

## SIGHTINGS AUGUST 2016

### BIRDS

Great-crested Grebe	Pair with 1 juvenile at Branton Ponds all month 1 at Cresswell Pond on 4th
Bittern	1 at Cresswell Pond on 29th
Grey Heron	6 at Cresswell Pond on 4th
Little Egret	9 at Cresswell Pond on 4th and 3 at Fenham Flats on 21st 17 at Cresswell Pond on 29th 2 at Budle Bay all month
Red Breasted Merganser	Female with 7 young at Budle Bay on 2nd
Osprey	1 on Holy Island causeway on 28th 1 near Smeafield on 24th
Marsh Harrier	1 at East Chevington on 6th
Water Rail	At Cresswell Pond on 29th
Turnstone	35 at Seaton Point on 23rd 30 at Stag Rocks on 2nd
Knot	54 at Stag Rocks on 2nd 1 at Cresswell Pond on 4th
Dunlin	50+ at Coquet Estuary on 18th 100+ at Boulmer on 23rd 200 at Cresswell Pond on 4th 100 at Low Newton Scrape on 30th
Little Stint	1 at Low Newton Flash on 4th 2 at Cresswell Pond on 22nd 2 at Boulmer on 23rd 3 at Cresswell Pond on 4th
Ruff	1 at Low Newton Flash on 4th 19 at Fenham Flats on 21st 3 at Low Newton Scrape on 26th 10 at Charlton Mires Flash on 26th at Alnmouth Estuary on 10th 1 at Fenham le Mill on 7th
Green Sandpiper	1 at Low Newton Flash on 4th 3 at Branton Ponds on 19th 1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 20th
Common Sandpiper	2 at Branton Ponds on 4th 1 at Low Newton Flash on 4th 2 at Boulmer on 23rd
White-rumped Sandpiper	1 at Coquet Estuary on 22nd
Black-tailed Godwit	11 at Low Newton Flash on 4th and 13 on 3rd 20 at Cresswell Pond on 4th
Greenshank	4 at Low Newton Flash on 4th 1 at Holburn Moss on 13th 2 at Hedgeley Lakes on 20th 1 at Fenham Flats on 21st at Cresswell Pond on 29th
Spotted Redshank	1 at Budle Bay on 23rd
Avocet	5 at Cresswell Pond on 6th at Cresswell Pond on 29th also pair with 2 young on 4th
Curlew Sandpiper	1 at Coquet Estuary on 18th 5 at Druridge Pools on 22nd 1 at Low Newton Scrape on 26th 3 at Boulmer on 23rd 3 at Cresswell Pond on 29th
Spotted Sandpiper	1 at Low Hauxley on 13th and 14th
Whimbrel	1 at Low Hauxley on 14th 22 at Fenham Flats on 21st 1 on Holy Island on 28th 1 at Seaton Point on 23rd 4 at Fenham le Moor on 8th
Ringed Plover	20+ at Boulmer on 23rd
Golden Plover	50 at Newton Point on 26th 200 at Cresswell Pond on 4th
Grey Plover	96 at Fenham Flats on 21st
Caspian Gull	1 at Coquet Estuary on 21st and 22nd
Lesser Black-backed Gull	19 at Branton Ponds on 31st
Mediterranean Gull	10 at Cresswell Pond on 4th
Arctic Tern	1 at Annstead on 11th
Roseate Tern	2 at Newbiggin on 24th
Black Tern	1 at QE 2 country park on 24th 1 at Newbiggin on 24th
Cuckoo	1 juvenile on Holy Island on 28th
Short-eared Owl	1 at Fenham le Moor on 8th
Barn Owl	1 at Cresswell Pond on 4th
Little Owl	2 at Druridge on 22nd
Swift	3 over Branton Ponds on 13th 60 over Yearle on 6th
Kingfisher	1 at Branton Ponds on 4th and 1 on 29th
Yellow Wagtail	1 at Low Newton Flash on 4th 3 at Boulmer on 23rd
Whinchat	1 on Holy Island on 28th

Stonechat	1 pair at Chevington Dunes on 4th pair with 2 young in Upper Coquet on 27th
Common Whitethroat	2 at Chevington Dunes on 4th
Sedge Warbler	1 at Chevington Dunes on 4th
Wood Warbler	1 at Cresswell Pond on 25th
Spotted Flycatcher	1 at Ingram on 13th
Nuthatch	1 at Branton Ponds on 22nd
Tree Sparrow	Pair with young at Yearle on 12th
Linnet	20 at Low Newton on 3rd
Crossbill	2 at Kyloe Woods on 13th
<b>REPTILES</b>	
Adder	1 at Branton Ponds on 4th and 3 on 15th
Slow Worm	2 at Branton Ponds on 4th and 3 on 15th
<b>FUNGI</b>	
Blackening Waxcap	At Whittingham on 1st
<b>INVERTEBRATES</b>	
Emerald Damselfly	At Cragside on 4th
Common Darter	1 at Branton Ponds on 1st 2 near Belford on 13th 3 at Hedgeley Lakes on 20th at Cragside on 4th
Black Darter	At Cragside on 4th
Southern Hawker	1 at Branton Ponds on 1st 10+ near Belford on 13th 2 at Branton Ponds on 26th and 1 on 29th at Druridge Bay country park on 16th
Common Hawker	1 at Branton on 2nd 2 on Holy Island on 28th at Cragside on 4th
Large Heath	At Steng Moss on 1st
Common Blue	2 at Chevington Dunes on 4th
Ringlet	1 at Newton Links on 10th
Small Copper	4 at Branton Ponds on 29th
Speckled Wood	3 at Low Newton on 26th 5+ at Branton Ponds on 29th 1 at Smeafield on 20th
Comma	At Beadnell on 6th
Wall	1 at Branton Ponds on 25th 4 at Low Newton on 26th 1 at Yearle on 22nd and again on 29th 1 at Newton Links on 30th
Large White	2 at Yearle on 29th
Green-veined White	2 at Chevington Dunes on 4th 1 at Yearle on 29th
Painted Lady	2 at Low Newton on 26th 1 in Upper Coquet on 27th 1 at Yearle on 29th and 2 on 31st 1 at Smeafield on 31st
Red Admiral	2 at Yearle on 29th and again on 31st 5 at Smeafield on 13th
Peacock	10 at Yearle on 29th and 5 on 31st 2 at Smeafield on 17th and 12 on 31st
Small Tortoiseshell	1 at Yearle on 31st 12 at Smeafield on 12th
Small Skipper	3 at Branton Ponds on 4th
Treble Bar	1 near Lowick on 1st
True-lovers Knot	2 at Branton on 6th
Shuttle-shaped Dart	1 at Branton on 6th
Sallow	5 at Branton on 13th
Dusky Sallow	1 at Howick on 12th
Centre-barred Sallow	2 at Branton on 23rd
Rosy Rustic	1 at Branton on 13th
Red Carpet	1 at Branton on 13th
Feathered Gothic	1 at Branton on 18th
Large Yellow Underwing	96 at Branton on 18th and 268 on 23rd
Lesser-swallow Prominent	2 at Branton on 23rd
Clouded Border	1 at Branton on 23rd
Garden Tiger	1 in Wooler on 22nd
Great-diving Beetle	1 larvae at Branton Ponds on 8th

Horntail (Wood Wasp) 1 at Kyloe Woods on 13th

**MAMMALS**

Otter 1 at Branton Ponds on 19th 1 at Hedgeley on 21st

Fox 1 at Fenham Flats on 21st

Red Squirrel 1 at Hauxley on 13th 2 at Smeafield on 14th

**PLANTS**

Common Centaury On Holy Island on 21st

Grass of Parnassus On Holy Island on 21st

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