo-gallery



Photographs by Raymond Leinster (RL), Bob Little (BL) and Jim Rae (JR).

4. There were no Planned Activities at the Reserve during December.

5. Maintenance work during December.

3rd - Ian Dunn and Crispin McCreery helped fill up the potholes along the forest road.

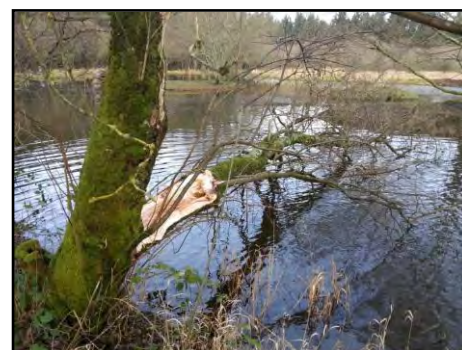
7th - Drew Stewart cut off the end of a fallen tree near the field gate, cleared the burn and repaired the fence.

10th - Ian Dunn and Pamela Beeton helped clear more of the fallen tree and raked the burn side.



14th - Drew Stewart, Althaia and Justine Somerville and Erin Johnston helped brash the trees along the purple walk.

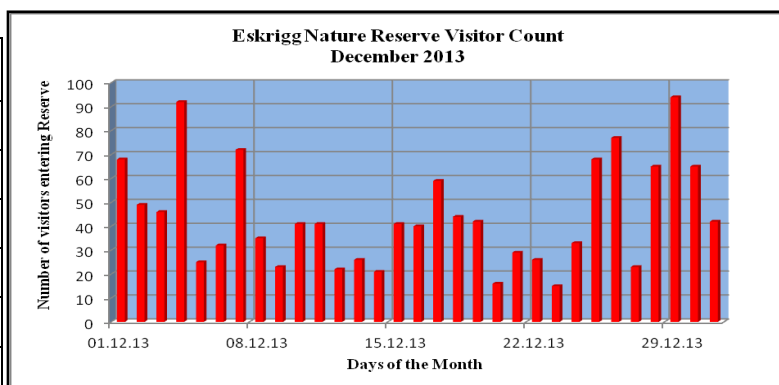
19th - Stuart Black helped cut up the willow that had fallen into the pond on the 15th of December.



29th - Maintenance Day – Jim Rae raked the Reserve path and tidied up after the strong winds.

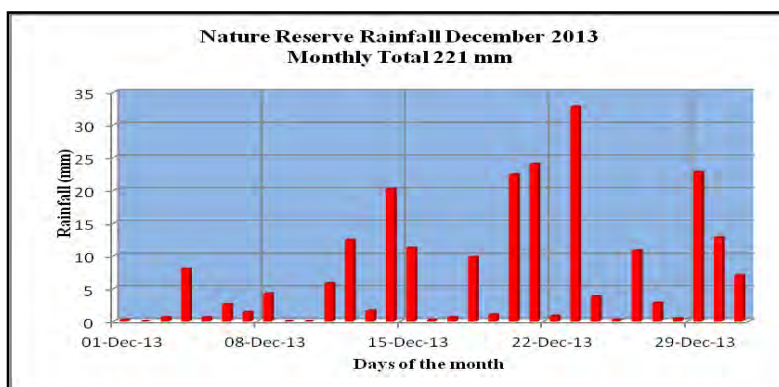
6. Visitor Records

Month	Total number of Visitors	Daily Average Visitors
July 2013	1700	55
Aug. 2013	1587	51
Sept. 2013	1528	51
Oct. 2013	1937	62
Nov. 2013	1578	53
Dec. 2013	1372	44



7. Precipitation

Month	Rainfall (mm)
July 2013	82
Aug. 2013	72.4
Sept. 2013	93
Oct. 2013	203.6
Nov. 2013	61
Dec. 2013	221



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