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Eskrigg Reserve

August 2021 News Bulletin



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1. Pond still drying up on the 5th of August (photograph taken from the Kingfisher Hide).



2. Confirmed wildlife sightings at the Reserve during August.

a. Birds

Blackbird, Black-headed Gull, Blue Tit, Bullfinch, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Chiffchaff, Coal Tit, Collared Dove, Dunnock, Goldfinch, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Greenfinch, Grey Heron, House Sparrow, Jay, Lesser Redpoll, Long-tailed Tit, Magpie, Mallard, Mute Swan, Nuthatch, Oystercatcher, Pheasant, Raven, Robin, Siskin, Song Thrush, Sparrowhawk, Starling, Stock Dove, Swallow, Treecreeper, Tree Sparrow, Woodpigeon, Wood Warbler, Wren.

b. Mammals

Bank Vole, Common Shrew, Fox, Hare, Mole, Rabbit, Red Squirrel, Roe Deer.

c. Insects

Butterflies: Green-veined White, L. White, Peacock, Red Admiral, Ringlet, S. Skipper, S. Tortoiseshell.

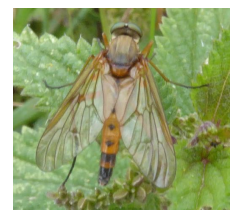
Butterfly caterpillars: Peacock, Red Admiral, S. Tortoiseshell.

Moths: Devon Carpet, Silver Y.

Other insects: Assorted Bees, Assorted Hoverflies, Common Froghopper, Common Hawker, Grasshoppers, Green Capsid, Snipe-fly, Two-spot Ladybird.



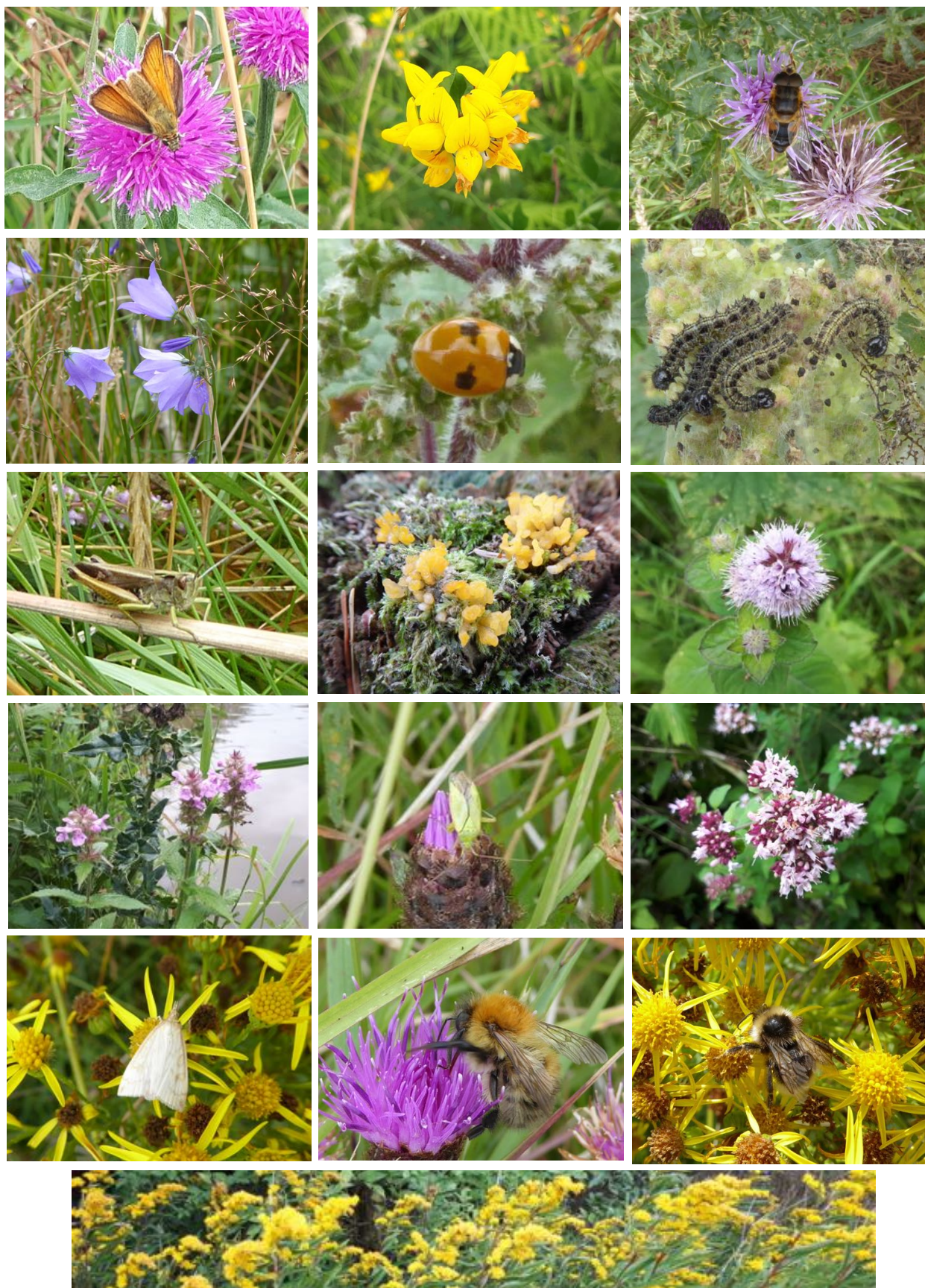
Devon Carpet



Snipe-fly

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3. Eskrigg Reserve - August 2021 Photo-gallery



1st Row : Small Skipper on Knapweed, Bird's-foot Trefoil, Hoverfly on Devil's-bit Scabious

2nd Row : Bluebell, 2-Spot Ladybird, Small Tortoiseshell caterpillars on Nettle

3rd Row : Grasshopper, Small Stagshorn on fence post, Water Mint

4th Row : Marsh Woundwort, Green Capsid on Knapweed, Marsh Valerian

5th Row : Micro-moth (*Udea lutealis*) on Ragwort, Carder Bee on Knapweed, Forest Cuckoo Bee on Ragwort

6th Row : Canadian Goldenrod

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4. Maintenance and construction work at the Reserve and Woodland Walks in August

Jim would like to acknowledge the help of **Norah Muirhead, Graeme Urquhart, Zack Nicholson, Jack Pritchard** and **Sybille and Anna Spägle**, for their help with path construction and maintenance and the installation of the new information boards manufactured by **The Osprey Company**.



Graeme, Jack and Zack
resurfacing a woodland path



Anna helping to install
new information boards.

5. Seat Donations

Two more bench seats have been generously donated to Eskrigg Reserve and Woodland Walks recently. One was sited at the T-junction of the forest road and the other overlooking the Annan valley.



Both seats have been greatly appreciated by weary walkers over the past month.

6. Selection of some of the August Fungi around Eskrigg Reserve and Woodland Walks



Row 1: Deadly Webcap, Yellow Stagshorn, Bay Polypore, Purple Brittlegill, **Mealy Bonnet**

Row 2: Stinkhorn, Sickener, Blusher, Common Earthball, Dyer's Mazegill

Row 3: Chanterelle, Suede Bolete, Scarletina Bolete, Dryad's Saddle, Nutty Brittlegill

Also found were: Beech Woodward, Blackening Brittlegill, Cellar Cup, Honey Fungus and Tawny Grisette.

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7. Interesting Fungal sighting

For those that may be interested: there is a large specimen of the **Chicken-in-the-woods** fungus on the base of the Beech tree at the crossroads between the Haas Loaning and the Boreland Road.



8. New Reserve Car Park Sign

Lockerbie Wildlife Trust would like to thank **Alastair Gordon** for creating the new Reserve Car Park signs.

9. August Activities at Eskrigg Reserve

There were no organised study events at the Reserve in August due to the Covid pandemic.

10. Some of the plants in flower in August

Bell Heather, Bird's-foot Trefoil, Bluebell, Branched Bur-reed, Creeping Buttercup, Cross-leaved Heath, Cut-leaved Crane's-bill, Daisy, Dandelion, Devil's-bit Scabious, Foxglove, Great Willowherb, Greater Plantain, Herb Robert, Honeysuckle, Knapweed, Ling Heather, Marsh Valerian, Marsh Willowherb, Marsh Woundwort, Meadowsweet, Meadow Vetchling, Nettle, Nipplewort, Ragwort, Red Campion, Red Clover, Redshank, Ribwort Plantain, Rosebay Willowherb, Selfheal, Sheep's Sorrel, Slender St. John's-wort, Smooth Hawk's-beard, Spear Thistle, Tormentil, Tutsan, Water Mint, Wild Angelica, Yarrow, Yellow Pimpernel.

Answers to the July Flower Quiz:

Row 1: Water-forget-me-not, Elder, Honeysuckle

Row 2: Meadow Vetchling, Tufted Vetch, Selfheal

Row 3: **Great Willowherb**, Oxeye Daisy, Cross-leaved Heath

The July quiz included **one flower** that was not included in the plant list.

11. Mystery Bird!

On the 20th of August someone left a blue box on the table in the Eskrigg Centre at the Reserve. The box contained a bird with a severe leg injury. There was nothing Jim could do for the bird, so he called the SSPCA and made arrangements for the bird to be collected and looked after.

Jim identified the bird.

This months quiz question is, "Can YOU identify the mystery bird?"

Note: If the owner of the blue box wishes to reclaim it, he or she can contact Jim (see below).



12. ADOPT A PATH

A number of people have offered to help maintain the Woodland Walks by pruning the brambles and bushes along a section of path during the year. If anyone else would like to contribute in this way would they please contact Jim to make the arrangements?

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