

SIGHTINGS AUGUST 2011

BIRDS

Great-crested Grebe	2 at Branton Ponds all month
Little Egret	1 at Branton Ponds from the 20th
Wigeon	100+ at Fenham Flats on the 14th
Red-breasted Merganser	3 at Howdiemont Sands on the 22nd
Goosander	108 at Bamburgh on the 6th
Sparrowhawk	1 at Branton on the 16th
Peregrine	1 at Chevington on the 22nd
Marsh Harrier	1 (probable) at Allerdean on the 9th also 1 at Druridge on the 9th
Osprey	2 at Fenham Flats on the 14th and 1 at Smeafield on the 13th (with fish - possibly a Mullet)
Red Grouse	3 at Elsdon on the 6th
Quail	4 at Shoreswood on the 9th
Grey Partridge	19 at Allerdean on the 9th
Water Rail	1 at Druridge Pools on the 12th
Ringed Plover	50 at Low Hauxley on the 20th
Golden Plover	500 at Holy Island on the 24th
Black-tailed Godwit	3 at Monks House Pool on the 6th also 2 at Cresswell on the 20th
Bar-tailed Godwit	85 at Elwick on the 14th
Snipe	3 at Branton on the 17th
Curlew	550 at Elwick on the 14th
Greenshank	2 at Cresswell Ponds on the 12th
Spotted Redshank	2 at Druridge Pools on the 9th and 12th
Ruff	1 at Druridge Pools on the 9th, 5 at Cresswell Pond on the 20th and 1 on the 12th
Whimbrel	1 at Long Nanny on the 8th, 1 at Branton on the 16th and 26 at Elwick on the 14th
Sanderling	4 at Guile Point on the 14th, 2 at Low Hauxley on the 20th and 20 at Holy Island on the 24th
Turnstone	15 at Howdiemont Sands on the 22nd
Arctic Skua	1 at Bamburgh on the 6th and 2 at Low Newton on the 8th
Sandwich Tern	1 at Branton Ponds on the 10th
Roseate Tern	1 at Low Newton on the 8th
Swift	8 at Allerdean on the 9th
Kingfisher	1 at Branton Ponds all month and 2 on the River Breamish on the 29th
Grey Wagtail	1 at Smeafields on the 31st
Yellow Wagtail	2 at Elsdon on the 6th, 6 at Cresswell Ponds on the 12th and 4 at Howdiemont Sands on the 22nd
Pied Wagtail	15 at Howdiemont Sands on the 22nd
Redstart	1 at Branton on the 15th
Whitethroat	6 at Newbiggin on the 20th
Lesser Whitethroat	1 at Craster on the 26th
Garden Warbler	1 at Smeafield on the 6th and 31st
Willow Tit	1 at Craster on the 26th
Raven	7 over Cheviot Summit on the 22nd
Siskin	12 at Swarland on the 29th
House Sparrow	200 at Elwick on the 23rd
Yellow hammer	2 at Smeafields on the 9th

MAMMALS

Red Squirrel	1 at Yearle all month and 1 at Jocky's Bridge on the 31st
Hedgehog	1 at Yearle on the 21st and 1 at Swarland on the 27th
Stoat	1 at Yearle on the 26th
Weasel	1 at Akeld on the 27th
Roe Deer	Female with 2 young at Smeafield on the 10th

FLOWERS

Round-leaved Sundew	Elsdon on the 6th
Bog Asphodel	Elsdon on the 6th
Grass of Parnassus	Holy Island on the 24th

INVERTEBRATES

Large Heath	3 at Elsdon on the 6th
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Small Heath	2 at Elsdon on the 6th
Small Copper	1 at Elsdon on the 6th
Wall Brown	6 at Seahouses on the 20th and 1 at Smeafield on the 5th
Peacock	1 at Yearle on the 23rd and up to 3 at Smeafield on the 1st to 6th
Small Tortoiseshell	1 at Yearle on the 23rd, 2 on the 31st and 6 at Smeafield on the 6th
Red Admiral	1 at Yearle on the 29th and 1 at Smeafield on the 5th
Ringlet	1 at Smeafield on the 22nd
Southern Hawker	1 female laying eggs at Swarland on the 21st
Old Lady Moth	1 in garage wall at Smeafield Farm (see website for photo)
REPTILES/AMPHIBIANS	
Common Lizard	10 at Elsdon on the 6th
Slow Worm	1 at Branton Ponds on the 20th
Common Toad	1 at Elsdon on the 6th
RAINFALL	109.9mm
OBSERVERS	G&R Bell, I&K Davison, G Dodds, A Keeble, S Reay, M Rolley, D Taylor.

Please send sightings reports for September, no later than 6th October, to:-
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ALNWICK WILDLIFE GROUP - Final Accounts for 2010

RECEIPTS

Subscriptions and pay-at-the-door	£1,100.00
Mannings store sponsorship	£50.00
Northumberland Estates survey payment	£400.00
TOTAL	£1,550.00

PAYMENTS

Insurance premium	£110.00
Website maintenance	£58.74
Hire of Hall (8 @ £50)	£400.00
Speakers' expenses (3 @ £50)	£150.00
Projector stand purchase	£64.99
Room hire for Committee mtgs (4 @ £16)	£64.00
Newsletter costs	£251.40
TOTAL	£1,099.13

NOTES

8 meetings - Nov 2010 was snowed off
 Only 3 speakers claimed expenses
 New committee required 4 meetings

Bank balance (incl. float) at 1 January 2010	£980.43
Add receipts	£1,550.00
	£2,530.43
Less payments	£1,099.13
Balance at 31 December 2010	£1,431.30

£1406.43 in bank and £25.00 in float

The increase in balances held is largely due to the small number of speakers who claimed expenses (£300 saved) plus the loss of one meeting due to the weather (£50 saved), plus the extra £50 sponsorship income

I have examined the records of income and expenditure presented to me, including an explanation of the activities of the group. I believe this summary to be an accurate record of the financial activities of this group.

*Norman Duncanson
 20th Aug 2011*