



**Cumbrian Diversity** 





NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY NETWORK
ACTION PLAN 2016 - 2020
NBN National Biodiversity Network

Strategic Aim 01	Record, collect, diversify, enhance and mobilise biological data
Strategic Aim 02	Make biological data and information available to everyone
Strategic Aim 03	Captivate and engage people about wildlife
Strategic Aim 04	Provide the best biological information management infrastructure
Strategic Aim 05	Support the development of the NBN, its Board and its members





#### A NATURAL HISTORY RECORD BUREAU.

Sir,—At the sale of the late Rev. H. A. Macpherson's library, the Museum Committee of the Carlisle Corporation purchased the manuscript notes and records relating to the fauna of Lakeland. It is needless to remark on the value of these to persons interested in the natural history of our Lakeland hills and valez, and to future generations their value will be enhanced tenfold.

Engage - 3

Infrastructure - 4

The study of nature is yearly becoming wider, and steadilg increasily with the desire of the younger generations to know more of the interesting natural history objects which surround us. In order to further this desire, and to continue the good work so ably carried on by the late Rev. H. A. Macpherson, it is proposed to establish a Natural Wistory Record Bereau at the Museum, Tullie How which I should like, through the court of the Press, to invite all those interest to contribute; the contribusous to consist or the dates, localities, and other partie are of the occurrences of rare and uncommon mammals, but reptiles, and fishes, and in the case of birds the dates the arrival and departure of our summer and winter visitors, prouliarities in plumage, nesting places, and habits.

A summary of the records will be published each year, when due acknowledgment will be given all those contributing. Contributions should be set to Mr. L. E. Hope, curator, or to myself, at the Museum Tullie House, Carlisle.—I am, dear sir, yours truly,

D. LOSH THORPE, Hop. Curator. Loshville, Etterby Scaur, November 25th, 1902. Record, Collect -1

Make Available -2





wing feathers. We also had a Redstart which lived over winter, but unfortunately died in an early effort to moult.

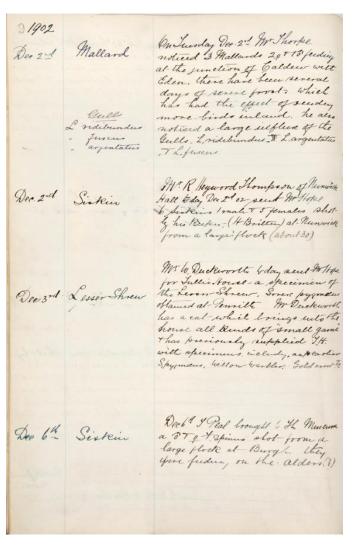
During the last year or two numerous letters have been written to us recording rare plants found in the district, also animals other than vertebrates. When the "Record Bureau" at the Carlisle Museum was initiated, it was proposed to deal only with the vertebrate animals of the district—Cumberland and Westmorland and a radius of fifty miles around Carlisle—but we wish to state now that if those persons who are students of any branch of Natural History, including the lower animals (Invertebrata) of all or any orders, botany, palæontology, or mineralogy, care to correspond with to apon such matters, we will be pleased to place on record, in the same way in which we treat the vertebrate animals, all records of invertebrate animals, plants, fossils, or minerals.

**Diversify - 1** 



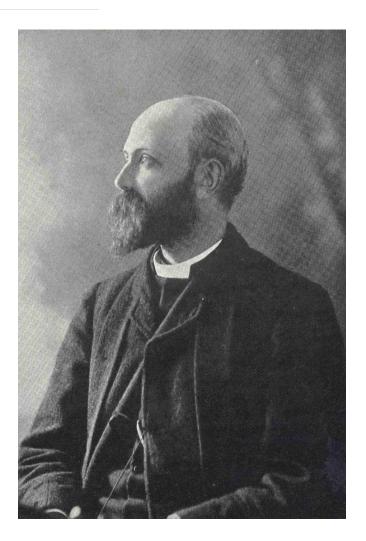


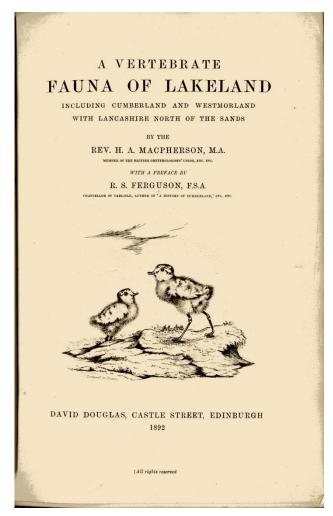












**Rev. H A Macpherson** 







**Carlisle Natural History Society** 





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Mr. L. W. Pike, Devonshire Place, Harrogate, sends the following about Jel, 12. 1903

A SABINE GULL IN CUMBERLAND.

"At Salt Pans, near Maryport, a fine specimen of the sabine gull has been shot by Mr. George Dawson, of Carlisle. It is recorded that only one other specimen has been killed in Cumberland. Macpherson & Duckworth make no mention of it in their 'Birds of Cumberland.''

LAND.

This bird ("X. Sabmi") is a breeding native of Arctic America, and also in Siberia, and many young birds have reached our shores from time to time, but the Cumberland such a naturalist as Mr. George Dawson to Tallie and North Laucashire records are few. I find no mention House officials. It seems a bit off colour, because "to of it in "The Fauna of Lakeland" (1892), or in doubt George Dawson is to doubt an authority." Mitchell's "Birds of Lancashire" (1892). In his "Birds His knowledge of the birds of Cumberland is unique. of the Humber District" (1899) the late Mr. John Mr. Dawson's collection of birds, added to another John Cordeaux records its appearances as "far too many to mention," since 1866.

#### "MORE LIGHT !"

Since the above was put in type I have received "more light" on this subject, the result of inquiries in various quarters. In the first place, I am not satisfied that the bird referred to is a Sabine Gull at all. That, however, is an easily settled matter. If the present possessor of the skin sends it to the Natural History Department of Tullie House Museum, Carlisle, Mr. Thorpe, the honorary curator (successor to the late Rev. H. A. Macpherson), or Mr. Hope, curator, will have no difficulty in identifying it. Why has that course not been taken? It may be added that one year after the publication of Mr. Macpherson's "Fauna of Lakeland" (1892), that keen ornithologist obtained a genuine Sabine Gull that had been shot on September 29, 1893, on Rockcliffe Marsh. It was required "more light" on the subject. set up by Mr. Thorpe, and is now in the Carlisle Museum. I may add that Mr. Thorpe has just added to the fine collection under his charge a hawfinch, obtained at Greystoke, on January 29.

Mar- 4.

Mr. J. J. Robson, Great Corby, Carlisle, writes:-

Under the above heading you had some remarks which I do not agree with, especially when you refer from Keswick, formed the collection which were in the old Museum in Finkle Street, Carlisle, before Tullie House was thought of. He has been a keen naturalist all his life. At his private residence, Belle View, near Carlisle, he has a museum of his own, a credit in itself to any private individual. The Sabine Gull which he recently shot adds one more to the many rare specimens that has fallen to his gun, and beet "set, up" in his own masterly style. His list of birds obtained in Cumberland greatly helped the late Rev. H. A. Macpherson in his "Fauna of Lakeland." In conclusion I may add that I called upon Mr. Dawson this week, and he told me that "he had not the slight est doubt whatever about the gull in his possession being a Sabine Gull; it was a young male bird, in very good feather, and identically the same as one in Tullie House." I hope these few lines may be of service to your interesting Natural History Column, and add the











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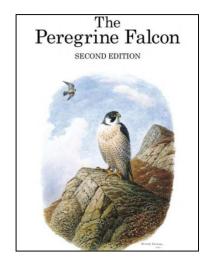




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**Derek Ratcliffe** 

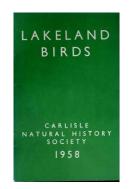
















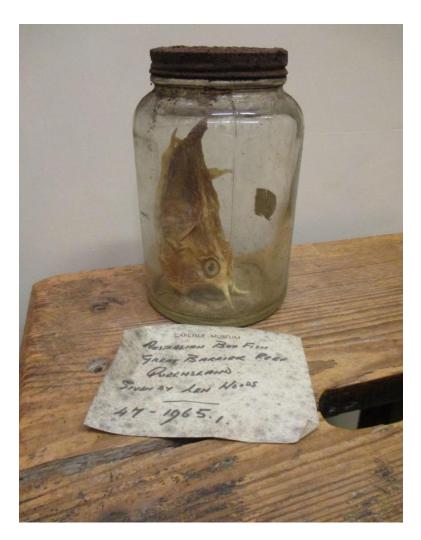




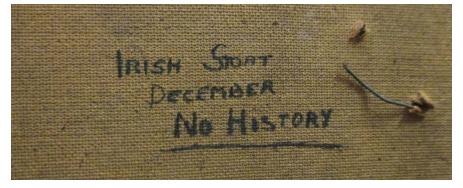
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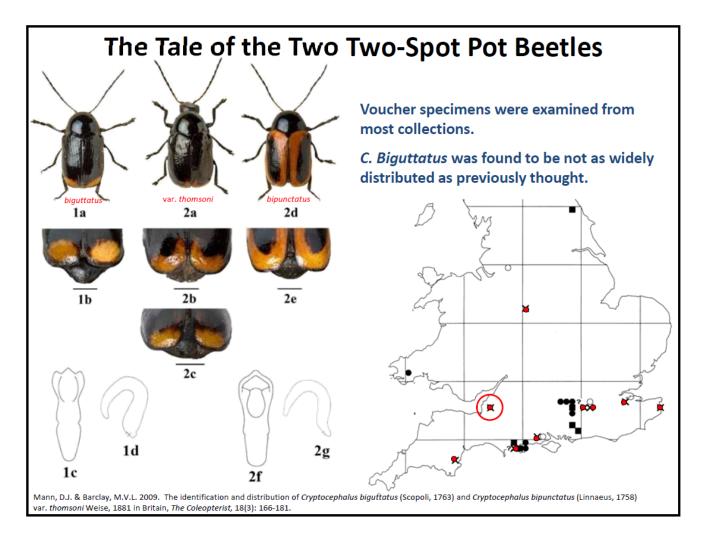




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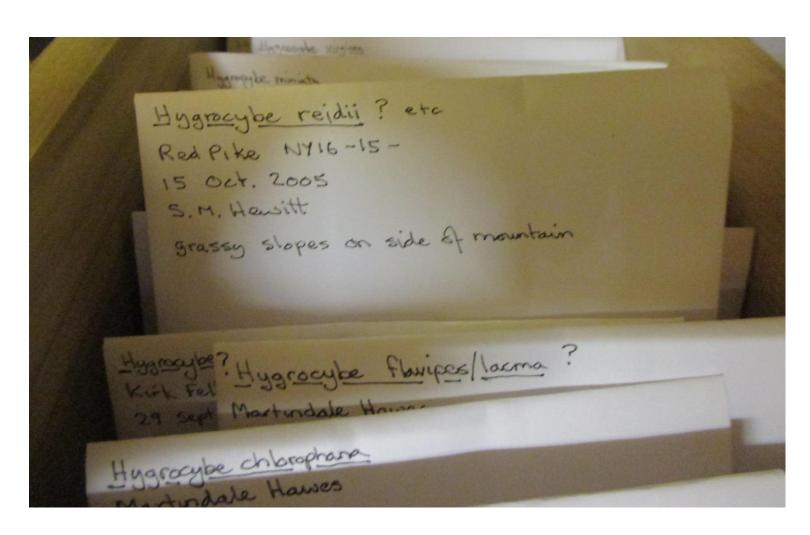












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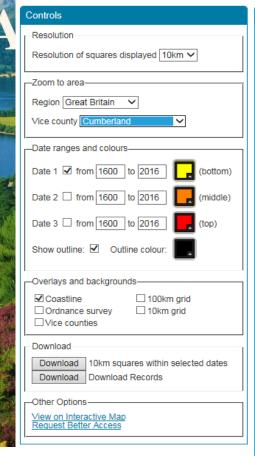


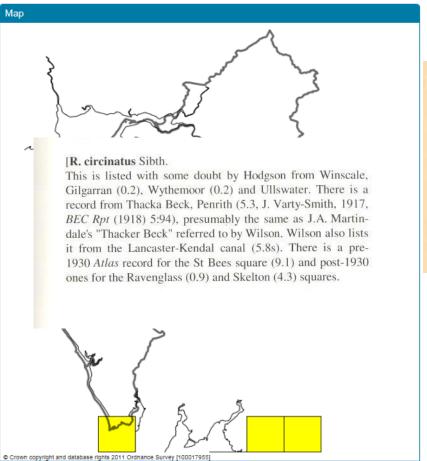
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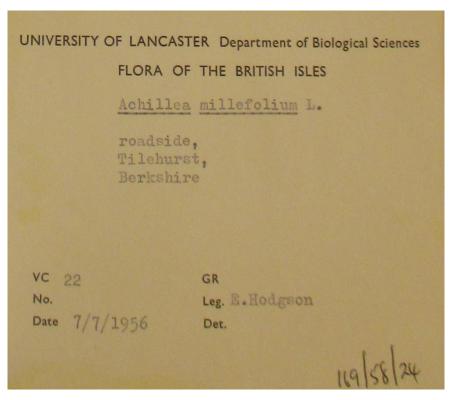
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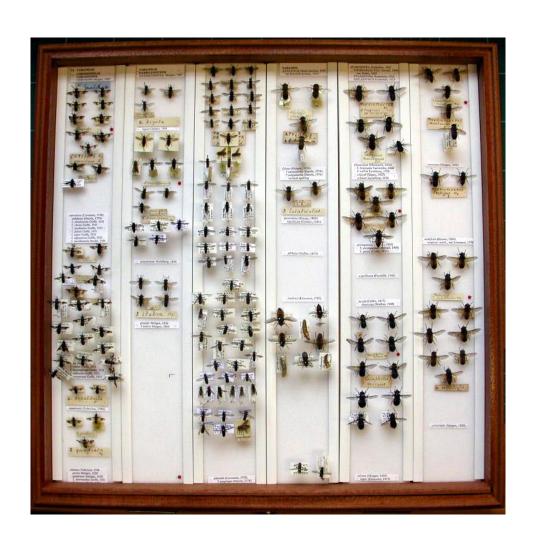




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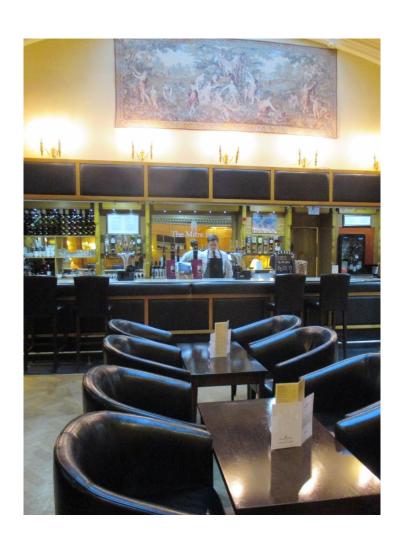












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