

Lockerbie Wildlife Trust

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Eskrigg Reserve

June 2021 News Bulletin



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1. All peaceful and quiet at Eskrigg pond on the 30th of June.



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2. Confirmed wildlife sightings at the Reserve during June.

a. Birds

Blackbird, Black-headed Gull, Blue Tit, Bullfinch, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Chiffchaff, Coal Tit, Collared Dove, Common Gull, Common Crossbill, Dunnock, Feral Pigeon, Goldfinch, **Great Spotted Woodpecker**, Great Tit, Greenfinch, Grey Heron, Grey Wagtail, Greylag Goose, House Sparrow, Jay, Lesser Redpoll, Long-tailed Tit, Mallard, Nuthatch, Osprey (spotted by Simon Amos), Pheasant, Red Kite, Robin, Siskin, Song Thrush, Sparrowhawk, Starling, Stock Dove, Swallow, Treecreeper, Whitethroat, Willow Warbler, Woodpigeon, Wren, Yellowhammer.



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b. Mammals

Bank Vole, Hare, Mole, Rabbit, Red Squirrel, Roe Deer, Weasel.

c. Insects

Butterflies: Green-veined White, Large White, Meadow Brown, Orange-tip, Red Admiral, Ringlet, Small Tortoiseshell. **Moths:** Chimney Sweeper, Clouded Border, Nettle-tap. **Other insects:** Grasshopper, **Forest Red (final instar)**.



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d. Fungi

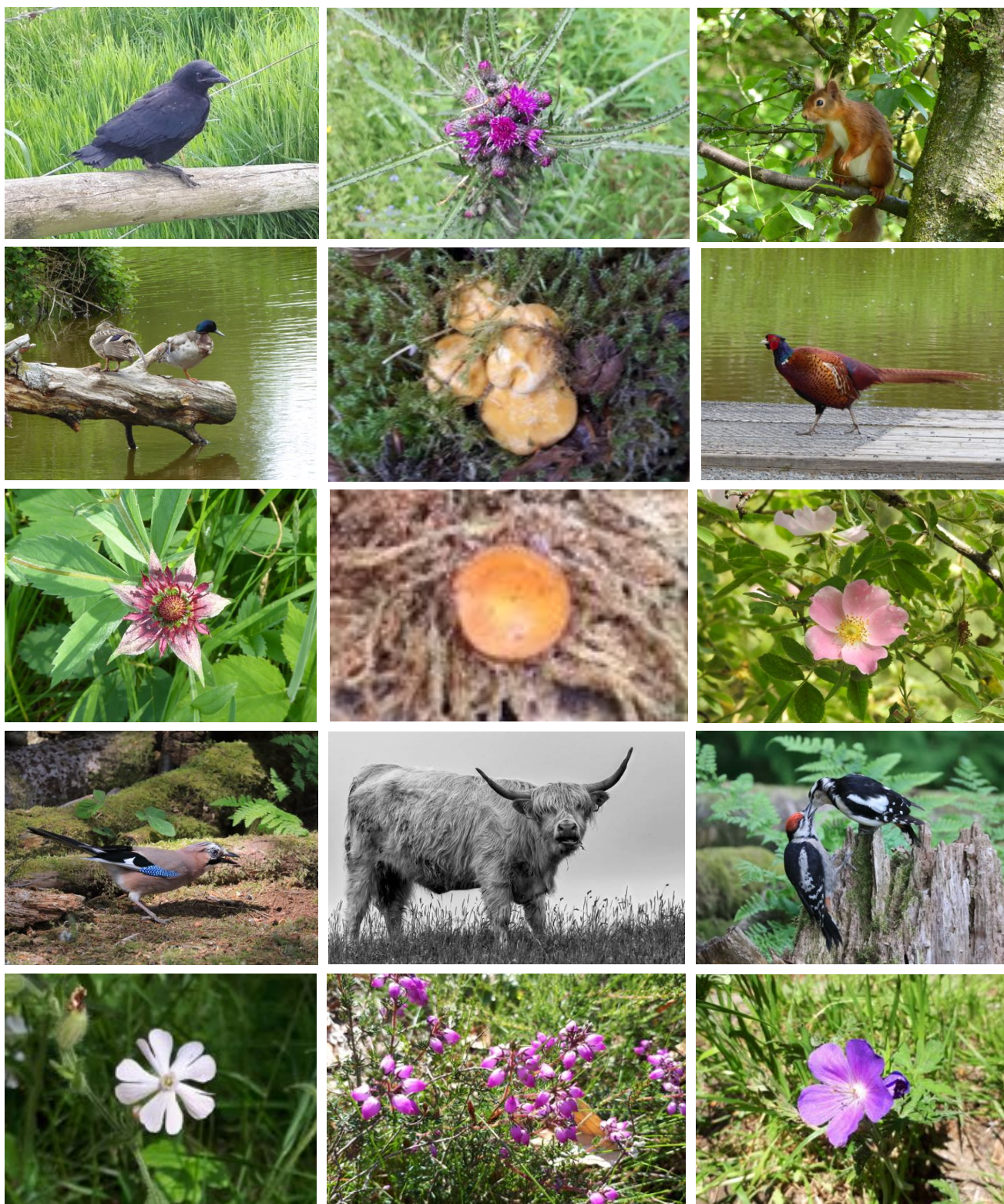
Blackening Brittlegill, Blusher, Chanterelle, Common Eyelash, **Dryad's Saddle**.



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3. Eskrigg Reserve - June 2021 Photo-gallery



1st Row (JR): Young Crow, Marsh Thistle, Red Squirrel

2nd Row (JR): Mallard, Chanterelle, Cock Pheasant

3rd Row (JR): Marsh Cinquefoil, Common Eyelash Fungus, Dog Rose

4th Row (BT): Jay, Highland Heifer (grazing the wildlife meadow next to the Reserve), Great Spotted Woodpecker

5th Row (JR): White Campion, Bell Heather, Meadow Cranes-bill

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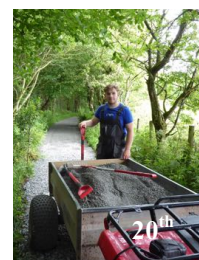
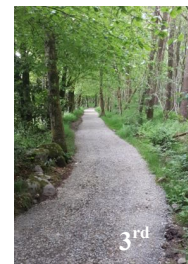
4. June Activities at Eskrigg Reserve

11th **Lockerbie Cubs** did a stream study, with **Jim**, in the early evening. The children were surprised to find so many animals (freshwater shrimps, mayfly and stonefly nymphs, simuliid and chironomid larvae and flatworms) in such a small stream.

5. Maintenance work at the Reserve and Woodland Walks in June.

- 1st **Jim Rae** met with **Claire Simmonds** and **Graeme Urquhart** regarding a work placement for **Graeme**.
- 2nd **Jim** removed tree roots and levelled the next section of path.
- 3rd **Jake Creighton** helped **Jim** lay gravel on the path to Pip's Corner.
- 4th **Jim** removed tree roots and levelled the next section of path.
- 5th **Jim** removed tree roots and levelled the next section of path.
- 6th **Jim** strimmed and raked the path from the car park to the granite seat.
- 7th **Jim** and **Graeme** strimmed and raked the path from the granite seat to the shelter.
- 9th **Jim** met with members of the ARSG and SSRS.
- 10th In the morning, **Jim** and **Jake** collected the generator from Galloway Hire Tools, where it had been for service and repair, and then took the road trailer to Paterson of Dalbeattie to order a new rear reflector. Meanwhile **Norah Muirhead** started to weed the Reserve path near the shelter. In the afternoon, **Jim** and **Jake** worked on the path to Pip's Corner.
- 11th **Jim** and **Graeme** strimmed and raked the sides of the path through the Reserve.
- 12th **Jim** and **Zack Nicholson** worked on the path to Pip's Corner during the afternoon.
- 13th **Jim** worked on the path to Pip's Corner.
- 14th **Jim** and **Graeme** worked on the path to Pip's Corner.
- 17th **Jim** and **Jake** worked on the path to Pip's Corner during the morning, while **Norah** weeded more of the Reserve path.
- 18th **Jim** and **Graeme** worked on the path in the afternoon.
- 20th **Jim** and **Zack** worked on the path in the afternoon.
- 21st **Jim** and **Graeme** finished laying gravel on the section of path to Pip's Corner.
- 24th In the morning, **Norah** continued weeding the path through the Reserve while **Jim** and **Jake** strimmed and raked the grass at the Cemetery entrance. In the afternoon, **Jim** and **Jake** pulled self-seeded birches in the heathland and pruned some of the trees round the heathland margins.
- 25th The **Disabled Rambler's Rally** was cancelled. **Jim** strimmed, and **Graeme** raked, the path opposite the Cemetery Lodge and started doing the side of the forest road.
- 26th **Jim** finished the strimming and raking of the forest road verge.
- 28th In the morning, **Jim** strimmed and tidied up the area around the old bench seat at the T-junction of the forest road before **Graeme** arrived to help **Jim** pull self-seeded birches in the heathland area. In the afternoon, **Jim** and **Graeme** cut out self-seeded trees from the ditch and path edges south of the Reserve.
- 29th **Jim** helped **Ross Gemmell** drag the old wooden bench seat from the T-junction of the forest road into the woods nearby. **Jim** then started to prepare the site ready for placing a new bench seat that is being donated.

At various times during the month, **David** and **Kathryn Hughes** pruned the bushes and briars along the sides of the forest walks.



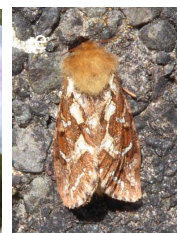
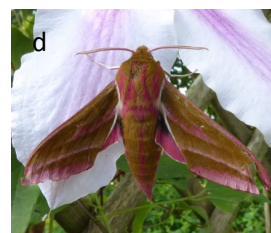
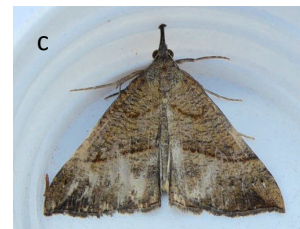
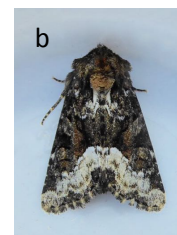
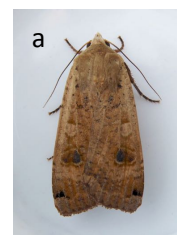
6. 30th Moth Trapping NY 134 813

Macro-moths:

<i>Abrostola tripartita</i>	Spectacle	2
<i>Agrotis exclamationis</i>	Heart and Dart (h)	7
<i>Alcis repandata</i>	Mottled Beauty	1
<i>Apamea epomidion</i>	Clouded Brindle	1
<i>Apamea remissa</i>	Dusky Brocade	1
<i>Autographa pulchrina</i>	Beautiful Golden Y	1
<i>Axylia putris</i>	Flame	3
<i>Biston betularia</i>	Peppered Moth	5
<i>Campaea margaritata</i>	Light Emerald	2
<i>Deilephila elpenor</i>	Elephant Hawkmoth (d)	2
<i>Diachrysia chrysitis</i>	Burnished Brass	1
<i>Eupithecia pulchellata</i>	Foxglove Pug	2
<i>Eupithecia tenuiata</i>	Slender Pug	1
<i>Eupithecia trisignaria</i>	Triple-spotted Pug	1
<i>Hepialus fusconebulosa</i>	Map-winged Swift (e)	2
<i>Hepialus humuli</i>	Ghost Moth	1
<i>Hypena proboscidalis</i>	Snout (c)	1
<i>Idaea aversata</i>	Riband Wave	4
<i>Lomaspilis marginata</i>	Clouded Border (g)	2
<i>Melanchra persicariae</i>	Dot Moth (i)	1
<i>Mniotype adusta</i>	Dark Brocade	1
<i>Noctua pronuba</i>	Large Yellow Underwing (a)	1
<i>Ochropleura plecta</i>	Flame Shoulder	3
<i>Oligia strigilis</i>	Marbled Minor (b)	2
<i>Opisthograptis luteolata</i>	Brimstone (j)	3
<i>Phalera bucephala</i>	Buff-tip (f)	3
<i>Spilosoma luteum</i>	Buff Ermine	3
<i>Thyatira batis</i>	Peach Blossom	1
<i>Xanthorhoe designata</i>	Flame Carpet	1
<i>Xestia triangulum</i>	Double Square-spot	6
<i>Zanclognatha tarsipennalis</i>	Fan-foot	1

Micro-moths:

<i>Agriphila straminella</i>	Straw Grass-veneer	1
<i>Aphomia sociella</i>	Bee Moth (Female)	1
<i>Aphomia sociella</i>	Bee Moth (Male)	1
<i>Celypha lacunana</i>	No common name	6
<i>Chrysoteuchia culmella</i>	No common name	3
<i>Notocella uddmanniana</i>	Bramble Shoot Moth	1
<i>Pandemis cerasana</i>	Barred Fruit-tree Tortrix	1
<i>Scoparia ancipitella</i>	No common name	2



Clouded Brindle



**Bee Moth
(male)**



**Bee Moth
(female)**



Dot Moth

I could not
get a
photograph
of the

**Triple-
spotted Pug**

7. Some of the plants that were flowering at the Reserve in June

Bird Cherry, Bird's-foot Trefoil, Brooklime, Broom, Bugle, Common Nettle, Creeping Buttercup, Cut-leaved Cranesbill, Daisy, Dandelion, Dog Violet, Elder, Forget-me-not, Foxglove, Germander Speedwell, Golden Saxifrage, Gorse, Hawkweed, Hawthorn, Heath Bedstraw, Heath Speedwell, Honeysuckle, Lady's Smock, Lesser Stitchwort, Lily-of-the-valley, Marsh Cinquefoil, Marsh Marigold, Marsh Thistle, Marsh Valerian, Meadow Buttercup, Meadowsweet, Meadow Vetchling, Oxeye Daisy, Pignut, Pink Purslane, Primrose, Pyrenean Lily, Ragged Robin, Red Campion, Red Clover, Round-leaved Water Crowfoot, Rowan, Russian Comfrey, Selfheal, Tormentil, Tufted Vetch, Water Avens, Welsh Poppy, White Clover, Wood Avens, Yellow Pimpernel.



With reference to the list at the top of the page, can you identify the flowers in the above pictures?

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