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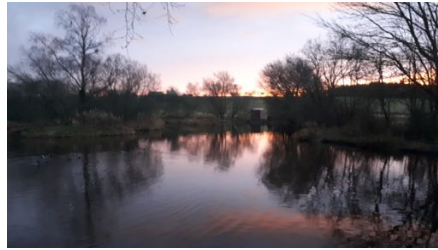
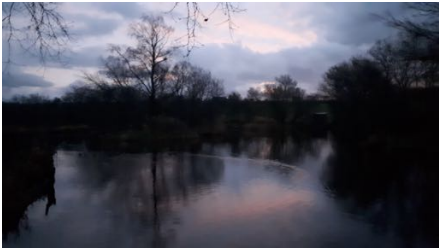


Eskrigg Reserve

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1. Before sunrise at Eskrigg Reserve on the 23rd November.



Lunch time on the 30th November – Lovely and peaceful once again.



2. Confirmed wildlife sightings at the Reserve during November.

a. Birds

Blackbird, Blue Tit, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Fieldfare, Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Grey Wagtail, Jay, Kingfisher, Lesser Redpoll, Long-tailed Tit, Mallard, Mandarin, Moorhen, Mute Swan, Nuthatch, Pheasant, Raven, Robin, Siskin, Sparrowhawk, Starling, Woodpigeon, Wren.

b. Mammals

Bank Vole, Fox, Mole, Rabbit, Red Squirrel.



Photographs by Jim Rae

3. Eskrigg Reserve - November 2020 Photo-gallery



1st Row (JR): Chanterelle, Crested Coral, Wrinkled Club, Jelly Baby

2nd Row (JR): Wood Cauliflower, Hairy Curtain Crust, Wood Hedgehog

3rd Row (JR): Charcoal Burner, Rosehips, Tutsan Fruit, **Northern Honey Fungus (*Armillaria borealis*)**

4th Row (JR): Jelly Tooth, Sordid Blewit, Amethyst Deceiver

5th Row (IR): Blue Tit, Coal Tit, Great Tit

6th Row (JR): Candlesnuff

Photographs by Ian Roberts (IR) and Jim Rae (JR)

4. **November Activities at Eskrigg Reserve**
16th–22nd



Poems by nine members of the Lockerbie Writers' Group were displayed on boards on a 3km trail around Eskrigg Reserve and Woodland Walks in order to celebrate Book Week Scotland. Despite a couple of really wet days, a large number of people came on the safari and appreciated the area that had stimulated the creative writing as well as the poems themselves.

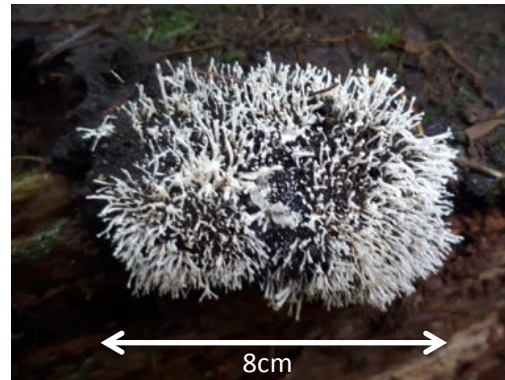
5. **Unidentified species**

Please contact Jim Rae if you can help identify the two species below.



Fungus

These fungi were common in the moss around the base of the Sitka Spruce trees next to the Reserve.



Lichen?

Three patches of this species were growing on the bark of a fallen conifer in a dark part of the wood next to several Jelly Tooth fungi.

6. **Reserve Maintenance**

Throughout the month **Jim** concentrated on clearing the hardcore path through the Reserve and Woodland Walks of deciduous leaves and conifer needles. Left too long they would be ground down by walkers and quickly rot into compost that would encourage weed growth.

Steven Dalgliesh kindly assisted with the raking on two afternoons.



Photographs by Jim Rae

I would like to thank all members of Lockerbie Wildlife Trust and all who have supported the work of the Trust at Eskrigg Reserve over the past year. It has been a strange year in which I have not been able to organize the usual activities with school, community and family groups or have our popular fungal forays. However, the Woodland Walks are getting well used and people can still get out for some exercise and can enjoy the countryside and local wildlife.

**Have a Happy Christmas everyone,
stay safe, and best wishes for 2021.**

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