



## The Strands

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010, 1.50 pm

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.



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



← 5cm →

Fungi beneath birches



On Stump  
Stag's horn or candle-snuff fungus



6cm across

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



washed beetroot  
Burnt  
white stem

Russula



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.