

# Lockerbie Wildlife Trust

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## Eskrigg Reserve

### August 2019 News Bulletin



Scottish Charity No:  
SC 005538

#### 1. Eskrigg Pond on the 5th of August.



#### 2. Confirmed wildlife sightings at the Reserve during August.

##### a. Birds

Blackbird, Blue Tit, Bullfinch, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Collared Dove, Cormorant, Dunnock, Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Greenfinch, Grey Heron, Grey Wagtail, House Sparrow, House Martin, Jackdaw, Jay, Kingfisher, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Lesser Redpoll, Little Grebe, Long-tailed Tit, Mallard, Moorhen, Mute Swan, Nuthatch, Pheasant, Pied Wagtail, Raven, Reed Bunting, Robin, Rook, Siskin, Song Thrush, Sparrowhawk, Starling, Swallow, Wood Pigeon, Wren.

##### b. Mammals

Bank Vole, Fox, Mole, Otter, Pipistrelle Bat, Rabbit, Red Squirrel, Roe Deer, Water Vole, Woodmouse.

##### c. Reptiles and Amphibians

Frog, Toad.

##### d. Butterflies

Green-veined White, Large White, Meadow Brown, Painted Lady, Peacock, Red Admiral, Ringlet, Small Tortoiseshell, Small Skipper, Small White.



Juvenile Robin



Juvenile Wren

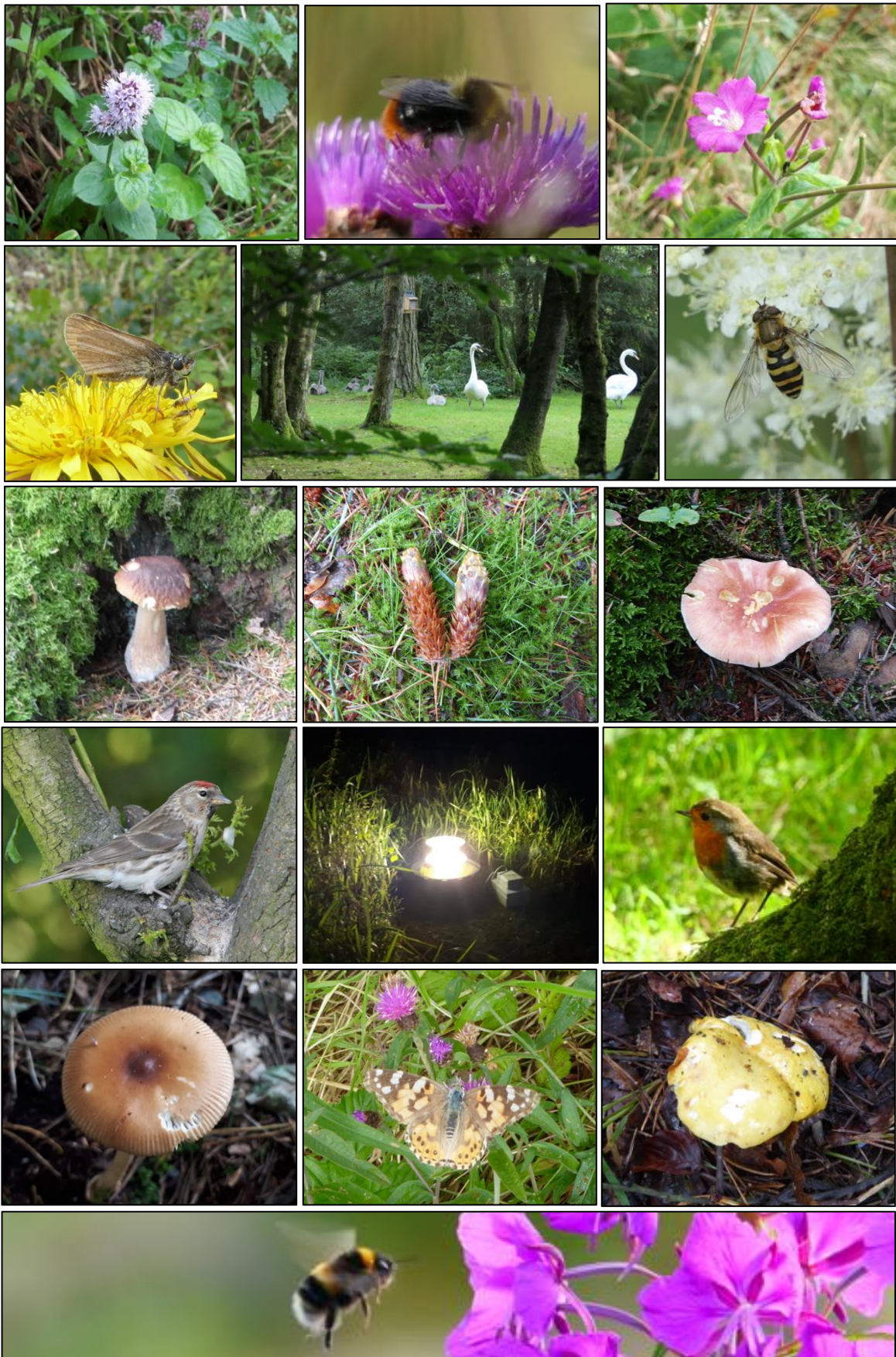


Peacock butterfly

Photographs by Sybille Spägle



### 3. Eskrigg Reserve August Photo-gallery



1st Row: Water Mint (JR), Red-tailed Bumblebee (BJ), Great Willowherb (JR)

2nd Row: Large Skipper (JR), Grazing Swans (BJ), Hoverfly (BJ)

3rd Row: Cep (JR), Sitka Spruce cones eaten by Red Squirrel (JR), Plums and Custard (JR)

4th Row: Lesser Redpoll (BJ), Moth Trap (JR), Robin (BJ)

5th Row: Tawny Grisette (JR), Painted Lady (JR), Ochre Brittlegill (JR)

6th Row: White-tailed Bumblebee at Rosebay Willowherb (BJ)

Photographs by Billy Jardine (BJ), Jim Rae (JR)



#### 4. Volunteer Activities in August

**Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> & Thu. 8<sup>th</sup>** **Jim Rae** strimmed the sides of the path from the car park to the Reserve.

**Fri. 9<sup>th</sup>** **Bert Kirkpatrick** treated the ramp of the Red Squirrel Hide with wood preservative.

**Sat. 10<sup>th</sup>** Very heavy rain overnight flooded the path to the Reserve and washed away some of the gravel surface. **Jim** reinstated the area next to the car park.



**Tue. 13<sup>th</sup>** **Steven Dalglish** dismantled another section of the boardwalk while **Jim** worked on the hard-core path replacing the boardwalk.

**Thu. 15<sup>th</sup>** **Sybill Spägle** helped **Jim** to reinstate the path from the car park to the Reserve and resurface parts of the Reserve path.



**Fri. 16<sup>th</sup>** Throughout the day **Jim** worked on the path that would replace the boardwalk.

**Sat. 17<sup>th</sup>** **Sybill** helped **Jim** strim and rake the 420m Bog Myrtle Path.

**Sun. 18<sup>th</sup>** **Jim** raked up leaves from the Reserve path.

**Tue. 20<sup>th</sup>** **Robbie Mitchell** helping **Jim** to move gravel, with the quad bike and trailer, to the new path.



**Sat. 24<sup>th</sup>** Having previously collected some fence posts from Castle Milk timber yard, **Jim** started to construct a bridge over the pond outfall chute.

**Cairn Douglas** kindly came along to help with the bridge.

**Bert Kirkpatrick** treated the picnic tables with wood preservative.



**Tue. 27<sup>th</sup>** **Steven Dalglish** helped **Jim** with the next stage of the bridge construction.

#### 5. A Cygnet killed on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August

The cygnet was grabbed by the neck, shaken and its neck broken. The death of the cygnet serves as a reminder that dog owners must keep their dogs on a lead while walking through the Reserve.



## 6. August Events at the Reserve - Sun 25th / Mon 26th Moth trapping

### Macro-moths

Common Name	Scientific Name	Spruce Wood	Pine Wood	Pond Fringe
Angle Shades	<i>Phlogophora meticulosa</i>	1	-	-
Barred Chestnut	<i>Diarsia dahlia</i>	-	-	1
Brown-spot Pinion	<i>Agrochola litura</i>	1	-	-
Buff Footman	<i>Eilema depressa</i>	7	-	9
Common Marbled Carpet	<i>Dysstroma truncata</i>	3	2	34
Dark Arches	<i>Apamea monoglypha</i>	-	-	2
Dark Marbled Carpet	<i>Dysstroma citrata</i>	2	-	-
Devon Carpet	<i>Lampropteryx otregiata</i>	-	1	-
Dotted Clay	<i>Xestia baja</i>	-	-	1
Flame Carpet	<i>Xanthorhoe designata</i>	2	-	4
Gold Spot	<i>Plusia festucae</i>	-	-	2
July Highflyer	<i>Hydriomena furcata</i>	25	26	23
<b>Large Wainscot*</b>	<b><i>Rhizedra lutosa</i></b>	1	-	-
Large Yellow Underwing	<i>Noctua pronuba</i>	2	-	7
Lesser Yellow Underwing	<i>Noctua comes</i>	-	-	1
<b>Large Ear*</b>	<b><i>Amphipoea lucens</i></b>	-	-	1
Mottled Pug	<i>Eupithecia exigua</i>	-	1	-
Oblique Carpet	<i>Orthonama vittata</i>	-	-	1
Red Twin-spot Carpet	<i>Xanthorhoe spadicearia</i>	1	-	-
Rosie Rustic	<i>Hydraecia micacea</i>	-	-	4
Sallow	<i>Cirrhia icteritia</i>	-	-	2
Small Square-spot	<i>Diarsia rubi</i>	-	1	8
Small Wainscot	<i>Denticucullus pygmina</i>	-	-	1
Spruce Carpet	<i>Thera britannica</i>	-	1	1
Straw Dot	<i>Rivula sericealis</i>	-	-	1

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a micro-moth	<i>Acleris emargana</i>	-	-	1
Golden Argent	<i>Argyresthia goedartella</i>	-	-	1
<b>a micro-moth*</b>	<b><i>Carcina quercana</i></b>	1	-	-
<b>a micro-moth*</b>	<b><i>Coleophora salicorniae**</i></b>	-	-	1
<b>a micro-moth*</b>	<b><i>Dioryctria abietella</i></b>	1	-	-
Mother of Pearl	<i>Pleuroptya ruralis</i>	-	-	1
Bird-cherry Ermine	<i>Yponomeuta evonymella</i>	1	-	1
a micro-moth	<i>Ypsolopha parenthesella</i>	-	-	1
Total =		48	32	110

+11 unidentifiable moths

\* New Species for Eskrigg

\*\* Didn't get a decent photograph

Total catch (including unidentifiable moths) = 201



*Carcina quercana*



*Dioryctria abietella*



Large Ear  
*Amphipoea lucens*



Large Wainscot  
*Rhizedra lutosa*

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