

SIGHTINGS APRIL 2012

BIRDS	
Red-throated Diver	1 off Guile Point on the 8 th , 2 off Holy Island on the 22 nd
Great Crested Grebe	2 at Branton Ponds on the 11 th , 2 at Branton ponds on the 21 st exchanging fish
Whooper Swan	52 at Brandon on the 7 th
Brent Goose	9 at Fenham Flats on the 8 th
Shelduck	2 pairs near Mindrum on the 19 th
Mandarin	2 drakes near Ridley Stokoe on the 15 th
Garganey	2 drakes on Holy Island on the 30 th
Gadwall	2 at Branton Ponds on the 11 th
Shoveller	2 at Branton Ponds on the 27 th
Goosander	5 at Cornhill on Tweed on the 5 th
Red-breasted Merganser	18 off Guile Point on the 8 th
Merlin	1 near Guile Point on the 8 th , 1 on Holy Island on the 28 th
Sparrowhawk	1 seen at Holy Island on the 22 nd was carrying a Starling; when mobbed by Crows it dropped the Starling which flew away.
Peregrine	1 at Branton Ponds on the 17 th , 1 at Harehope Hill on the 5 th
Kestrel	Pair at Swarland on the 30 th
Osprey	2 at Kielder on the 15 th , 1 at Branton Ponds on the 27 th
Red Grouse	3 at the Black Clough on the 19 th
Grey Partridge	A pair near Mindrum on the 23 rd
Common Crane	3 flying S.E. over Swarland on the 17 th
Curlew	161 at Fenham Flats on the 8 th , 1 at Swarland on the 15 th
Avocet	2 at Cresswell Pond on the 6 th
Common Sandpiper	1 at Branton Ponds on the 11 th , 1 at Brandon Ford on the 19 th
Greenshank	1 at Branton Ponds on the 16 th
Lesser Black-backed Gull	18 at Branton Ponds on the 9 th
Black-headed Gull	Up to 200 all month at Swarland
Sandwich Tern	21 at Fenham Flats on the 8 th , 8 off Emmanuel Head on the 11 th
Razorbill	30+ at Needles Eye near Berwick on the 24 th
Cuckoo	1 at Harehope Hill on the 28 th
Tawny Owl	1 at Belford Mains Farm on the 12 th
Barn Owl	1 at Swarland on the 17 th , 1 at Lilburn Towers on the 1 st
Short-eared Owl	1 on Holy Island on the 11 th and 4 on the 30 th , 1 at Low Newton on the 28 th
Kingfisher	1 at Branton Ponds on 26 th and 29 th
Green Woodpecker	1 near Ridley Stokoe on the 15 th , 1 at Dipton Wood on the 17 th
Wryneck	1 on Holy Island on the 30 th
Sand Martin	3 at Branton Ponds on the 6 th
Swallow	1 at Branton Ponds on the 6 th , 1 at Warkworth Lane on the 12 th , 2 at Swarland on the 27 th , 1 at Elwick on the 11 th
Grey Wagtail	1 at Brandon Ford on the 4 th
Black Redstart	1 on Holy Island on the 22 nd
Wheatear	1 on Holy Island on the 11 th , 50+ on Holy Island on the 30 th , 1 at Newton Point on the 12 th , 3 at the Black Clough on the 19 th

Whinchat	1 on Holy Island on the 30 th
Stonechat	2 at the Black Clough on the 19 th
Siberian Stonechat	1 on Holy Island on the 28 th
Fieldfare	1 on Holy Island on the 22 nd , 800 at Chillingham Newtown on the 25 th , 80+ at Dipton Wood on the 17 th
Ring Ouzel	6 on Holy Island on the 28 th and 10 on the 30 th
Willow Warbler	2 at Branton Ponds on the 6 th ; many at Hannahs Hill on the 13 th
Chiffchaff	2 at Swarland on the 2 nd
Blackcap	Many around Branton Ponds from the 14 th , 1 at Swarland on the 9 th
Common Whitethroat	1 on Holy Island on the 30 th
Lesser Whitethroat	1 on Holy Island on the 30 th
Pied Flycatcher	1 at Dipton Wood on the 17 th
Long-tailed Tit	6 at Elwick on the 7 th , 3 at Dipton Wood on the 17 th
Treecreeper	1 at Swarland on the 7 th
Nuthatch	5+ at Dipton Wood on the 17 th
Starling	120 at Swarland on the 10 th
Jackdaw	52 at Swarland on the 10 th
Jay	3 at Dipton Wood on the 17 th
Hooded Crow	1 on Holy Island on the 11 th
Raven	1 at Harehope Hill on the 28 th , 2 near Mindrum on the 23 rd
Tree Sparrow	20 at Smeafield on the 3 rd
Brambling	1 at Swarland from the 17 th
Linnet	25+ at Letham Shank(Berwick) on the 1 st , 60+ at the Black Lough on the 19 th , 30+ near Mindrum on the 23 rd
Goldfinch	25-30 at Smeafield on the 3 rd
Siskin	2 or 3 pairs all month at Swarland, 2 at Smeafield on the 7 th , 6 at Smeafield on the 24 th , 3 pairs all month at Harehope Hillend, 10+ at Dipton Wood on the 17 th
Lesser Redpoll	3 at Branton Ponds on the 12 th and 8 on the 21 st up to 3 at Swarland from the 26 th
MAMMALS	
Brown Hare	1 at Branton Ponds on the 9 th , 1 at Swarland on the 7 th
Roe Deer	1 swimming across Branton Ponds on the 21 st , 1 near Byrness on the 17 th
Feral Goats	11 at Old Yeavinger and 6 on Yeavinger Bell on the 19 th (Yeavinger is the old English for Hill of the Goat)
Red Squirrel	1 at Branton on the 29 th , 2 at Belford(1 dead) on the 1 st and 2 at Belford on the 18 th , 1 at Hannahs Hill on the 13 th
Grey Squirrel	1 at Dipton Wood on the 17 th
INVERTEBRATES	
Speckled Wood	1 at Cresswell Ponds on the 12 th
Small Tortoiseshell	1 at Swarland on the 27 th
2-Spot Ladybird	1 at Swarland on the 13 th
7-Spot Ladybird	1 at Swarland on the 15 th and 16 th
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