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Eskrigg Reserve

September 2016 News Bulletin



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1. View of the pond on the 19th of September.



2. Confirmed wildlife sightings at the Reserve in September.

a. Birds

Blackbird, Black East Indian Duck, Blue Tit, Buzzard, Canada Goose, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Chiffchaff, Coal Tit, Cormorant, Dunnock, Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Greenfinch, House Martin, House Sparrow, Jay, Kingfisher, Little Grebe, Mallard, Moorhen, Mute Swan, Nuthatch, Pheasant, Raven, Robin, Rook, Siskin, Song Thrush, Sparrowhawk, Starling, Stock Dove, Swallow, Treecreeper, Willow Tit, Wood Pigeon, Wren.

b. Mammals

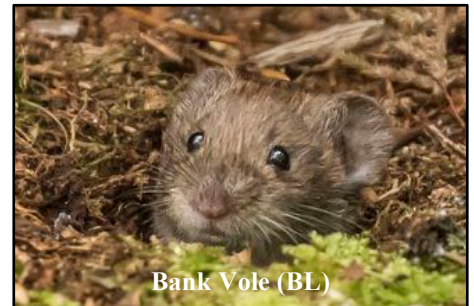
Bank Vole, Common Shrew, Mole, Rabbit, Red Squirrel, Roe Deer, Woodmouse.

c. Reptiles and Amphibians

Common Lizard, Frog, Toad.

d. Invertebrates

Black Slug; Green-veined White, Painted Lady, Red Admiral, and Small Tortoiseshell butterflies; Crane-flies; Blue-tailed and Common Blue Damsel flies; Black Darter, Common Darter, Common Hawker and Southern Hawker dragonflies; Hoverflies; 7-Spot Ladybird; Angle Shades moth.



Bank Vole (BL)



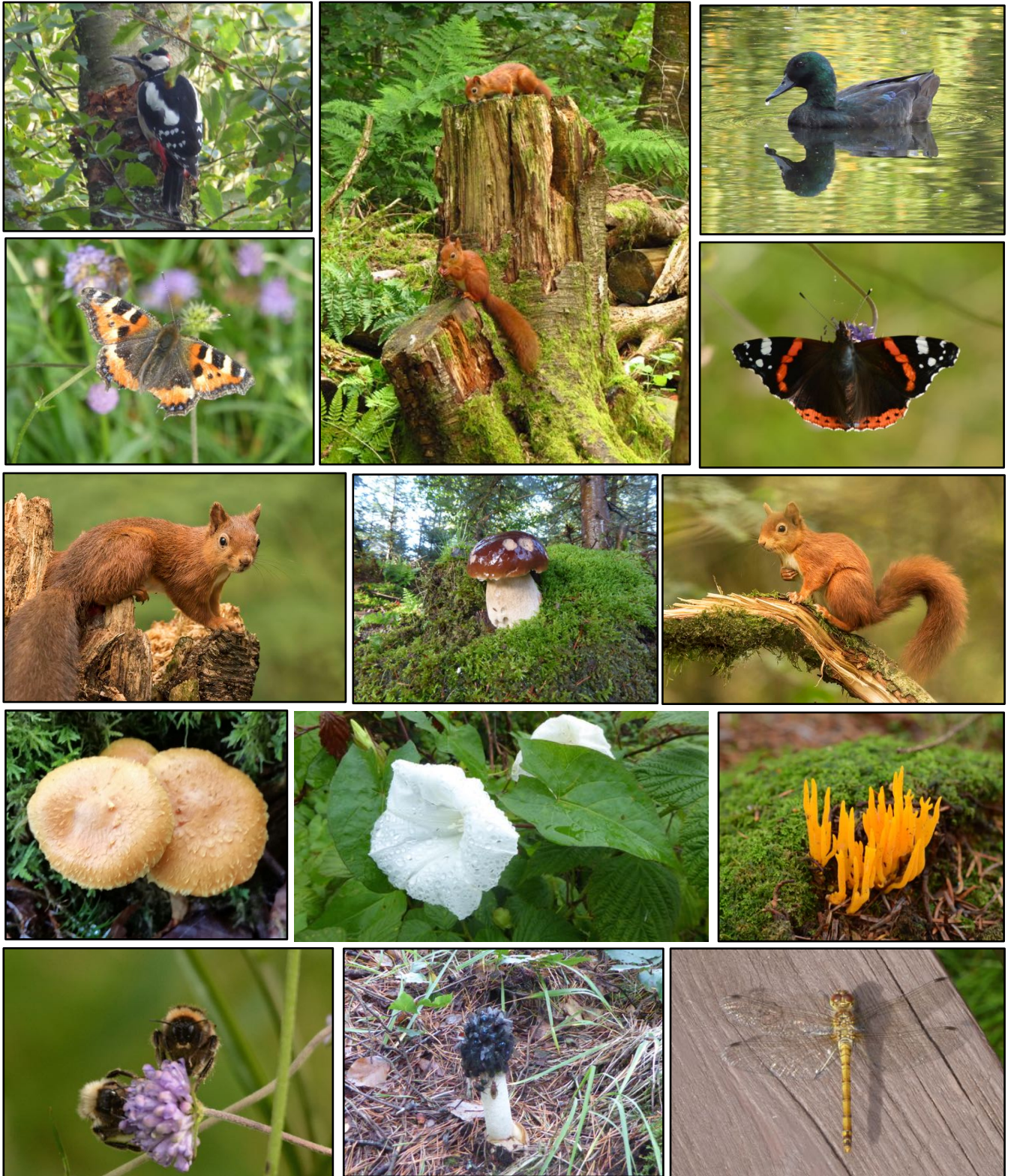
Common Frog (JR)



Common Lizard (JR)

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

3. September Photo-gallery.



Row 1: Great Spotted Woodpecker (JR), Red Squirrels (LC), Black East Indian Duck (LC)

Row 2: Small Tortoiseshell Butterfly (JR), Red Admiral (JR)

Row 3: Red Squirrel (BL), Penny Bun / Cep (JR), Red Squirrel (BL)

Row 4: Golden Webcap (JR), Hedge Bindweed, (JR) Yellow Stagshorn (JR)

Row 5: Bumblebees (JR), Stinkhorn (JR), Common Darter (JR)

Photographs: Jim Rae (JR), Lorraine Cummings (LC), Bob Little (BL)

4. Planned Activities

18th Fungal Foray with Duncan Ford (originally scheduled for Kellhead and Kinmount).

Amethyst Deceiver	<i>Laccaria amethystina</i>
Ashen Chanterelle	<i>Cantharellus cinereus</i>
Beech Milkcap	<i>Lactarius blennius</i>
Birch Knight	<i>Tricholoma fulvum</i>
Birch Polypore	<i>Piptoporus betulinus</i>
Blackening Brittlegill	<i>Russula nigricans</i>
Blusher	<i>Amanita rubescens</i>
Brown Birch Bolete	<i>Leccinum scabrum</i>
Brown Puffball	<i>Bovista nigrescens</i>
Cellar Cup	<i>Peziza cerea</i>
Cep / Penny Bun	<i>Boletus edulis</i>
Chanterelle	<i>Cantharellus cibarius</i>
Charcoal Burner	<i>Russula cyanoxantha</i>
Clouded Funnel	<i>Clitocybe nebularis</i>
Common Earthball	<i>Scleroderma citrinum</i>
Common Puffball	<i>Lycoperdon perlatum</i>
Crab Brittlegill	<i>Russula xerampelina</i>
Dappled Webcap	<i>Cortinarius bolaris</i>
Deadly Webcap	<i>Cortinarius rubellus</i>
Dead Man's Fingers	<i>Xylaria polymorpha</i>
Dyers Mazegill	<i>Phaeolus schweinitzii</i>
Elastic Saddle	<i>Helvella elastica</i>
Felt Saddle	<i>Helvella macropus</i>
Fly Agaric	<i>Amanita muscaria</i>
Fragile Brittlegill	<i>Russula fragilis</i>
Grey Knight	<i>Tricholoma terreum</i>
Jellybaby	<i>Leotia lubrica</i>
Nutty Brittlegill	<i>Russula integra</i>
Oakbug Milkcap	<i>Lactarius quietus</i>
Ochre Brittlegill	<i>Russula ochroleuca</i>
Pelargonium Webcap	<i>Cortinarius flexipes</i>
Peppery Bolete	<i>Chalciporus piperatus</i>
Primrose Brittlegill	<i>Russula sardonia</i>
Scarletina Bolete	<i>Boletus luridiformis</i>
Sickener	<i>Russula emetica</i>
Spotted Toughshank	<i>Collybia maculata</i>
Tawny Grisette	<i>Amanita fulva</i>
Ugly Milkcap	<i>Lactarius turpis</i>
Wood Cauliflower	<i>Sparassis crispa</i>
Wood Hedgehog	<i>Hydnum repandum</i>
Yellow Stag's Horn	<i>Calocera viscosa</i>



Brown Puffball (*Bovista nigrescens*)



Peppery Bolete (*Chalciporus piperatus*)



Spotted Toughshank (*Collybia maculata*)



Fragile Brittlegill (*Russula fragilis*)



Elastic Saddle (*Helvella elastica*)



Grey Knight (*Tricholoma terreum*)



Common Puffball (*Lycoperdon perlatum*)

Photographs by Jim Rae

20th September Moths with Jim Rae

Common Name	Scientific Name	Pine Wood NY125 804	Spruce Wood NY126 804	Pond Fringe NY125 804
Brick	<i>Agrochola circellaris</i>	1	-	-
Common Marbled Carpet	<i>Chloroclysta truncata</i>	5	1	-
Dark Marbled Carpet	<i>Chloroclysta citrata citrata</i>	1	-	-
Green-brindled Crescent	<i>Allophyes oxyacanthae</i>	-	-	1
Grey Pine Carpet	<i>Thera obeliscata</i>	1	2	1
July Highflyer	<i>Hydriomena furcata</i>	5	1	1
Pine Carpet	<i>Thera firmata</i>	7	6	3
Pink-barred Sallow	<i>Xanthia togata</i>	-	-	1
Red-green Carpet	<i>Chloroclysta siterata</i>	-	-	1
Red-line Quaker	<i>Agrochola lota</i>	1	-	-
Sallow	<i>Xanthia icteritia</i>	-	-	1
Spruce Carpet	<i>Thera britannica</i>	-	2	7
Streak	<i>Chesias legatella</i>	-	-	1
Micro-moth	<i>Agonopterix heracliiana</i>	-	-	1

New Species at Eskrigg Reserve

Thanks to Val Russell, Norah Muirhead and Fiona Halliday for confirming the moth identification.



L to R: *Agonopterix heracliiana*, Brick, Green-brindled Crescent, Red-green Carpet, Streak.

5. Thoughtless behaviour

At the beginning of September a number of youths spent a number of evenings down at the Red Squirrel Hide and left beer bottles in the pond and other debris lying around.

On the evening of the 15th of September, some people (as yet unidentified) lit a bonfire at the base of a Birch tree within a few feet of the Red Squirrel Hide. They also left a mess of food and empty containers in the hide itself.

In both cases the mess was cleared up, but unfortunately the tree will die and have to be cut down before it falls on the hide and destroys it. The bonfire was reported to the police and an article appeared in the local press.

A number of local residents very kindly inform me if they see any suspicious activities around the Reserve. I would be grateful if other readers did the same.



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6. Volunteer Activities

Sat. 3rd **Keir Stewart, Rory Holden and Patrick Malone** worked with **Jim** to clear and stack some of the cut timber in the Sitka Spruce plantation.



Tue. 13th



Connor Jardine, John Wilson and Norah Muirhead helped **Jim** replace a muddy section of the gas pipeline path with a gravel path.

Sat. 17th **Michael Kerr, Patrick Malone, Rory Holden and Maya Saunders** cleared and stacked the cut timber in the Sitka Spruce plantation while **Jim** raked the Reserve path.



Sat. 24th **Michael Kerr and Keir Stewart** cleared and stacked the cut timber in the Sitka Spruce plantation while **Jim** weeded the path on the south side of the Centre.

Sun. 25th **Maintenance Day**
Sybille Spägele spent the day pulling reedgrass along the far edge of the pond. **Jim** strimmed the sides of the Reserve path in the morning then raked up the cuttings in the afternoon. **David Hughes** raked up grass cuttings in the morning.

Please note that the young members of the E-Team
have completed a total of
335 hours
of voluntary work at the Reserve
in the past 12 months.

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Photographs taken at the Reserve by other photographers are always welcome for inclusion in the Monthly Bulletin. Please email any such pictures, in jpeg format, to Jim Rae before the end of the month concerned.

For more information call Jim Rae or visit our website.

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