

## SIGHTINGS MARCH 2017

### BIRDS

Great-northern Diver	1 off Stag Rocks on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Red-throated Diver	1 off Stag Rocks on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Great-crested Grebe	1 at Branton Ponds on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Slavonian Grebe	2 off Stag Rocks on 4 <sup>th</sup> 1 at East Chevington on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Red-necked Grebe	1 off Stag Rocks on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Great-white Egret	1 at Druridge Pools on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Whooper Swan	22 over Branton Ponds on 10 <sup>th</sup> plus a further 15 on same date, 24 at Branton Ponds on 18 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Monks House Pool on 21 <sup>st</sup> 18 at Cresswell Pond on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Pink-footed Goose	4 at Branton Ponds on 20 <sup>th</sup> and 5 on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Mandarin	1 at Branton Ponds on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Shoveler	1 at Branton Ponds on 12 <sup>th</sup>
Ring-necked Duck	1 at Hauxley NR on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Pintail	2 at Druridge Pools on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Shelduck	188 at Smeafield on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Eider	14 at Smeafield on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Goosander	2 at Warkworth on 14 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Fowberry Bridge on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Red-breasted Merganser	2 at East Chevington on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Long-tailed Duck	90+ off Stag Rocks on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Water Rail	1 at Branton Ponds on 1 <sup>st</sup> and 31 <sup>st</sup>
Oystercatcher	2 pairs in Harthope Valley on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Green Sandpiper	A pair at Hedgeley Lakes on 26 <sup>th</sup> a pair at Branton Ponds on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Redshank	2 at Branton Ponds on 12 <sup>th</sup>
Little Stint	1 at Fenham le Moor on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Curlew	27 at Smeafield on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Avocet	3 at Cresswell Pond on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Black-tailed Godwit	2 at Monks House Pool on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Ruff	1 at Cresswell Pond on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Knot	30 at Smeafield on 28 <sup>th</sup> 3 at Cresswell Pond on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Puffin	3 off Stag Rocks on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Barn Owl	1 at Branton Ponds on 15 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Hipsburn on 20 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Lesbury on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Kingfisher	2 at Hedgeley Lakes on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Great-spotted Woodpecker	1 at Smeafield all month
Green Woodpecker	1 at Hepburn on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Sand Martin	1 at Wooler Water on 30 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Branton on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Water Pipit	1 at Seaton Point on 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2 at Druridge Pools on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Grey Wagtail	2 on Howick Burn on 18 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Hedgeley Lakes on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Waxwing	1 at Warkworth on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Stonechat	A pair at Beanley Moor on 25 <sup>th</sup>
Fieldfare	170 over Beanley Moor on 12 <sup>th</sup> 50+ at Branton on 26 <sup>th</sup> 50 at Yearle on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Willow Warbler	1 at Branton Ponds on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Chiffchaff	1 at Branton Ponds on 11 <sup>th</sup> and many by 26 <sup>th</sup>
Raven	2 over Hedgeley on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Siskin	6 at Smeafield on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Common Crossbill	15+ at Harwood Forest on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Bullfinch	5 at Branton Ponds on 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Goldfinch	61 at Smeafield on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Reed Bunting	17 in a roost at Branton Ponds on 10 <sup>th</sup>
Yellowhammer	19 at Smeafield on 28 <sup>th</sup>

### MAMMALS

Brown Hare	1 at Branton Ponds on 2 <sup>nd</sup>
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Red Squirrel	1 at Branton on 13 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Howick on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Hedgehog	1 at Brandon on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Bat (sp)	At Yearle on 25 <sup>th</sup>
<b>AMPHIBIANS</b>	
Common Toad	1000's on road between Bamburgh and Branton on 10 <sup>th</sup>
<b>REPTILES</b>	
Adder	13 at Branton on 1 <sup>st</sup> and 15 on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Slow Worm	1 at Branton on 10 <sup>th</sup> and a second on 12 <sup>th</sup> with 4 on 19 <sup>th</sup>
<b>FLOWERS</b>	
Coltsfoot	At Harwood Forest on 5 <sup>th</sup> at Branton Ponds on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Sweet Violet	At Branton on 20 <sup>th</sup>
Dandelion	At Branton on 20 <sup>th</sup>
<b>INSECTS</b>	
Buff-tailed Bumblebee	1 at Branton Ponds on 7 <sup>th</sup>
White-tailed Bumblebee	1 at Branton Ponds on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Tree Bumblebee	2 at Branton Ponds on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Dark-edged Bee-fly	2 at Howick on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Red Admiral	1 at Howick on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Comma	1 at Howick on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Small Tortoiseshell	1 at Howick on 27 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Smeafield on 24 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Belford Churchyard on 25 <sup>th</sup> 4 at Hipsburn on 25 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup>
Peacock	At Beanley Moor on 25 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Branton on 26 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Howick on 27 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Belford Churchyard on 25 <sup>th</sup>
March Moth	3 at Branton on 10 <sup>th</sup>
Pale-brindled Beauty	1 at Branton on 10 <sup>th</sup>
Common Quaker	3 at Branton on 13 <sup>th</sup> and 9 on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Clouded Drab	1 at Branton on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Hebrew Character	1 at Branton on 29 <sup>th</sup> and 7 on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Pine Beauty	1 at Branton on 30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>OBSERVERS</b>	G Bell, I&K Davison, G Dodds, M McMahon, E Panton, S Reay, D&M Roughton, J Rutter, S Sexton.
<b>RAINFALL</b>	47mm