

# Lockerbie Wildlife Trust

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## Eskrigg Reserve

### October 2021 News Bulletin

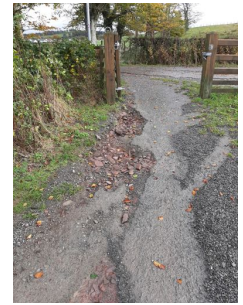


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1. **Eskrigg Pond** at 4.30 pm on 29th October, five minutes after the rain stopped - all is calm - or is it?



The top of the path from the car park to the Reserve has been eroded.



The bottom of the path from the car park is flooded.



← The normal overflow pipe is barely coping.

The storm overflow is doing its job. →



2. **Confirmed wildlife sightings at the Reserve during October.**

**a. Birds**

Blackbird, Blue Tit, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Dunnock, Fieldfare, Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Goshawk, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Greenfinch, Greylag Goose, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Jay, Kestrel, Lesser Redpoll, Long-tailed Tit, Mallard, Mute Swan, Nuthatch, Pheasant, Red Kite, Robin, Rook, Siskin, Sparrowhawk, Stock Dove, Treecreeper, Woodpigeon, Wren.

**b. Mammals**

Bank Vole, Mole, Red Squirrel, Roe Deer, Woodmouse.



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Photographs by Jim Rae and Jim M-Bell (JB)

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



Row 1: Fly Agaric (JB), Honey Fungus (JR), Nutty Brittlegill (JR), Sickener (JB)

Row 2: Dusky Puffball (JR), Jay (JB), Common Puffball (JR)

Row 3: Common Inkcap (JR), Beech Milkcap (JR), *Rosy Bonnet - Mycena rosea* (JR)

Row 4: *Blushing Wood Mushroom - Agaricus silvaticus* (JR), Dog Sick Slime Mould (JR), Elfin Saddle (JR)

Row 5: Blue Tit (AM), Goldfinch (AM)

Photographs by Jim M-Bell (JB), Alistair Moulstone (AM), Jim Rae (JR)

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

Work carried out this month included:

**4th** Graeme Urquhart and Jim strimmed and raked the path sides from the dog bin to the shelter.

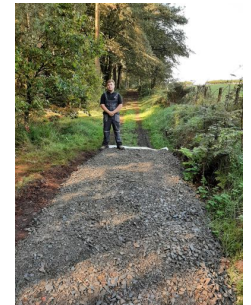


**6th** Zack Nicholson and Jim worked on Zack and Jack's Track.



**8th** Graeme and Jim strimmed and raked parts of the path through the Reserve.

**11th** Zack and Jim worked on Zack and Jack's Track.



**15th** Zack and Jim completed Zack and Jack's Track.

Zack and Jim started clearing the side of the burn where the Nut Race will be taking place in February 2022. There is a lot more work to do in preparation this year because the Nut Race was cancelled in February 2021 and the burn-side left untreated. For example, there were many self-seeded birch trees to be cut or pulled before the strimming could take place.



Norah Muirhead raked up leaves from a stretch of the Reserve path.

**25th** Graeme and Jim raked up leaves from all the Reserve paths.

#### 5. Dates for your Diary in November

**13th & 14th Nov.** 'Poppy Walk' at Eskrigg Reserve and Woodland Walks

**17th Nov.** LWT Zoom Talk - 'Reptiles in S. W. Scotland' by Mark Pollitt

**20th Nov.** Start of the 'Diabetes Walk' at Eskrigg Reserve and Woodland Walks

**20th Nov.** LWT stall at the 'Turning on of the Xmas Lights' in Lockerbie High St.

**26th & 27th Nov.** LWT stall at TESCO, Lockerbie

#### 6. The following Lockerbie Wildlife Trust items are on sale now:

- 2022 Lockerbie Wildlife Trust Calendar £8.50 + p&p £1.50 where necessary
- Packs of 10 LWT Christmas Cards
- Packs of 10 LWT Nature Notelets

To order contact Jim Rae (see end of newsletter)

## 7. Classification of British Insects

There are over 24,000 species of insects in Britain.

Like all animals, they are classified using a hierarchical system of classification.

Here is an example using the marmalade hoverfly, *Episyrphus balteatus*:

Kingdom: Animalia (all animals)

Phylum: Arthropoda (all arthropods)

Class: Insecta (only the insects)

Order: Diptera (only the true flies)

Family: Syrphidae (only the hoverflies)

Genus: *Episyrphus* (only a sub-set of the hoverflies)

Species: *balteatus*



Marmalade hoverfly © Jim Rae

### CLASS INSECTA

SUB-CLASS	ORDER	COMMON NAME
Apterygota	Microcoryphia	3 Pronged Bristletails
	Diplura	2 Pronged Bristletails
	Protura	Proturans
	Collembola	Springtails
	Zygentoma	Silverfish and Firebrats
Pterygota		
- Exopterygota	Ephemeroptera	Mayflies
	Odonata	Dragonflies and Damselflies
	Dermaptera	Earwigs
	Dictyoptera	Cockroaches
	Orthoptera	Grasshoppers, Crickets, Bush Crickets and Groundhoppers
	Phasmida	Stick Bugs
	Plecoptera	Stoneflies
	Hemiptera	True Bugs
	Siphunculata	Sucking Lice
	Mallophaga	Biting Lice
	Psocoptera	Barklice
	Thysanoptera	Thrips
	- Endopterygota	Coleoptera
Diptera		True Flies
Hymenoptera		Ants, Bees, Wasps and Sawflies
Lepidoptera		Butterflies and Moths
Mecoptera		Scorpionflies
Megaloptera		Alderflies
Neuroptera		Lacewings and Antlions
Raphidioptera		Snakeflies
Siphonaptera		Fleas
Trichoptera		Caddisflies
Strepsiptera		Strepsipterans

Note: this is the classification system being used on the Trust website: [www.lockerbie-wildlife-trust.co.uk](http://www.lockerbie-wildlife-trust.co.uk)

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