



The Strands Monday, 11th October 2010, 1.50pm

A covey of grey partridges has just flown up from the Strands which is a marshy field between the River Calder and the Calder & Hebble Navigation. The partridges - about ten of them -

have settled in the winter wheat in the field below Strands Farm.







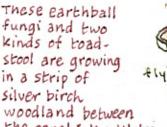
Fungi beneath

Stags horn of candle-shut

white

Russula

fungi and two kinds of toadstool are growing in a strip of silver birch woodland between the canal & the Wyke.







Three herons stand close together at the edge of the small flash on the Wyke. A cormorant flies over. A crow (or Jackdaw?) skirmishes with one of the gulls.

A yellow crusty lichen - Lecanora or Xanthoria, 1 guess - grows on a stub of an elder by the towpath.