

## SIGHTINGS DECEMBER 2015

BIRDS	
Red-throated Diver	1 off Stag Rocks on 27th 1 off Stag Rocks on 22nd
Slavonian Grebe	1 at Guile Point on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Little Egret	3 at Fenham Flats on 13 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Branton Ponds on 28 <sup>th</sup> and 31 <sup>st</sup> 1 at Budle Bay on 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 2 on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Whooper Swan	25 at Amble on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Barnacle Goose	1000 at Budle Bay on 1 <sup>st</sup> and 1500 on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Brent Goose	387 at Fenham Flats on 13 <sup>th</sup> 300 at Smeafield on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Pink-footed Goose	290 at Doddington on 12 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup>
Greylag Goose	750 at Budle Bay on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Shelduck	1 at Branton Ponds on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Gadwall	12 at Branton Ponds on 6 <sup>th</sup> 11 at Hedgeley Lakes on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Goosander	5 at Branton Ponds on 16 <sup>th</sup>
Red-breasted Merganser	2 at Warkworth on 13 <sup>th</sup> 3 at Holy Island on 15 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Stag Rocks on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Long-tailed Duck	1 at Guile Point on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Common Scoter	3 at Stag Rocks on 1 <sup>st</sup> and 5 on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Goldeneye	6 at Branton Ponds on 6 <sup>th</sup> and 11 on 16 <sup>th</sup> 3 at Hedgeley Lakes on 16 <sup>th</sup>
Merlin	2 at Fenham Flats on 13 <sup>th</sup> 1 at East Chevington on 19 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Branton Middlesteads on 21 <sup>st</sup> 1 at Howick on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Peregrine	1 at Fenham Flats on 13 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Howick on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Sparrowhawk	1 at Branton Ponds on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Goshawk	1 flew over Branton Ponds on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Water Rail	1 at Branton Ponds on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Snipe	8 at Branton Ponds on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Golden Plover	1050 at Fenham Flats on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Bar-tailed Godwit	130 at Fenham Flats on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Black-tailed Godwit	3 at Amble on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Curlew	698 at Fenham Flats on 13 <sup>th</sup> 23 at Hedgeley Lakes on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Knot	850 at Fenham Flats on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Oystercatcher	610 at Fenham Flats on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Lapwing	310 at Fenham Flats on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Green Sandpiper	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Glaucous Gull	1 at Amble on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Little Gull	1 (1 <sup>st</sup> winter) at Branton Ponds on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Stock Dove	7 at Howick on 27 <sup>th</sup> 1 singing at Yearle on 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup>
Long-eared Owl	1 near Howick on 26 <sup>th</sup> 1 near Wooler on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Barn Owl	1 at Howick on 24 <sup>th</sup> 1 near Howick on 26 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Branton Ponds on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Tawny Owl	3 near Hedgeley on 14 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Branton on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Little Owl	1 at Elwick on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Kingfisher	1 at Amble on 6 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Branton Ponds on 7 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup>
Blackcap	1 at Warkworth on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Chiffchaff	1 at Howick on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Long-tailed Tit	20 at Smeafield on 15 <sup>th</sup> and 6 on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Tree Sparrow	16+ at Smeafield on 25 <sup>th</sup>
Bullfinch	1 at Carey Burn on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Chaffinch	100+ at Howick on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Goldfinch	100+ at East Chevington on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Brambling	2 at Howick on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Siskin	20 at Howick on 27 <sup>th</sup> 50 at Branton Ponds on 16 <sup>th</sup> 50 in Harthope Valley on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Lesser Redpoll	12 at Howick on 7 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Howick on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Twite	19+ at Warkworth on 27 <sup>th</sup>

Yellowhammer	6 at Branton on 21 <sup>st</sup> and 40+ on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Snow Bunting	1 at Amble on 6 <sup>th</sup> 3 at Holy Island on 27 <sup>th</sup> 1 north of Boulmer on 31 <sup>st</sup>
<b>PLANTS</b>	
Foxglove	In flower at Branton on 16 <sup>th</sup>
Gorse	In flower at Branton Ponds on 16 <sup>th</sup>
Lesser Celandine	In flower at Branton on 29 <sup>th</sup>
<b>MAMMALS</b>	
Roe Deer	3 at Branton Ponds on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Red Squirrel	1 at Howick on 19 <sup>th</sup>
<b>INVERTEBRATES</b>	
Hebrew Character	1 at Howick on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Chestnut	1 at Howick on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Bumblebee.sp	2 at Smeafield on 10 <sup>th</sup>
<b>RAINFALL</b>	123mm
<b>OBSERVERS</b>	G&R Bell, I&K Davison, G Dodds, P&A Hanmer, S V McCormick, S Reay, J Rutter, S Sexton.