

# Lockerbie Wildlife Trust

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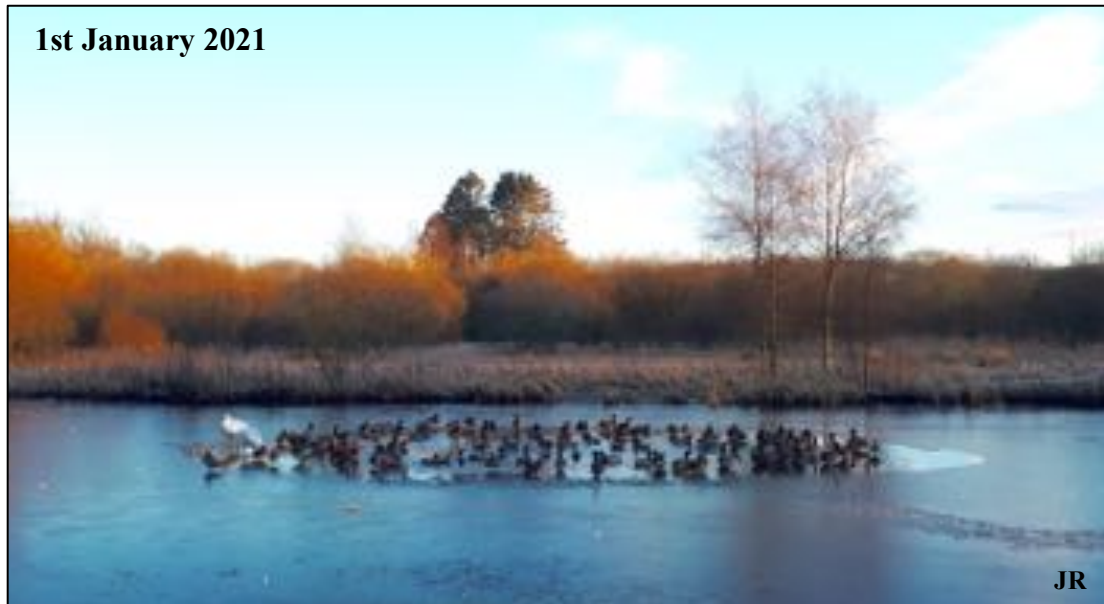


## Eskrigg Reserve

### January 2021 News Bulletin

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

##### a. Birds

Blackbird, Black-headed Gull, Blue Tit, Bullfinch, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Crossbill, Dunnock, Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Grey Heron, Jay, Kestrel, Mallard, Mandarin, Mistle Thrush, Moorhen, Mute Swan, Nuthatch, Pheasant, Robin, Rook, Siskin, Sparrowhawk, Starling, Treecreeper, Wigeon, Woodpigeon, Wren.



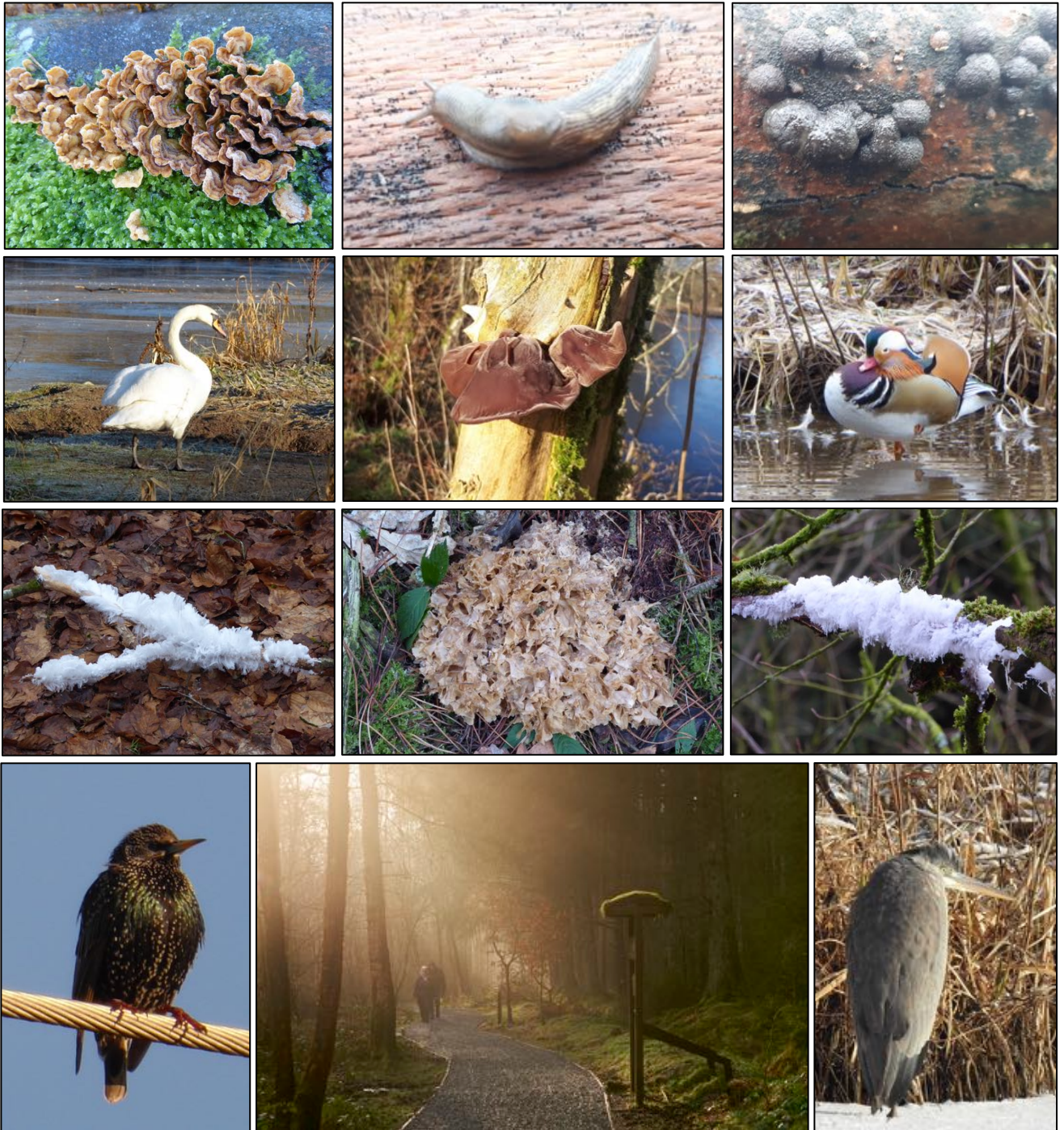
##### b. Mammals

Mole, Red Squirrel.

Photographs by Gary Shanks (GS) and Jim Rae (JR)



### 3. Eskrigg Reserve - January 2021 Photo-gallery



1st Row (JR): Pale Turkeytail, Tree Slug (*Limax marginatus*), Beech Woodward.

2nd Row (JR): Mute Swan, Jelly Ear, Mandarin

3rd Row (JR): Hair Ice (on twig on ground), Cauliflower Fungus, Hair Ice, (on branch of a tree 3m above ground)

4th Row: Starling (JR), 'Walking through the Reserve' (AS), Grey Heron (GS)

### 4. Maintenance of the Reserve and Woodland Walks

On several days during the month, **Jim** continued to resurface the gravel path through the Reserve - he was assisted by Steven Dalgliesh on the 16th.

At some stage over the past year, Jim damaged his right shoulder and is now having to rest it. So he will now be doing the minimum of maintenance until further notice.



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**5. January Activities at Eskrigg Reserve**

Once again there were no organised activities due to the Covid restrictions.

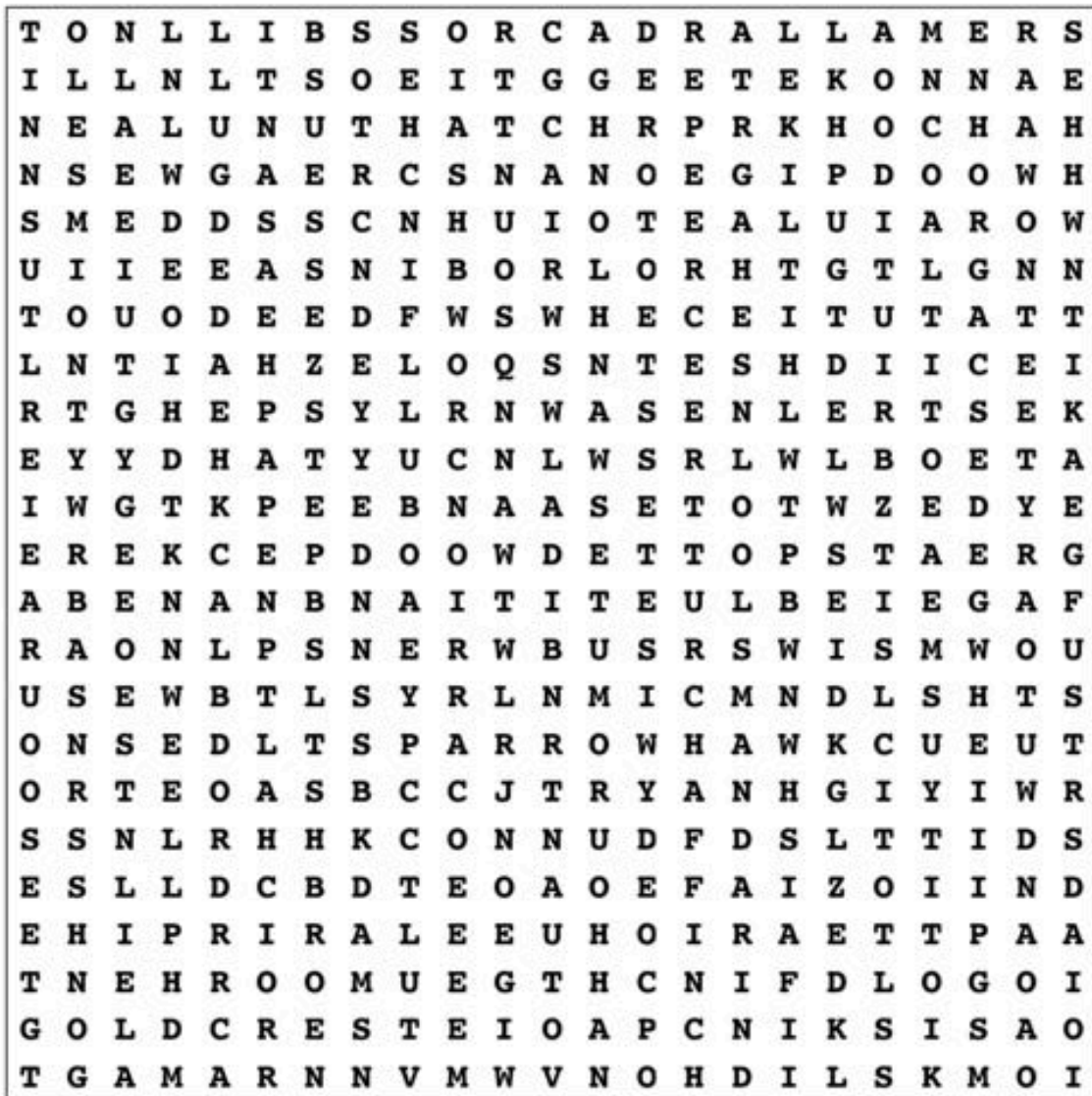
**6. Swan Issues**

One of the Mute Swans first appeared at the Reserve in November 2014, went off for a few days and returned shortly afterwards with a partner. The pair did not breed in 2015 because they were still too young, but they had a practice at nest building. During the next four breeding seasons, in 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019, several cygnets hatched and they were well looked after. But, unfortunately, all died at some stage over the following months through predation, infection or misfortune. The last cygnet, in 2019, died on its departure flight. In 2020, the adult swans only laid 3 eggs and they were all infertile.

On the 8th of January 2021, a dog attacked one of the swans. The swan lost a few feathers but did not appear to be seriously hurt. Both swans appeared to be OK on the 9th - they were feeding and taking their usual exercise flights. However, the one that was attacked flew off on the 10th and hasn't been seen since. Swans usually pair up for life. We wait to see what the future holds.

**7. Word Search Challenge**

The names of all the birds seen at the Reserve in January, *except two*, can be found in the following word search. **Can you identify which two?**



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