

# Lockerbie Wildlife Trust

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## Eskrigg Reserve March 2026 News Bulletin



Scottish Charity No:  
SC 005538

### 1. View of the pond from the Red Squirrel Hide on the 21st of March



### 2. Reported wildlife sightings at the Reserve during March

#### a. Birds:

Blackbird, Blackcap, Blue Tit, Bullfinch, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Chiffchaff, Coal Tit, Collared Dove, Curlew, Dunnock, 'Farm Duck', Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Greenfinch, Grey Heron, Grey Wagtail, Greylag Goose, Jackdaw, Jay, Kestrel, Kingfisher, Little Grebe, Long-tailed Tit, Mallard, Meadow Pipit, Mistle Thrush, Moorhen, Nuthatch, Oystercatcher, Pheasant, Pied Wagtail, Red Kite, Redpole, Redwing, Robin, Siskin, Song Thrush, Sparrowhawk, Starling, Stockdove, Stonechat, Treecreeper, Tree Sparrow, Woodpigeon, Wren

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

c. **Amphibians:** Frog, Toad



Stoat on Squirrel feeder

Photographs by Jim Rae (JR), Colin Stockdale (CS)

### 3. Selection of March Wildlife photographs



**Row 1:** Song Thrush (CT), Kingfisher (SF), Red Squirrel (CT)

**Row 2 (AM):** Toads, Bank Voles, Little Grebe

**Row 3 (AM):** Long-tailed Tit, Grey Heron eating an eel, Greylag Goose

**Row 4 (BT):** Little Grebe, Red Squirrel, Grey Heron eating a frog

**Row 5:** Frog (JR), Chiffchaff (CT), Robin (CT), Toad (JR)

**Photographs by Jim Rae (JR), Steve Fearon (SF), Alistair Moulstone (AM), Jim Rae (JR),  
Colin Stockdale (CS), Brian Tailor (BT), Caroline Thom (CT)**

#### 4. Visitors

##### Wed. 04 Visit by Hallside Primary School

The P7 youngsters were divided into three groups and these rotated round different activities:

Pond Dipping, Clock Orienteering, Forest Trail and Woodland Birds.



##### Tue. 10 Visit by Collin Primary School

The children were divided into three groups of mixed age and also rotated round the activities: Pond Dipping, Clock Orienteering, Forest Trail and Woodland Birds.

Many thanks to Anne Hills, Kaye Borthwick, Gordon Reid and David Hughes for their help with the School activities.

#### 5. March Flowers



Lesser Celandine, Whin, Dandelion,  
Opposite-leaved Golden Saxifrage, Barren Strawberry, Water Crowfoot

#### 6. Maintenance Work:

**Fri. 06** Two youngsters from "**Common Thread**" helped to clear self-seeded trees from part of the Northern Loop while **Derek Campbell** helped **Jim** cleared some thick patches of brambles and reeds.

##### 21-23 March

The Reserve Manager spent the 3 days resurfacing and tidying up the woodland walk south of the Reserve.

Photographs by Jim Rae

**Total people count for March = 1,130 - Average number per day = 36**

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