

Lockerbie Wildlife Trust

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Scottish Charity No:
SC 005538

Eskrigg Reserve September 2025 News Bulletin

1. Eskrigg Reserve pond on 12th September



2. Reported wildlife sightings at the Reserve during September

a. Birds:

Barn Owl, Blackbird, Blackcap, Blue Tit, Bullfinch, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Chiffchaff, Coal Tit, Cormorant, Crossbill, Dunnock, 'Farm Duck', Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Greenfinch, Greylag, Grey Wagtail, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Jay, Kingfisher, Magpie, Mallard, Meadow Pipit, Moorhen, Mute Swan, Nuthatch, Pheasant, Raven, Redpoll, Robin, Rock Dove, Siskin, Song Thrush, Sparrowhawk, Spotted Flycatcher, Stock Dove, Stonechat, Swallow, Treecreeper, Willow Warbler, Woodpigeon, Wren.

b. Mammals: Bank Vole, Grey Squirrel, Hare, Mole, Rabbit, Red Squirrel, Roe Deer, Stoat.

c. Amphibians & Reptiles: Frog, Toad.

d. Insects: **Dragonflies:** Black Darter, Common Hawker, Emperor.
Damselflies: Common Blue. **Butterflies:** Comma, Green-veined White, Painted Lady, Red Admiral, Small Copper, Small White
Moths: - **Ladybirds:** Seven Spot.



Black Darter (DA)

Photographs by Sybille Spägle (SS) and David Allen (DA)

3. Selection of September Wildlife photographs



Row 1: Grey Knight, Scaly Earthball, Amethyst Deceiver

Row 2: Sickener, Chanterelle, Fly Agaric

Row 3: Clustered Brittlestem, Soft Puffball, Charcoal Burner

Row 4: Unidentified, Unidentified, Shaggy Scalycap

Row 5: Unidentified, Nutty Brittlegill, Unidentified

Photographs by Jim Rae

4. **Trip to France** - During the last fortnight in September, **Jim Rae** visited the Rhone Valley, around **Serrières-en-Chautagne**. In addition to recording 150 plant species, he photographed a variety of animals. Here are a few of them.



Common Field Grasshopper
(*Chorthippus brunneus*)



Rufous Grasshopper
(*Gomphocerippus rufus*)



Blue-winged Grasshopper
(*Oedipoda caerulescens*)



European Hornet
(*Vespa crabro*)



Brown Argus - wings open
(*Aricia agestis*)



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Southern Green Stink Bug
(*Nezara viridula*)



Brown Marmorated Stink Bug
(*Halyomorpha halys*)



Common Green Shield Bug
(*Palomena prasina*)



European Firebug
(*Pyrrhocoris apterus*)



Mallow Skipper
(*Carcharodus alceae*)



European Firebug
(with unusual markings)

5. Squirrel Trapping

Steven Dalglish, Grey Squirrel Control Officer for SSRS, kindly set out and monitored a large number of Squirrel Traps over three weeks from the beginning of September. He caught and dispatched a grey on the 9th. Then, on the 11th of September he spotted two greys, but they did not come near the traps. He persevered, catching and releasing any reds that were caught. Finally, on the 18th of September, he caught and dispatched the two greys. Well done Steven.

6. Maintenance Work

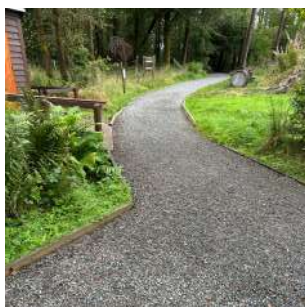
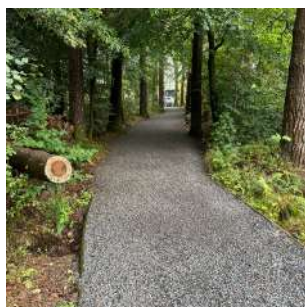


Fri. 05 Sybille Spägele, Sam Pattinson and Jim Rae filled up the potholes on the Eskrigg Farm Road during the morning.

In the afternoon, **Derek Campbell** strimmed the areas in front of the Red Squirrel Hide and around the Duck Feeder. **Jim** then raked up the grass cuttings and went on to clear a patch of reed-grass and a small willow tree from the corner of the pond near the jetty.



Sat. 06 In the morning, **Jim** strimmed the grass verges along the part of the forest road near the cemetery entrance and **Sybille** raked up the grass cuttings. Meanwhile, **Victoria Kenyon** cut back self-seeded trees along another section of the forest road. In the afternoon, **Jim** strimmed and raked more of the grass verges.



Sun. 14 **Jim** weeded and raked the path from the forest road into the Reserve and down to the path to the Kingfisher Hide.

Photographs by Jim Rae

Sun. 21 Volunteer Maintenance Sunday

This was cancelled because the Reserve Manager was on holiday.

**MANY THANKS TO GORDON REID
FOR LOOKING AFTER THE RESERVE
DURING JIM'S ABSENCE.**

Total people count for September = 1,054, Average number per day = 35.

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