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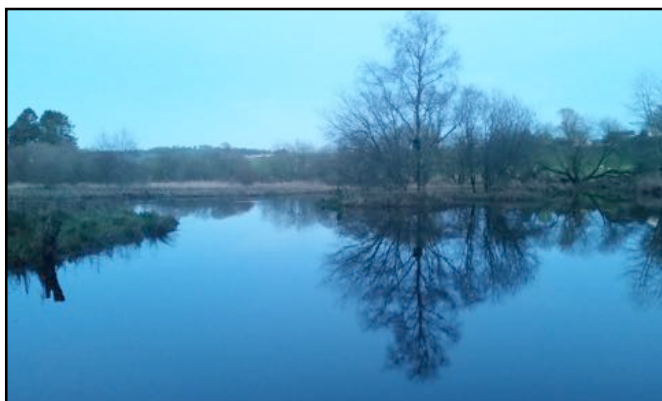


Eskrigg Reserve

December 2015 News Bulletin

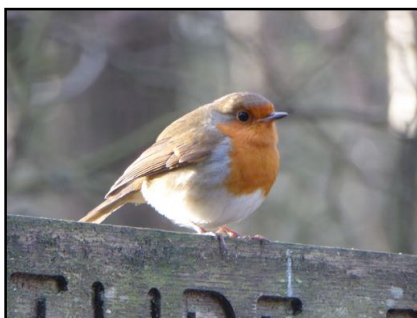
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1. View of the pond on the 6th of December (L) and on the 25th - Christmas Day (R) - JR.



2. Confirmed wildlife sightings at the Reserve in December.

a. Birds



Robin - JR



Goosander - JR



Dunnock - JR

Blackbird, Black-headed Gull, Blue Tit, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Dunnock, Fieldfare, Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Goosander, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Grey Wagtail, Jackdaw, Jay, Kestrel, Kingfisher, Long-tailed Tit, Magpie, Mallard, Moorhen, Nuthatch, Pheasant, Raven, Robin, Siskin, Song Thrush, Sparrowhawk, Starling, Tawny Owl, Treecreeper, Willow Tit, Woodpigeon, Wren.

b. Mammals

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



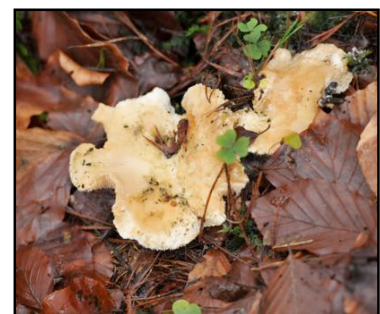
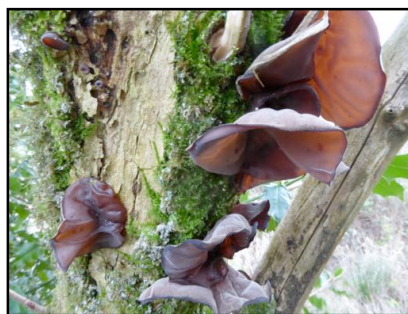
Bank Vole - BL



Red Squirrel - BL

Photographs: Bob Little (BL), Jim Rae (JR)

3. December Fungi



Row 1: Wood Blewit (*Lepista nuda*) GT, *Amanita submembranacea* GT, Jelly Tooth (*Pseudohydnum gelatinosum*) JR
 Row 2: Willow Bracket (*Phellinus igniarius*) JR, Chanterelle (*Cantharellus cibarius*) JR, Wood Cauliflower (*Sparassis crispa*) JR
 Row 3: Unidentified (upper surface) JR, Angel's Wings (*Pleurocybella porrigens*) GT, Unidentified (lower surface) JR
 Row 4: Scarlet Elf Cup (*Sarcoscypha austriaca*) JR, Bonnet (*Mycena* sp.) JR, Wrinkled Club (*Clavulina rugosa*) GT
 Row 5: Common Earthball (*Scleroderma citrinum*) JR, Jelly Ear (*Auricularia auricula-judae*) JR, Wood Hedgehog (*Hydnum repandum*) JR

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

4. Volunteer Work

Thu. 10th - Connor Jardine

Connor helped put up a new signpost, tidy gravel on the new path where it was affected by flood water and top up the bird and squirrel feeders. The signs, giving directions to the Eskrigg Centre, Shelter, Picnic Area and Red Squirrel Hide were created by Jim using a pyrograph.



Sat. 12th - **Duke of Edinburgh Volunteers** (Rory Holden, Mike Kerr and Keir Stewart) and Maya Saunders from Dumfries helped to resurface parts of the path through the Reserve, despite the persistent rain.



Michael, Keir and Maya - JR



Rory and Maya - JR

Sun. 27th - Maintenance Day

This event was cancelled, because of the large volume of water still flooding parts of the Reserve. Jim, however, did rake up the storm debris from the Reserve path and tidied the area next to the Red Squirrel Hide.

5. New Species of Slime Mould - *Badhamia foliicola*



Plasmodial Stage 29.12.15 - GT



Fruiting Bodies 31.12.15 - JR

George first spotted the slime mould on the Willow base of the table outside Eskrigg Centre. At that stage the plasmodia were bright yellow in colour. By Hogmanay (after two days) bright purple sporangia had formed and the slime mould had started to release spores. This is the seventh species of slime mould identified at the Reserve.

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For more information call Jim Rae or visit our website www.lockerbie-wildlife-trust.co.uk

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