

# Lockerbie Wildlife Trust

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Scottish Charity No:  
SC 005538

## Eskrigg Reserve

### August 2022 News Bulletin

1.



The pond at 7.15am on the 21 August.

JR



The pond at 5.00pm on the 23 August.

SS

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

##### a. Birds:

Blackbird, Blue Tit, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Chiffchaff, Coal Tit, Collared Dove, Dunnock, Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Greenfinch, Grey Heron, Greylag Goose, House Martin, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Jay, Kestrel, Mallard, Moorhen, Nuthatch, Osprey, Pheasant, Raven, Red Kite, Robin, Siskin, Song Thrush, Sparrowhawk, Starling, Stock Dove, Swallow, Treecreper, Whitethroat, Willow Warbler, Woodpigeon, Wren.

b. **Mammals:** Bank Vole, Common Shrew, Mole, Rabbit, Red Squirrel, Roe Deer, Woodmouse.

##### c. Insects

**Butterflies:** Green-veined White, Peacock (SS), Red Admiral, Small Copper (DA).

**Adult Moths:** Copper Underwing.

**Moth Caterpillars:** Elephant Hawkmoth (JR), Small Elephant Hawkmoth (SS).



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DA



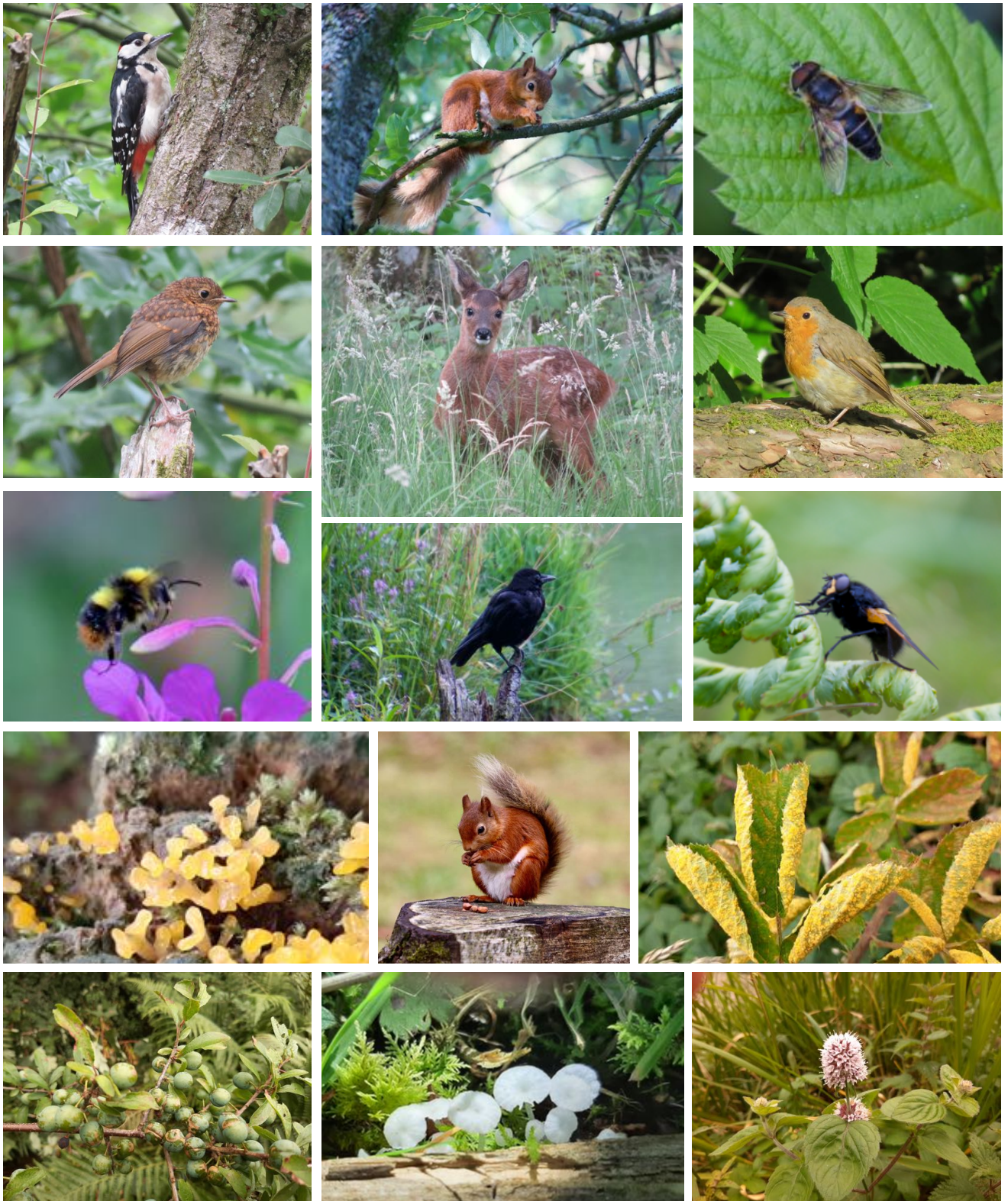
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JR

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3. August 2022 Photo-gallery.



Row 1: Great Spotted Woodpecker (DA), Red Squirrel (SS), Hoverfly (*Eristalis pertinax*) (SS)

Row 2 (DA): Young Robin, Roe Deer, Adult Robin

Row 3 (SS): Early Bumblebee, Carrion Crow, Noon Fly (*Mesembrina meridiana*)

Row 4: Small Stagshorn (JR), Red Squirrel (AKM), Bramble Rust (JR)

Row 5 (JR): Developing Sloes, Milking Bonnet, Water Mint

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#### 4. Construction and Maintenance Work during August.

**Tue. 02** **Gordon Reid, Sybille Spägele** and **Jim Rae** took two loads of old timber and other waste materials to **Oakbank** in Dumfries for recycling.

**Wed. 03** **Sybille** and **Jim** tidied up the timber storage area.

**Fri. 05** **Sybille** and **Jim** cleared willows from the soakaway.



**Wed. 10** **Imogen Spence, Archie Jarvis, Gordon Reid** and **Sybille Spägele** helped **Jim** to cut and clear willow trees along the southern boundary of the Reserve. **Imogen** and **Archie** were working towards their **Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award**.



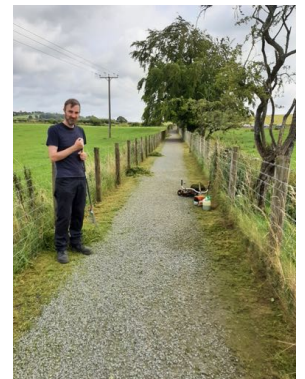
**Fri. 12** **Imogen** and **Archie** spent another morning cutting back and clearing trees along the southern Reserve boundary to allow more light to reach the solar panels and clear the soakaway.

**Tue.16** **Jim** and **Sybille** inspected the Woodland Walks in order to plan the maintenance work that will be required when the harvested timber has been cleared and the paths are opened up to the public again, e.g. bridge repairs, treatment of benches with wood preservative, pruning and strimming of vegetation and leveling of certain areas.

**Wed. 17** **Jim** strimmed and raked the areas around the Duck Feeder and Red Squirrel Hide.

**Thu. 18** **Jim** carried out some more survey work.

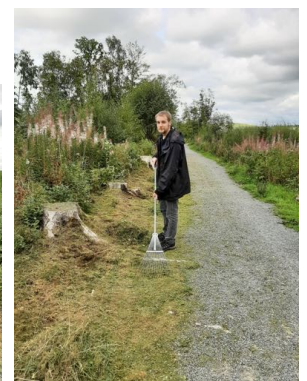
**Thu. 25** **Gordon Reid** and **Jim** strimmed and raked the sides of the car park and the path from the car park down towards the granite seat in the morning. **Jim** completed the rest of the path in the afternoon.



**Fri. 26** **Lorna Kempzell** brought a young Mute Swan from the **Wildlife Hospital** to the Reserve where it could be looked after and hopefully learn to survive in the wild. Over the next few days it explored the pond area and learned how to feed for itself. It seemed to be doing well and was quite contented. Its plumage is developing rapidly.

**Mon. 29** **Tom Hargreaves** and **Jim** strimmed and raked the path from the granite seat towards the shelter.

**Tue. 30** **Sybille Spägele, Gordon Reid** and **Jim Rae** completed the path to the shelter then tidied up the paths in the picnic area, around the apple trees and in towards the feeder burn. **Gordon** also raked some of the woodland walks.



Photographs by **Jim Rae**

**5. August Flowers found at Eskrigg Reserve and Woodland Walks.**

American Willowherb, Autumn Hawkbit, Bell Heather, Bird’s-foot Trefoil, Bitter Dock, Bramble, Cock’s-foot, Common Valerian, Creeping Thistle, Cross-leaved Heath, Cut-leaved Crane’s-bill, Devil’s-bit Scabious, Goldenrod, Harebell, Hare’s-ear Mustard, Herb-Robert, Honeysuckle, Knapweed, Lesser Spearwort, Lesser Stitchwort, Ling Heather, Marsh Bedstraw, Marsh Thistle, Marsh Woundwort, Meadow Vetchling, Mouse-ear Hawkweed, Prickly Sow-thistle, Ragwort, Red Campion, Rosebay Willowherb, Selfheal, Smooth Hawk’s Beard, Spear Thistle, Square-stalked St. John’s-wort, Stinging Nettle, Sneezewort, Tufted Vetch, Tutsan, Water Mint, Wild Raspberry, Wood Forget-me-not, Yarrow, Yellow Pimpernel.

**6. August Events**

**Wed. 31 Moth Trapping -**

Common Name	Scientific Name	Number of macro-moths		
		Trap 1	Trap 2	Trap 3
Autumnal Rustic	<i>Eugnorisma glareosa</i>	-	1	-
Brimstone	<i>Opisthograptis luteolata</i>	-	1	-
Brown-spot Pinion	<i>Agrochola litura</i>	-	-	1
Common Carpet	<i>Epirrhoe alternata alternata</i>	1	2	-
Common Marbled Carpet	<i>Chloroclysta truncate</i>	-	3	4
Copper Underwing	<i>Amphipyra pyramidea</i>	1	1	-
Dark Marbled Carpet	<i>Chloroclysta citrate citrate</i>	1	-	1
Flame Carpet	<i>Xanthorhoe designate</i>	1	-	1
Frosted Orange	<i>Gortyna flavago</i>	1	-	-
Galium Carpet	<i>Epirrhoe galiata</i>	-	1	-
July Highflyer	<i>Hydriomena furcate</i>	12	7	22
Large Yellow Underwing	<i>Noctua pronuba</i>	-	6	-
Oblique Carpet	<i>Orthonama vittata</i>	1	-	-
Purple Bar	<i>Cosmorhoe ocella</i>	-	1	-
Rosy Rustic	<i>Hydraecia micacea</i>	4	1	1
Sallow	<i>Xanthia icteritia</i>	4	-	-
Small Argent and Sable	<i>Epirrhoe tristata</i>	1	-	-
Small Phoenix	<i>Ecliptopera silaceata</i>	-	1	-
Small Wainscot	<i>Chortodes pygmina</i>	1	-	-
Square-spot Rustic	<i>Xestia xanthographa</i>	-	1	-
<b>Totals</b>		<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>30</b>

1 micro-moth = *Epinotia ramella* - was also caught in trap 3



Brown-spot Pinion



Oblique Carpet



Purple Bar



Sallow

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