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Eskrigg Reserve September 2026 News Bulletin

1. Eskrigg Pond, at 7.00am on the 15th of September. The pond is filling up after the rain overnight.



2. Reported wildlife sightings at the Reserve during September

a. Birds:

Blackbird, Blackcap, Blue Tit, Bullfinch, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Chiffchaff, Coal Tit, Crossbill, Dunnock, Fieldfare, Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Greenfinch, Grey Heron, Grey Wagtail, Greylag Goose, House Martin, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Jay, Kingfisher, Linnet, Long-tailed Tit, Magpie, Mallard, Meadow Pipit, Mistle Thrush, Moorhen, Nuthatch, Pheasant, Pied Wagtail, Pinkfoot, Raven, Red Kite, Redpoll, Redstart, Robin, Rook, Sedge Warbler, Siskin, Song Thrush, Sparrowhawk, Stockdove, Swallow, Treecreeper, Tree Sparrow, Water Rail, Willow Warbler, Woodpigeon, Wren

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

c. Amphibians: Frog, Toad

d. Butterflies: Green-veined White, Painted Lady, Small Tortoiseshell, Speckled Wood

Moths: Copper Underwing

e. Dragonflies: Southern Hawker



Red Squirrel
gnawing the antlers

Photographs by Jim Rae

3. Selection of wildlife photographs taken at Eskrigg Reserve in September



Row 1: Red form of the Blackening Waxcap, Green-veined White on Devil's bit Scabious, Sickener

Row 2: Blistered Cup, Speckled Wood, Mealy Funnel

Row 3: Charcoal Burner, Small Tortoiseshell, Brown Birch Bolete

Row 4: Copper Underwing, Fly Agaric, *Agonopterix heracliiana*,

Row 5: Raspberry Slime Mould, Stoat (AR), Tawny Grisette

Photographs by Alison Robertson (AR) & Jim Rae

4. Flowers and fruits spotted on a short walk in Germany on the 30th of September



Annual Fleabane
(*Erigeron annuus*)



Blackthorn
(*Prunus spinosa*)



Burnet Rose
(*Rosa spinosissima*)



Common Dogwood
(*Cornus sanguinea*)



Common Hawthorn
(*Crataegus monogyna*)



Common Sowthistle
(*Sonchus oleraceus*)



Common Yarrow
(*Achillea millefolium*)



Dog Rose
(*Rosa canina*)



European Spindletree
(*Euonymus europaeus*)



Giant Goldenrod
(*Solidago gigantea*)



Greater Celandine
(*Chelidonium majus*)



Hoary Groundsel
(*Jacobaea erucifolia*)



Oregano
(*Origanum vulgare*)



Viper's Bugloss
(*Echium vulgare*)



Whitebeam
(*Sorbus aria*)



Wild Teasel
(*Dipsacus sylvestris*)

5. Maintenance work in September

Fri. 04 In the morning, **Jim Rae** (Reserve Manager) and **Derek Campbell** strimmed the bank beside the path through the Reserve and raked the path alongside. In the afternoon, **Jim** strimmed and raked the area around the duck feeder.



Mon. 07 **Jim** raked the path from the forest road into the Reserve.



Fri. 11 In the morning, **Jim** and **Derek** strimmed and raked the area around the Red Squirrel Hide (a) and then the sides of the path along part of the Northern Loop (b). In the afternoon, **Jim** strimmed and raked the next section of the Northern Loop (c).



Fri. 18. **Jim** and **Derek** strimmed and raked the sides of the path along part of the Southern Loop.



Fri. 25 In the morning, **Sam Pattinson** and **Derek Campbell** helped **Jim** lay fresh gravel in front of the jetty and on the steps up to the Kingfisher Hide. They then started to tidy up the Pipeline Walk. **Jim** tidied the next section of the Pipeline Walk in the afternoon.



Sat. 26 **Jim** spent the whole Saturday tidying the next section of the Pipeline Walk.

Many thanks to Gordon Reid for looking after the Reserve while Jim was away for a few days at the end of the month.

Total people count for September = 1580 - Average number per day = 53

These figures only indicate the visitors entering the Reserve via the Reserve Car Park, they do not include the many people who access the Reserve and Woodland Walks via the Cemetery entrance.

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