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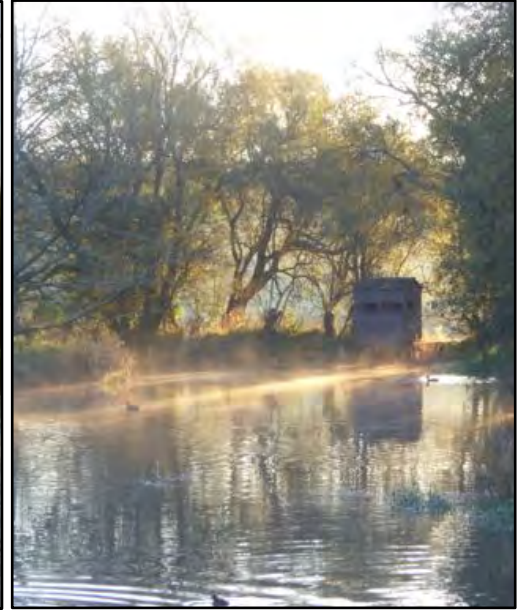


Eskrigg Reserve

October 2016 News Bulletin

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1. View of the pond on the 4th and early morning sunshine on the 25th by Jim Rae.



2. Confirmed wildlife sightings at the Reserve in October.

a. Birds

Blackbird, Black East Indian Duck, Black-headed Gull, Blue Tit, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Common Gull, Dunnock, Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Goshawk, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Greenfinch, Grey Heron, Greylag Goose, Grey Wagtail, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Jay, Kingfisher, Little Grebe, Long-tailed Tit, Mallard, Moorhen, Mute Swan, Nuthatch, Pheasant, Pied Wagtail, Raven, Robin, Rook, Song Thrush, Sparrowhawk, Starling, Treecreeper, Willow Tit, Wood Pigeon, Wren.

b. Mammals

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

c. Reptiles and Amphibians

Frog, Toad.

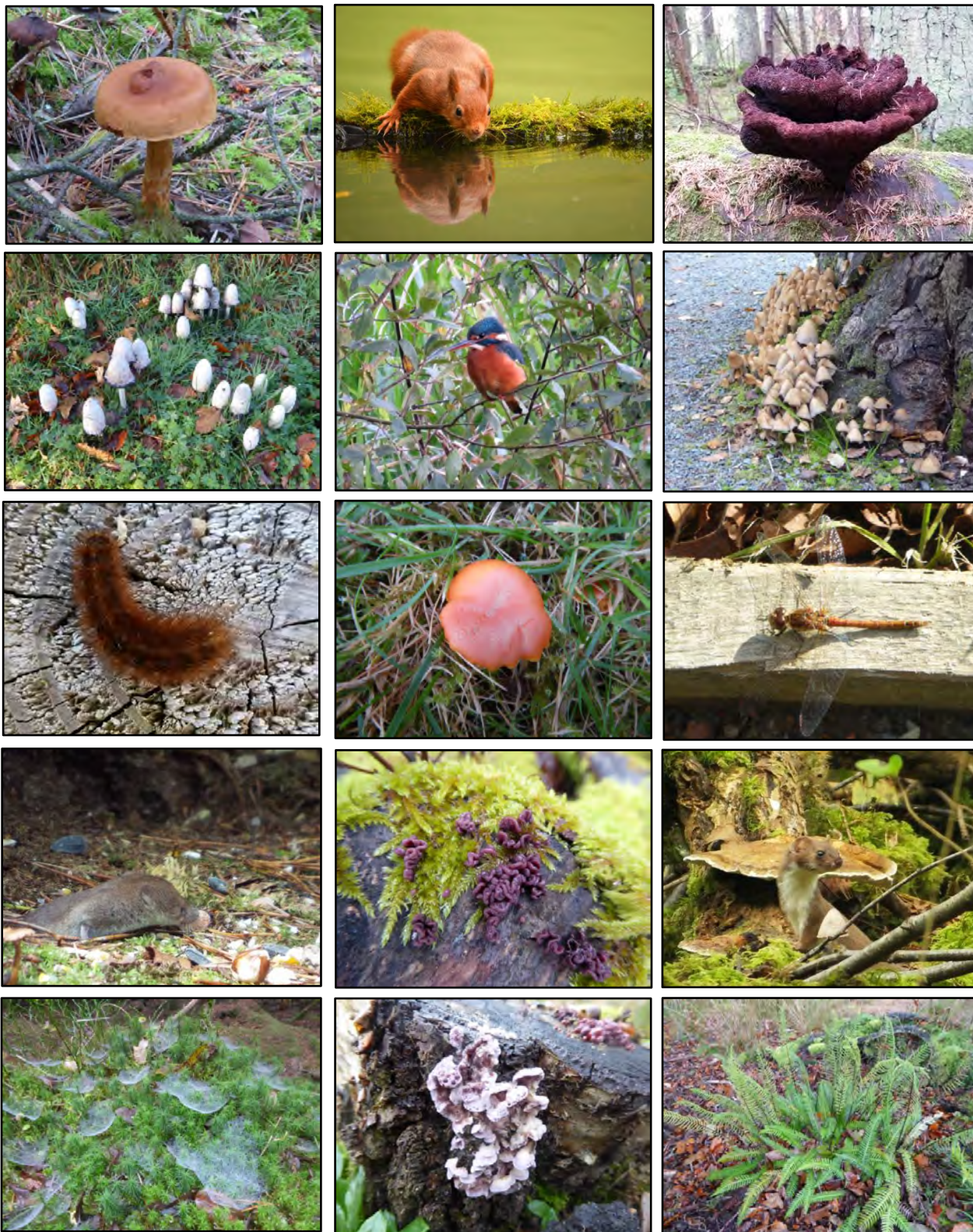
d. Invertebrates

Black and Brown Slug; Crane-flies; Black Darter, Common Darter and Common Hawker Dragonflies; 7-Spot Ladybird; Ruby Tiger Moth Caterpillar; assorted Spiders.



Red Squirrel reflection by Bob Little

3. October Photo-gallery.



Row 1: Deadly Webcap (JR), Red Squirrel (PW), Dyer's Mazegill (JR).

Row 2: Shaggy Inkcaps (JR), Kingfisher (AM), Common Inkcaps (JR).

Row 3: Ruby Tiger Moth Caterpillar (JR), Orange Webcap (JR), Common Darter Dragonfly (JR).

Row 4: Common Shrew (PC), Purple Jellydisc (JR), Stoat (CM).

Row 5: Moss tussock with spiders' webs (JR), Unidentified Fungus (JR), Hard Fern (JR).

Photographs: Paul Wharton (PW), Allan Murray (AM), Jim Rae (JR), Pam Copeland (PC), Charlotte Mason (CM).

4. Planned Activities

2nd Babes in the Woods

Members of the group visited the Reserve to investigate the Wee Woodland Beasties. The young children enjoyed examining the pitfall traps and exploring the woodland floor and a log pile to discover the small woodland creatures living there. They also enjoyed a picnic in the sun.



5th National Red Squirrel Week - Eskrigg Event

The ITV Border Life film crew visited the Reserve to film the Red Squirrels and a training event organised by Lockerbie Wildlife Trust and Annandale Red Squirrel Group. The film crew interviewed Alexa Seagrave (Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels) to find out what was being done in Scotland to protect the native Red Squirrel. They also interviewed Jim Rae (Chairman of the Annandale Red Squirrel Group) to find out how the group was contributing to the national efforts at the local level. Members of the Moffat Hill Woodland Project were invited down to the Reserve in the afternoon to learn about the Red Squirrels, the methods used to monitor and limit the spread of the Grey Squirrel and how they, as a group, could manage the Gallow Hill Woodland to the benefit of the Red Squirrels. The Moffat group also learned how to conduct a Food Abundance Survey. The television programme will be broadcast sometime in November.



11th October Moths with Jim Rae

After a cold night with the occasional shower, there were only a few moths caught in the three traps. However, there were **two new species** found as well as another Red-green Carpet, which was found for the first time last month.

		Pine Wood NY124 804	Spruce Wood NY125 804	Pond Fringe NY126 804
Macro-moths				
Feathered Thorn	<i>Colotois pennaria</i>	1	-	-
Grey Pine Carpet	<i>Thera obeliscata</i>	1	-	-
November Moth	<i>Epirrita dilutata</i>	4	2	-
Pale November Moth	<i>Epirrita christyi</i>	-	2	-
Red-green Carpet	<i>Chloroclysta siterata</i>	-	-	1
Red-line Quaker	<i>Agrochola lota</i>	1	-	-
Spruce Carpet	<i>Thera britannica</i>	2	-	-
Micro-moth	<i>Agonopterix heracliiana</i>	1	-	-



November Moth



Pale November Moth



Red-green Carpet

13th Mid-Annandale Play Care Visit

Thirteen children and their two leaders enjoyed a session hunting for 'Bugs' in the woodland next to the Reserve. They found a good range of small animals as well as spotting several species of fungi.

Photographs by Jim Rae

16th Fungal Foray with Duncan Ford

The fungi marked with an asterisk* were noted on the walk, the others were recorded before or after.

Common Name	Scientific Name
Amethyst Deceiver	<i>Laccaria amethystea</i>
Bay Polypore	<i>Polyporus durus</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>
Bovine Bolete*	<i>Paxillus involutus</i>
Brown Rollrim*	<i>Paxillus involutus</i>
Burnt Knight*	<i>Tricholoma ustale</i>
Carrot Milkcap*	<i>Lactarius quieticolor</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 Inkcap	<i>Coprinopsis atramentaria</i>
Common Puffball	<i>Lycoperdon perlatum</i>
Crested Coral	<i>Clavulina coralloides</i>
Dappled Webcap	<i>Cortinarius bolaris</i>
Deadly Webcap*	<i>Cortinarius rubellus</i>
Dead Man's Fingers	<i>Xylaria polymorpha</i>
Dyer's Mazegill	<i>Phaeolus schweinitzii</i>
Felt Saddle	<i>Helvella macropus</i>
Fly Agaric*	<i>Amanita muscaria</i>
Girdled Webcap	<i>Cortinarius trivialis</i>
Glistening Inkcap	<i>Coprinellus micaceus</i>
Grey Knight	<i>Tricholoma terreum</i>
Grisette*	<i>Amanita vaginata</i>
Hairy Bracket	<i>Trametes hirsuta</i>
Hairy Earthtongue	<i>Trichoglossum hirsutum</i>
Jellybaby*	<i>Leotia lubrica</i>
Ochre Brittlegill*	<i>Russula ochroleuca</i>
Orange Waxcap	<i>Hygrocybe aurantiosplendens</i>
Pelargonium Webcap	<i>Cortinarius flexipes</i>
Penny Bun*	<i>Boletus edulis</i>
Plums and Custard	<i>Tricholomopsis rutilans</i>
Poison Pie*	<i>Hebeloma crustuliniforme</i>
Primrose Brittlegill*	<i>Russula sardonica</i>
Purple Brittlegill	<i>Russula atropurpurea</i>
Red Cracking Bolete*	<i>Boletus edulis</i>
Shaggy Inkcap	<i>Coprinus comatus</i>
Shaggy Scalycap*	<i>Pholiota squarrosa</i>
Sickener*	<i>Russula emetica</i>
Sooty Shield	<i>Pluteus ephrebus</i>
Split Fibrecap	<i>Inocybe rimosa</i>
Stinkhorn	<i>Phallus impudicus</i>
Sulphur Tuft*	<i>Hypholoma fasciculare</i>
Tawny Grisette*	<i>Lepista flaccida</i>
Turkeytail	<i>Trametes versicolor</i>
Velvet Bolete*	<i>Suillus variegatus</i>
Wood Hedgehog*	<i>Hydnum repandum</i>
Yellowdrop Milkcap	<i>Lactarius chrysorrheus</i>



Twenty-two people came along and enjoyed a very pleasant and informative afternoon.



Shaggy Scalycap



Beech Milkcap



Carrot Milkcap



Girdled Webcap

Photographs by Jim Rae

18th Den Building with Jim Rae

After the morning rain, the weather cleared up in the afternoon for the annual Den Building activity. Three families used the available materials to create a range of excellent dens.



25th Autumn Pond Life with Jim Rae

Twenty-eight youngsters (and their parents) enjoyed a sunny afternoon of pond dipping. They found a good range of organisms for the time of year.

- Sticklebacks
- Leeches (2 species)
- Freshwater Shrimp
- Cased Caddis Larvae
- Mayfly Nymphs (2 species)
- Water Beetle Larvae
- Lesser Water Boatman
- Greater Water Boatman (backswimmer)
- Pond Snails
- Pea Mussels



26th Visit by P7 Pupils from Murray Primary School, East Kilbride.

Seventeen pupils carried out two investigations with a lunch break in between.

Jim Rae supervised the Pond Life Study and Norah Muirhead assisted with the Woodland Mini-beast activity.

The pond animals found were the same as above.

- Carabid Beetles and Beetle Larvae
- Other Ground Beetles
- Rove Beetles
- Centipedes
- Millipedes
- Springtails
- Spiders (2 species)
- Harvestman
- Woodlice
- Black Slug eggs
- Unidentified Dipteran Fly.



Photographs by Jim Rae

6. Volunteer Activities

Sat. 8th Rory Holden, Maya Saunders and Michael Kerr raked up dead leaves from the Reserve path before raking up grass cuttings from the path leading to the Reserve Car Park after Jim had strimmed the verges.



Tue. 11th Connor Jardine and John Wilson resurfaced part of the Reserve path with 8mm gravel while Jim identified the moths caught overnight and raked the area round the Eskrigg Centre. Between 3pm and 5pm, Freda Seddon and Sybille Spägele pulled reed-grass round the east side of the pond.

Sat. 15th Rory Holden, Patrick Malone, Michael Kerr and Keir Stewart resurfaced part of the Reserve path with 8mm gravel.



Sun. 30th Maintenance Day

The new layer of 8mm gravel on the Reserve path turned out to be too thick for wheelchair users and people with pushchairs to cope with. David Hughes and Jim Rae started the process of reducing the thickness of the layer of 8mm gravel to a minimum leaving a clean and manageable surface. This work will continue next month. The 8mm gravel is being used to resurface part of the woodland walks.



Photographs by Jim Rae

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

The Lockerbie Wildlife Trust 2017 Wildlife Calendar is now on sale at £8.

For more information call Jim Rae or visit our website.

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