

Lockerbie Wildlife Trust

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Eskrigg Reserve

March 2019 News Bulletin



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1. Eskrigg Pond at flood level on the 12th of March.



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2. Confirmed wildlife sightings at the Reserve during March.

a. Birds

Blackbird, Black-headed Gull, Blue Tit, Brambling, Bullfinch, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Collared Dove, Dunnock, Fieldfare, Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Greenfinch, Grey Heron, Grey Wagtail, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Jay, Kestrel, Lesser Redpoll, Long-tailed Tit, Magpie, Mallard, Merlin, Moorhen, Mute Swan, Nuthatch, Pheasant, Raven, Robin, Rook, Siskin, Song Thrush, Sparrowhawk, Starling, Stock Dove, Treecreeper, Wood Pigeon, Wren.



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b. Mammals

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



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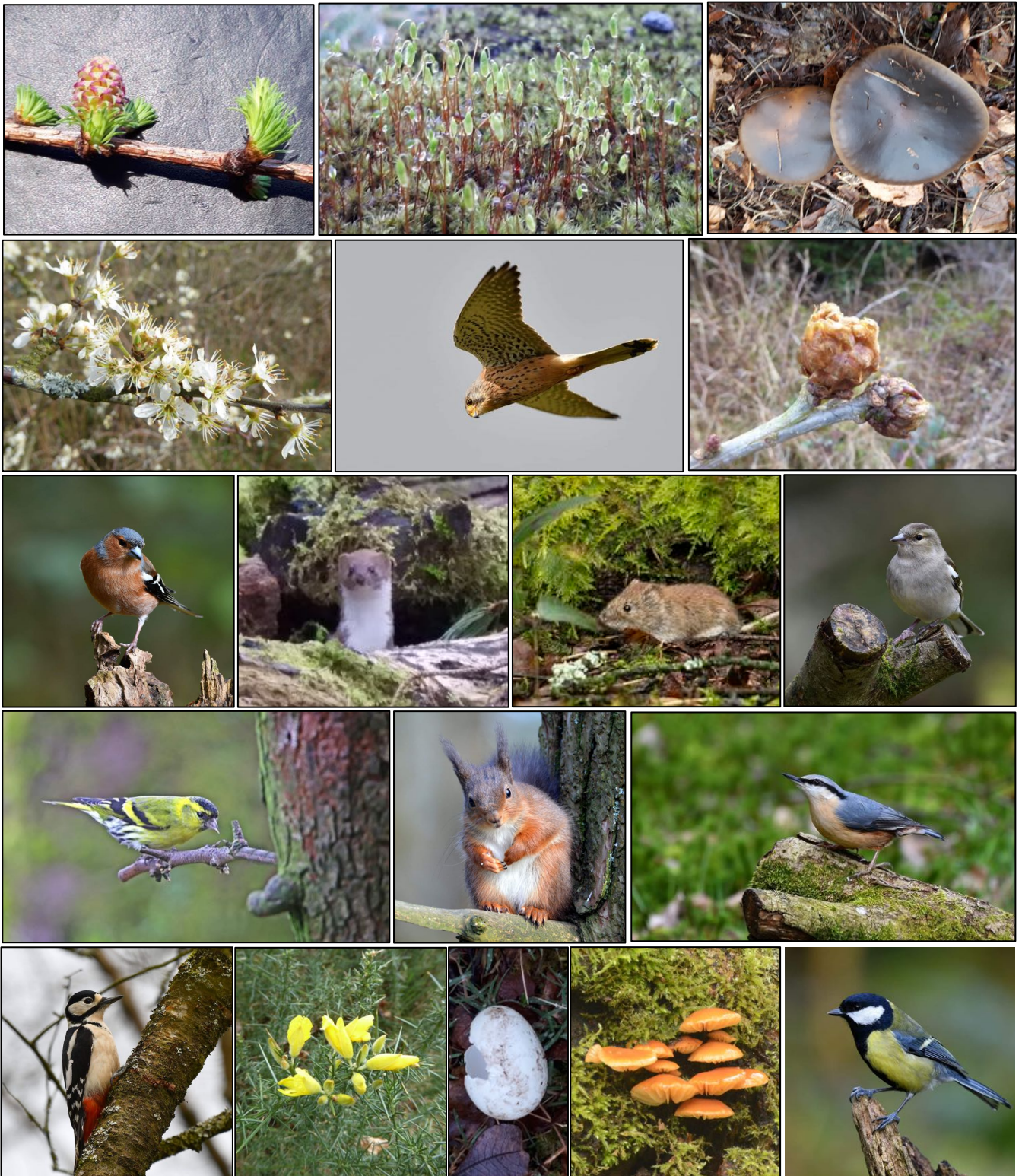
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c. Amphibians

Frogs, Toads.

Photographs by Jim Johnstone (JJ), Jim Rae (JR), Tam Reid (TR).

3. Eskrigg Reserve March Photo-gallery



1st Row: New Larch cone and needles (JR), Moss with developing sporangia (JR), Spring Cavalier (JR).

2nd Row: Blackthorn Blossom (JR), Kestrel (TR), Oak Artichole Gall (JR).

3rd Row: Male Chaffinch (TR), Stoat (GS), Bank Vole (IM), Female Chaffinch (TR).

4th Row: Siskin (JJ), Red Squirrel (PW), Nuthatch (TR).

5th Row: Great Spotted Woodpecker (TR), Gorse flowers (JR), Duck Egg (JR), Fungus on tree (JR), Great Tit (TR).

Photographs by Jim Johnstone (JJ), Ian Mortimer (IM), Jim Rae (JR), Tam Reid (TR), Gary Shanks (GS), Paul Wharton (PW)

4. Volunteer Activities in March

Tue. 19th Findlay Crossan and Graham Robson helped Jim rake and weed the path through the Reserve.



Sat. 23rd Steven Dalglish, Fraser Dalglish, Lewis Carrick and Anthony Ison helped Jim rake and weed part of the pipeline path.



Tue. 26th Steven Dalglish, Steven Jackson and Findlay Crossan helped Jim to rake and weed another section of the pipeline path.

The weather was so poor during the month that there were relatively few opportunities for the volunteers to share their skills.



5. March Events at the Reserve

Tue. 12th Louise King, a final year BA student, visited Eskrigg Nature Reserve as part of her project to document the work of Scottish Conservation Charities.



Thu. 14th Maggie Driscoll visited the Reserve, with some friends from Castle Douglas, to see how things had changed in recent times.



6. The SWSEIC Wildlife Recorders' Gathering was held in Dumfries on Saturday 30th March.

Congratulations to **Mark Pollitt** and **Peter Norman** for hosting such an excellent event with a wide range of interesting speakers and exhibits - including one by the Lockerbie Wildlife Trust.

One quiz, at the event, was to identify the birds making up this composite picture.

How many different birds can you identify?



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