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Eskrigg Reserve

April 2014 News Bulletin



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1. View of the Reserve pond at daybreak on the 27th of April by Bob Glaister.



2. Confirmed wildlife sightings at the Reserve

a. Birds

Blackbird, Blue Tit, Buzzard, Canada Goose, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Chiffchaff, Coal Tit, Dunnock, Goldcrest, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Greenfinch, Greylag Goose, Grey Wagtail, Heron, Jay, Kestrel, Kingfisher, Lesser Redpoll, Little Grebe, Long-tailed Tit, Mallard, Moorhen, Nuthatch, Pheasant, Raven, Robin, Siskin, Song Thrush, Sparrowhawk, Starling, Tawny Owl, Treecreeper, Willow Tit, Wood Pigeon, Wood Warbler, Wren, Yellowhammer.



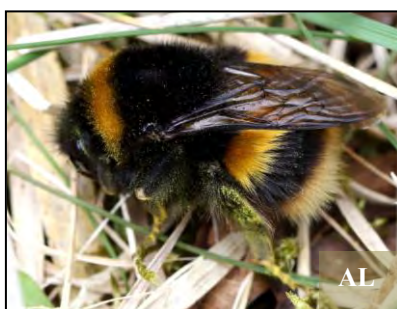
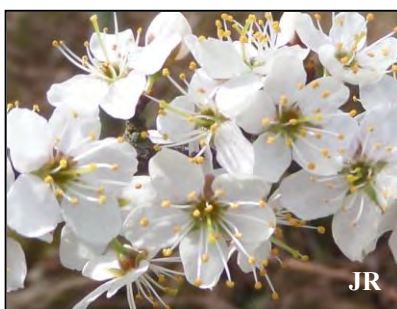
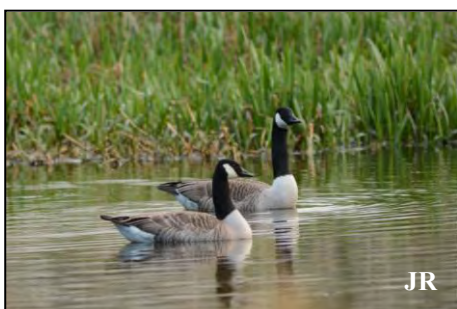
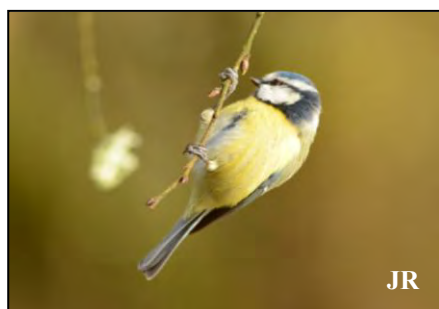
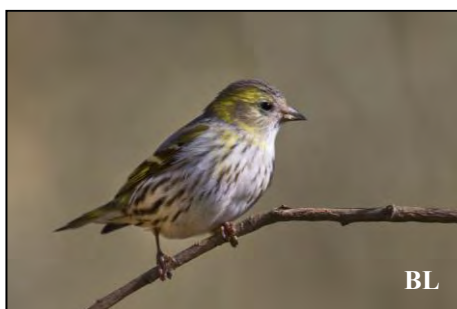
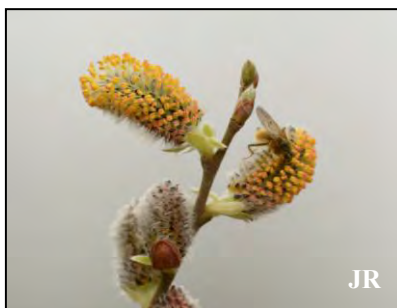
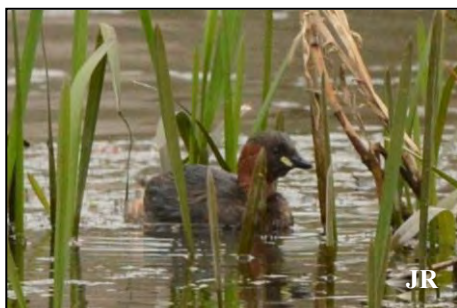
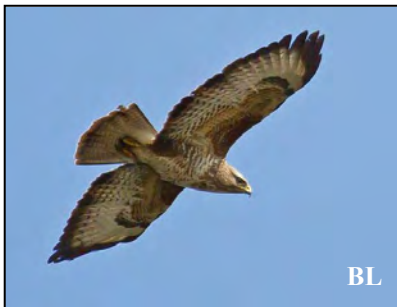
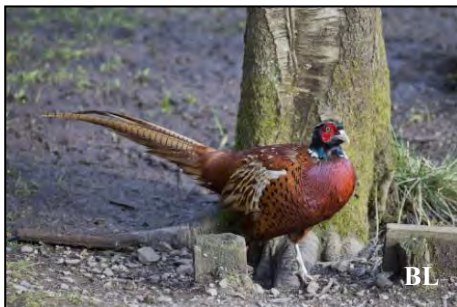
b. Mammals

Bank Vole, Mole, Noctule Bat, Rabbit, Red Squirrel, Water Shrew.

c. Other wildlife

Green-veined White, Large White, Orange-tip, Peacock and Small Tortoiseshell butterflies, 7-spot and Eyed Ladybirds, Buff-tailed Bumblebee, Black Slug, Stickleback, Frog, Toad, Common Lizard.

3. April Photo-gallery



Photographs: Alan Campbell (AC), Andrina Laidler (AL), Archie Brown (AB), Bob Little (BL), Jim Rae (JR)

4. Planned Activities in April.

7th - Wildlife Orienteering – with Jim Rae

Michael and Yvonne Kerr completed all the levels successfully.



9th – Working with Wood 1 – with Tom Henry



10th – Water Wonders 1 – with Jim Rae



11th – Wee Woodland Beasties – with Jim Rae



Beasties found:

Ladybird
Stonefly
Plant bugs 2 sp.
Springtails 5 sp.
Spider egg cases
Millipedes 2 sp.
Yellow Worm

Burying beetles 2 sp.
Common flower bug
Insect larvae 3 sp.
Caterpillar
Harvestman 2 sp.
Woodlice 1 sp.
Earthworm

Ground beetles 3 sp.
Ground bug
Insect pupa
Spiders 3 sp.
Centipedes
Slugs 2 sp.

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14th – Water Wonders 2 – with Jim Rae



Pond organisms found over the two sessions:

3-spined stickleback
Pond snail
Freshwater shrimp
Lesser water boatman
Caddis fly larvae
Water measurer
Water spider

Frog spawn
Pond snail egg cases
Diving beetle 2 sp.
Damselfly nymphs 3 sp.
Gnat pupa
Pond skater
Water scorpion.

Toad tadpoles
Pea Mussel
Water boatman
Mayfly nymph
Midge larvae 4 sp.
Water mites

15th – Wildlife Photography for Kids – with Keith Kirk



16th – Working with Wood 2 – with Tom Henry



19th – Spring with the Squirrels – with Keith Kirk



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25th – April Moths - with Jim Rae

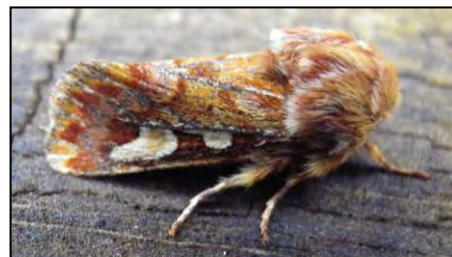
The following moths were identified with the assistance of Andrina and Raymond Laidler:

Those highlighted in **red** are new to Eskrigg Reserve.

Micro-moth:	<i>Agonopterix scopariella</i>	2
Macro-moths:		
Autumn Green Carpet	<i>Chloroclysta miata</i>	1
Brindled Pug	<i>Eupithecia abbreviata</i>	3
Clouded Drab	<i>Orthosia incerta</i>	13
Common Quaker	<i>Orthosia cerasi</i>	93
Early Grey	<i>Xylocampa areola</i>	1
Early Thorn	<i>Selenia dentaria</i>	2
Engrailed	<i>Ectropis bistortata</i>	5
Hebrew Character	<i>Orthosia gothica</i>	82
Pine Beauty	<i>Panolis flammea</i>	19
Powdered Quaker	<i>Orthosia gracilis</i>	1
Scarce Prominent	<i>Odontesia carmelita</i>	1
Twin-spotted Quaker	<i>Orthosia munda</i>	11
	Total	234



Early Thorn



Pine Beauty



Autumn Green Carpet

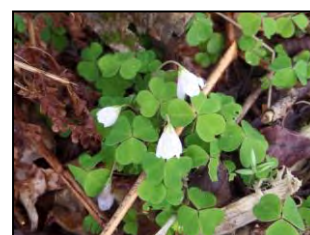
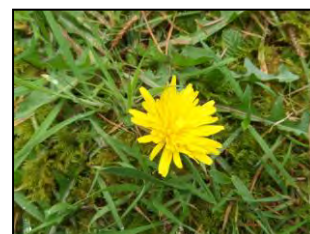
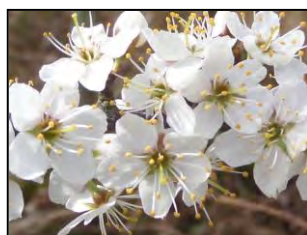


Early Grey



Scarce Prominent

5. April Flowers (Can you name them? They are in alphabetical order. Answers on next page.)



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April Flowers (left to right)

Bilberry, Bird Cherry, Blackthorn, Bluebell,
Broom, Cuckoo Flower, Daisy, Dandelion,
Dog Violet, Pink Purslane, Wavy Bitter-cress, Wood Sorrel.

5. Maintenance work during April.

Tues. 22nd – Pamela Beeton, Ian Dunn and Andrew Blaylock helped treat the fence at the Dumfries Road entrance with wood preservative, cleared the pond of algae, dug over Neo's Neuk and sowed wild plant seeds.

Sun. 27th – Maintenance Day – Sybille and Anna Spägele, David Hughes and Crispin McCreery helped treat the floor of the Red Squirrel Hide, the outer walls of Eskrigg Centre and the ramps of both with wood preservative. Unfortunately it started raining before the job was completed.

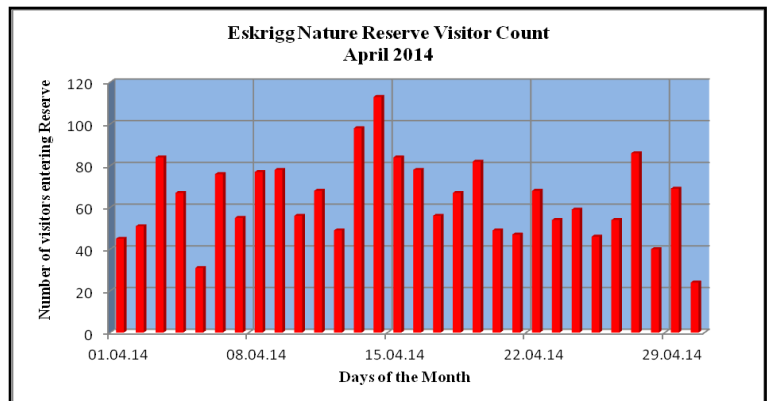
Tues. 29th – Pamela Beeton, Ian Dunn, Andrew Blaylock and Crispin McCreery helped to treat the rest of the Centre, the East Hide and part of the Centre ramp with preservative. They also filled in some of the potholes on the forest road.

Tuesday Team Photograph – Jim Rae



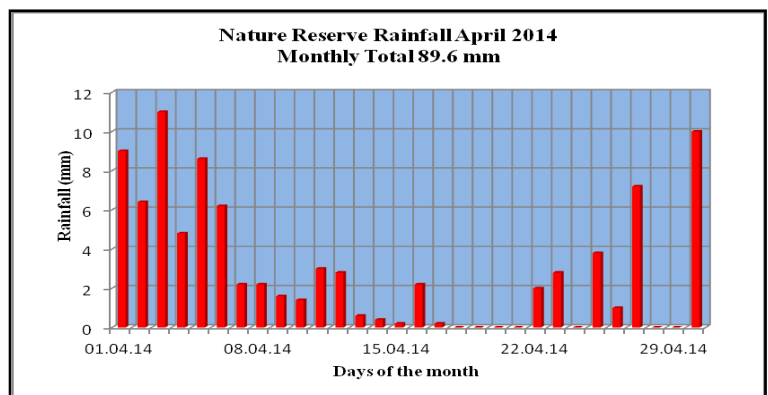
6. Visitor Records

Month	Total number of Visitors	Daily Average Visitors
Nov. 2013	1578	53
Dec. 2013	1372	44
Jan. 2014	1546	50
Feb. 2014	1285	46
Mar. 2014	1760	57
Apr. 2014	1911	64



7. Precipitation

Month	Rainfall (mm)
Nov. 2013	61
Dec. 2013	221
Jan. 2014	195
Feb. 2014	199.2
Mar. 2014	135
Apr. 2014	89.6



For more information call Jim Rae or visit our website.

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