

	SIGHTINGS DECEMBER 2012
BIRDS	
Great Northern Diver	1 at Bothal Pond (4 th)
Red-throated Diver	1 at Guile Point (16 th), 1 off Ross Back Sands (26 th)
Slavonian Grebe	4 off Ross Back Sands (26 th), 1 off Stag Rock (13 th)
Red-necked Grebe	1 off Ross Back Sands (26 th)
Little Egret	1 in the estuary at Alnmouth (15 th), 1 at Fenham Flats (16 th)
Whooper Swan	29+ at Fenham Mill (15 th)
Black Swan	1 (escaped bird) at Branton Ponds (1 st)
Greylag Goose	200 at Monks House Pool (13 th)
Brent Goose	840 on Fenham Flats (16 th), 1477 near Fenham Hide (15 th), 8 at Monks House Pool (13 th)
Barnacle Goose	80+ at Fenham Flats (15 th)
Wigeon	10 at Newton Pool (2 nd)
Mallard	32 at Newton Pool (2 nd)
Gadwall	6 at Newton Pool (2 nd)
Pochard	2 at Branton Ponds (25 th)
Goldeneye	4 ♂'s at Branton Ponds (1 st), 17 at the Football Hole (2 nd), 9 at Howick Haven (10 th), 11 at Branton Ponds (13 th)
Common Scoter	6 at the Football Hole (2 nd)
Scaup	2 at Branton Ponds (29 th)
Pintail	273 near Fenham Hide (15 th)
Red-breasted Merganser	1 at the Football Hole (2 nd), 2 on the River Aln (5 th)
Goosander	2 on the River Aln (5 th)
Shelduck	270 at Fenham Flats (16 th)
Eider	103 at Fenham Flats (16 th), 441 near Fenham Hide (15 th)
Long-tailed Duck	1 at the Football Hole (2 nd), 4 off Guile Point (16 th), 6 off Stag Rock (13 th)
Rough-legged Buzzard	1 on Bewick Moors (25 th)
Hen Harrier	1 at Smeafield Farm (10 th)
Peregrine	1 at the Long Nanny (2 nd)
Sparrowhawk	1 at Newton Pool (2 nd)
Goshawk	1 near the River Font (4 th)
Grey Partridge	6 at Branton (12 th)
Woodcock	2 on Alnwick Moor (4 th)
Golden Plover	120 over Ross Back Sands (26 th)
Sanderling	A small flock at Low Newton (2 nd)
Spotted Redshank	1 at Elwick Flash (16 th)
Green Sandpiper	1 at South Healey (4 th)
Knot	860 at Fenham Flats (16 th), 750 near Fenham Hide (15 th)
Lapwing	540 at Fenham Flats (16 th)
Oystercatcher	423 at Fenham Flats (16 th)
Bar-tailed Godwit	124 at Fenham Flats (16 th), 1180 near Fenham Hide (15 th), 50 over Ross Back Sands (26 th)
Glaucous Gull	1 at North Shields Fish Quay (29 th)
Woodpigeon	2000+ at Littlemill Farm (30 th)

Barn Owl	1 at Branton Ponds (10 th)
Tawny Owl	1 near Eglington (14 th)
Kingfisher	At least 2 at Branton Ponds all month, 1 at Howick Haven (30 th)
Waxwing	1 at Branton Ponds (2 nd), 20 at Felton (10 th)
Stonechat	2 at Low Newton on the 2 nd
Fieldfare	1 at the Iron Bridge near Alnmouth (5 th), 20 near Elwick (16 th)
Blackcap	1 at Lesbury (23 rd)
Goldcrest	2 at Littlemill Farm (30 th)
Marsh Tit	Several between Netherwitton and Ritton (4 th), 1 at Swarland (2 nd)
Nuthatch	2 at Weldon Bridge (24 th)
Treecreeper	3 at Weldon Bridge (24 th), 2 at Littlemill Farm (30 th)
Starling	A murmuration of approx 200 birds over Alnwick (29 th)
Raven	2 over Branton Ponds (12 th), and 2 over Branton (16 th)
Jackdaw	1500+ (with about 100 Rooks) over Branton (4 th)
Jay	1 at Littlemill Farm (30 th)
Twite	14 at the Long Nanny (2 nd), 8 near Fenham Hide (15 th)
Brambling	1 at Branton Ponds (8 th), 48 at Littlemill Farm (30 th)
Siskin	100 near the River Font (4 th), 80 at Branton Ponds (19 th)
Bullfinch	8 on Alnwick Moor (4 th), 3 at Littlemill Farm (30 th)
Tree Sparrow	7 at Littlemill Farm (30 th)
Yellowhammer	38 at Littlemill Farm (30 th)
Snow Bunting	1 at Warkworth (27 th)
MAMMALS	
Brown Hare	1 near the River Font (4 th), 8 at Newstead Farm (20 th), 9 at Littlemill Farm (30 th)
Roe Deer	1 near Bamburgh (4 th)
Grey Squirrel	Several at Bamburgh at the start of the month
Red Squirrel	1 in Branton (11 th), 3 at Belford (16 th), 1 beside old A1 at Middleton (29 th)
Otter	Tracks beside the River Breamish (13 th) and near Weldon Bridge (24 th)
Stoat	1 (in ermine) at Littlemill Farm (30 th)
PLANTS	
Climbing Corydalis	Kimmer Lough (8 th)
Hard Fern	Kimmer Lough (8 th)
Green Ribbed Sedge	Kimmer Lough (8 th)
AMPHIBIANS/REPTILES	
Common Frog	1 near Doddington (15 th)
Common Toad	1 near Branton (14 th)
RAINFALL	137.42 mm
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