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SC 005538

Eskrigg Reserve

January 2017 News Bulletin

1. Eskrigg Pond on the 4th of January.



2. Confirmed wildlife sightings at the Reserve in January.

a. Birds

Blackbird, Black East Indian Duck, Black-headed Gull, Blue Tit, Bullfinch, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Collared Dove, Dunnock, Fieldfare, Goldfinch, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Grey Heron, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Jay, Kingfisher, Lesser Redpoll, Long-tailed Tit, Mallard, Moorhen, Mute Swan, Nuthatch, Pheasant, Raven, Robin, Rook, Siskin, Song Thrush, Sparrowhawk, Starling, Tawny Owl, Treecreeper, Wigeon, Willow Tit, Woodcock, Wood Pigeon, Wren, Yellowhammer.



b. Mammals

Fox, Mole, Rabbit, Red Squirrel, Roe Deer, Weasel, Woodmouse.

c. Fish, Amphibians and Reptiles

Common Frog.

Photographs by Jim Rae

3. January Photo-gallery.



Row 1: Female Wigeon, Red Squirrel, Male Wigeon.
Row 2: Great Spotted Woodpecker, Blackbird, Blue Tit.
Row 3: Treecreeper, Great Tit (*above*), Red Squirrel (*below*), Coal Tit.
Row 4: Jelly Ear, Woodpigeon, Assorted Fungi on Willow Stump.

Photographs by Jim Rae and Mike Cullis (MC).

4. Planned Activities in January
None.

5. Volunteer Activities

Mon. 2nd **Jim** completed laying the type 1 sub-base on the Bog Myrtle Walk, laid a flag stone base for the duck feeder and laid type 1 sub-base on the path to the feeder.

Wed. 4th **Jim** laid fine gravel topping on part of the Bog Myrtle Walk.



Sat. 7th **Patrick Malone** and **Rory Holden** helped **Jim** to lay more topping on the Bog Myrtle Walk as well as putting a topping on the path to the duck feeder.

Sat. 14th **Michael Kerr, Patrick Malone, Rory Holden** and **Broden Gough** helped **Jim** to lay topping on another section of the Bog Myrtle Walk.

Sat. 21st In the morning, the **same four volunteers** helped put topping on another section of the walk and **Jim** finished the load of gravel with only 20m of the path left to cover.



Sun. 29th **Maintenance Day**
Sybille Spägle and **Jim Rae** prepared the burn for the **Annual Nut Race** on Sunday the 26th of February.

Tue. 31st **Connor Jardine** helped clear old timber until rain stopped work.

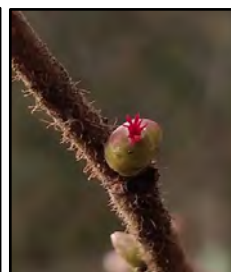
6. Tree Foam

Foam can be seen running down the Scots Pine trees, during and after heavy rain, and accumulating at the base. As the rainwater runs down the trunk it dissolves chemicals from the tree bark. These chemicals change the surface tension of the water allowing air to be trapped and the foam to form.



7. Hazel Flowers

This year the Hazel flowers started to reach maturity on the 25th of January.
Last year they did not ripen until the 14th of February.



Mature male catkins Female flower

Photographs by **Jim Rae**

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