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Eskrigg Reserve

September 2020 News Bulletin

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1. View of the pond showing the Kingfisher Hide under construction - 28.09.20



2. Confirmed wildlife sightings at the Reserve during August.

a. Birds

Blackbird, Blue Tit, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Chiffchaff, Coal Tit, Goldcrest, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Greenfinch, House Sparrow, Jay, Kingfisher, Mallard, Mandarin, Moorhen, Mute Swan, Nuthatch, Pheasant, Raven, Robin, Siskin, Song Thrush, Sparrowhawk, Starling, **Stonechat**, Swallow, Woodpigeon, Wren.

b. Mammals

Bank Vole, Mole, Rabbit, Red Squirrel.

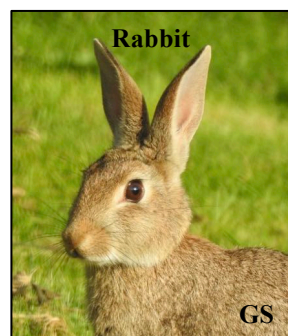
c. Reptiles and Amphibians

Common Lizard, Frog, Toad

d. Butterflies and Moths

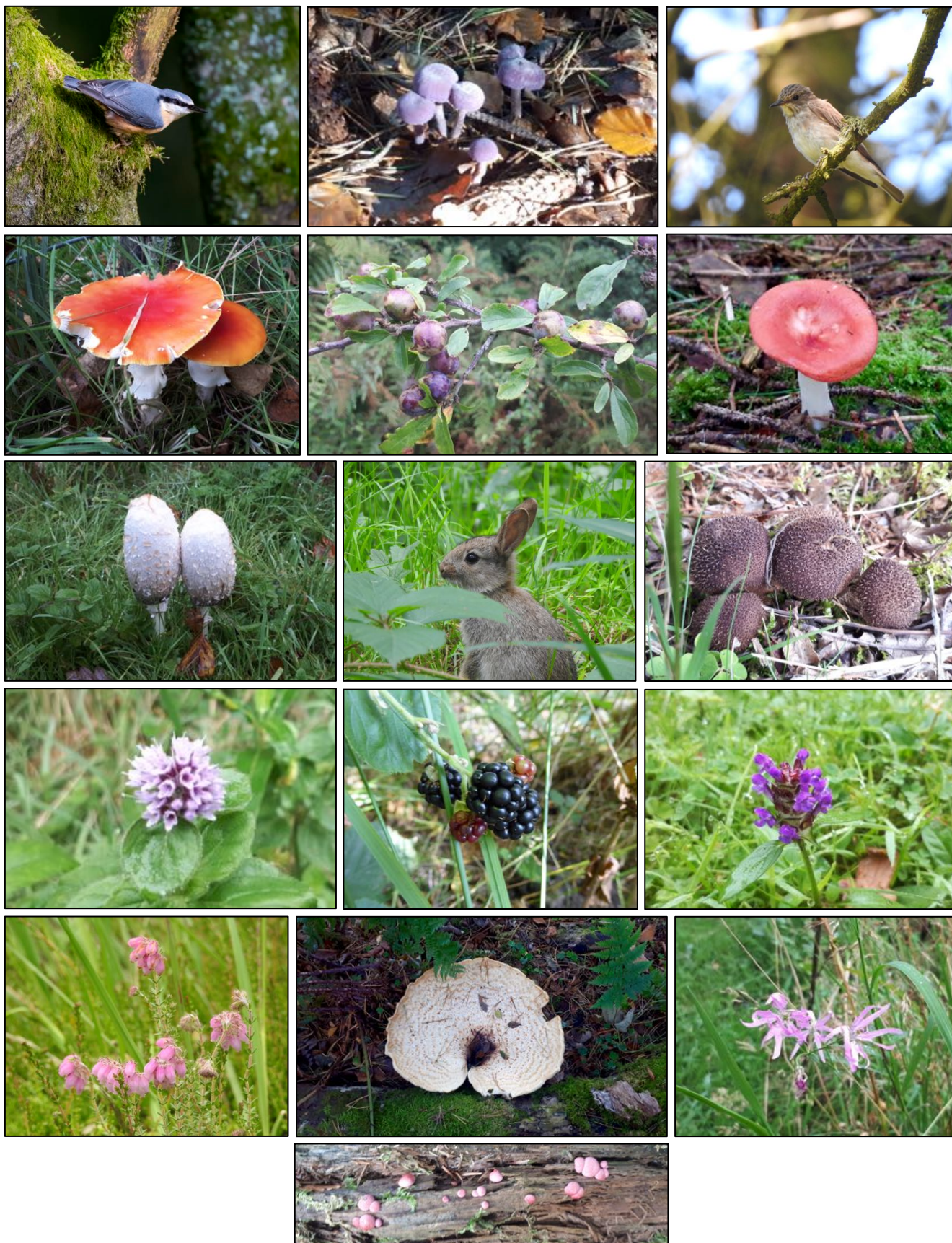
Butterflies: Green-veined White, Large White, Peacock, Red Admiral, Small Tortoiseshell.

Moths: Silver Y



Photographs by Jim Rae (JR), Gary Shanks (GS), Andy Sommerville (AS).

3. Eskrigg Reserve - September 2020 Photo-gallery



1st Row: Nuthatch (AS), Amethyst Deceivers (JR), Juvenile Flycatcher (GS).

2nd Row (JR): Fly Agaric, Sloe Berries, Sickener.

3rd Row (JR): Shaggy Inkcap, Rabbit, Dusky Puffballs.

4th Row (JR): Watermint, Bramble fruit, Selfheal.

5th Row (JR): Bell Heather, Dryad's Saddle, Ragged Robin.

6th Row (JR): Wolf's Milk slime mould.

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4. September Activities at Eskrigg Reserve

Each day, **Jim Rae** topped up the bird feeders, cleaned the toilet, raked up dead leaves and needles and generally tidied up. Each weekend he would empty the Dog Bins and pick up dog dirt and litter.

Tue. 1st Ross Gemmell cut the grass at the sides of the Northern Loop while **Jim Rae** strimmed and raked the paths at the Cemetery Entrance.

Mon. 14th - Wed 16th Steven Dalglish raked up the cut grass round the Northern Loop while **Jim Rae** cut and raked the sides of the path near the Eskrigg Centre.

Wed. 23rd **Ross Gemmell** and **Jim Rae** cut down and cleared a large windblown Birch tree and two other damaged Birches in the morning. Jim strimmed and raked the area near the Dog Bin during the afternoon.

Thu. 24th - Sun. 27th **Jim Rae** strimmed and raked the area around the Apple Trees, the Picnic Area in the heathland and the remainder of the path from the silt trap up to the Reserve Car Park.



Mon. 28th and Tue. 29th



Scott McLean (right), assisted by Chris Taylor (centre) and James Taylor (left), erected the shell of the new Kingfisher Hide to leave it wind and waterproof. Scott had prefabricated the building at home over recent months and is to be commended for the high standard of construction. Work on the fixtures and fittings will continue at a later date. So too will the fitting of the metal roof. Meanwhile, work begins to treat the timbers inside and out with wood preservative.

Wed. 30th **Jim Rae** was interviewed by three students from Lockerbie Academy, Finlay Grant-McMillan, Jack Rhodes and Anthony Ison, as part of their Advanced Higher Geography project about Eskrigg Reserve.

5. Sat. 31st October – FAMILY HALLOWEEN HUNT – at Eskrigg Reserve and Woodland Walks (This event is being run by Lockerbie Wildlife Trust and Lockerbie and District Rotary Club.)



Ring or Email Jim Rae to book a slot between 10 and 3 for you and your family to join the hunt or for you to volunteer as a marshal on the day. This is a walking event and the Reserve Car Park will be closed all day.

Cars should be parked in the town.

**Prizes will be awarded for the best Hunt Results,
Halloween Costume and Turnip or Pumpkin Lantern.**



Photographs by Jim Rae (JR)

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