

SIGHTINGS JANUARY 2012**BIRDS**

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| Great Northern Diver | 1 Stag Rock on the 8 th |
| Red-throated Diver | 2 Stag Rock on the 8 th , 1 Ross Sands on the 15 th |
| Slavonian Grebe | 23 Stag Rock on the 8 th , 1 Ross Sands on the 15 th , 2 Stag Rock on the 12 th |
| Little Grebe | 1 Hedgeley Ponds on the 22 nd , 1 near Horncliffe on the 1 st |
| Cormorant | 1 at Catcleugh Reservoir on the 20 th |
| Mute Swan | 100+ at Wark-on -Tweed on the 1 st |
| Whooper Swan | 1 Q E 2 country park on the 23 rd , 100 near Ellington on the 24 th |
| Bewick Swan | 2 East Chevington on the 23 rd |
| White-fronted Goose | 21 Branton on the 2 nd , many at Low Newton on the 7 th , 14 Branton Ponds on the 18 th . |
| Barnacle Goose | 450 Harpers Heugh on the 21 st . 120 Budle Bay on the 26 th 25 at Smeafield on the 24 th |
| Pink-footed Goose | 100+ at Swarland on the 11 th , 1000 from the 24 th to 31 st at Smeafield |
| Brent Goose | 40 at Budle Bay on the 12 th and 30 on the 19 th 1200+ in the area around Fenham Flats on the 1 st |
| Bean Goose | 1 Low Newton on the 7 th . |
| Bar-headed Goose | 3 Hedgeley Ponds on the 22 nd , 3 at Newton Pool on the 19 th |
| Shelduck | 1150+ in the area around Fenham Flats on the 1 st |
| Pintail | 12 Fenham Flats on the 21 st |
| Lesser Scaup | 1 Marden Quarry on the 2 nd |
| Goldeneye | 5 males displaying to 1 female Branton Ponds on the 20 th |
| Long-tailed Duck | 6 Stag Rock on the 8 th , 4 Guile Point on the 15 th , 5 off Stag Rock on the 12 th |
| Smew | 1 Q E 2 country park on the 23 rd |
| Buzzard | 2 at Harehope Hillend on the 11 th |
| Peregrine | 1 Fenham Flats on the 15 th (chasing Knot), 1 near Monks House Pool on the 12 th |
| Hen Harrier | 1 ringtail near Rothbury on the 31 st |
| Sparrowhawk | 1 at Swarland on the 14 th |
| Goshawk | 2 Holystone Woods on the 28 th |
| Grey Partridge | 27 Townfoot on the 9 th , 8 Branton on the 13 th |
| Sanderling | 25 Newbiggin on the 2 nd |
| Golden Plover | 400 at Newton Flash on the 5 th |
| Grey Plover | 20+ Holy Island on the 1 st |
| Lapwing | 100 at Newton Flash on the 5 th , 200 at Smeafield on the 12 th |
| Knot | 2 Newbiggin on the 2 nd , 780 Fenham Flats on the 15 th |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | 450+ Holy Island on the 1 st |
| Curlew | 113 Townfoot on the 9 th , 200+ Holy Island on the and 600+ at Fenwick Steads both on the 1 st |
| Redshank | 250+ Holy Island on the 1 st |
| Green Sandpiper | 1 River Breamish on the 16 th |
| Purple Sandpiper | 1 Newbiggin on the 2 nd |
| Mediterranean Gull | 1 Newbiggin on the 2 nd |
| Razorbill | 5 off Stag Rock on the 26 th |

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| Little Gull | 1 Newbiggin on the 2 nd |
| Woodpigeon | 1000+ at Wark Common on the 10 th |
| Tawny Owl | 1 Branton Ponds on the 20 th |
| Short-eared Owl | 2 Foxton on the 4 th , 23 rd and 24 th , 2 at East Chevington on the 13 th |
| Kingfisher | 1 Branton Ponds all month, 1 Hedgeley on the 22 nd |
| Green Woodpecker | 1 at Harehope Hillend on the 12 th and 14 th |
| Great Spotted Woodpecker | 1 drumming at Warkworth on the 8 th , 1 on the 7 th at Old Bewick |
| Desert Wheatear | 1 Newbiggin on the 2 nd |
| Blackbird | 10 at Swarland on the 20 th |
| Redwing | 80 at Swarland on the 2 nd |
| Goldcrest | Up to 14 Old Bewick on the 2 nd , 10 and 14 th |
| Marsh Tit | 1 in Swarland on the 14 th and 17 th |
| Long-tailed Tit | 7 all month at Harehope and up to 12 throughout the month at Smeafield |
| Nuthatch | 1 Ingram on the 1 st , 2 daily in Swarland during first half of month |
| Jay | 3 Holystone Woods on the 28 th |
| Raven | 1 Ingram on the 1 st , 1 at Carter Bar on the 20 th |
| Tree Sparrow | 52 Branton on the 4 th , 20 all month at Smeafield |
| Chaffinch | 50 Branton on the 4 th , up to 25+ on the 15 th in Swarland, 250+ at Fenham le Moor on the 1 st |
| Bullfinch | 3 pairs in Swarland all month, 11 feeding on heather at Old Bewick Hill on the 27 th |
| Goldfinch | Up to 15 in Swarland on the 24 th , 15 in Swarland on the 28 th up to 20 all month at Smeafield |
| Brambling | 8 Branton on the 4 th , 1 on the 24 th and 31 st in Swarland, 4 at Swarland on the 28 th |
| Greenfinch | 60 Branton on the 4 th , 100+ at Elwick on the 13 th |
| Siskin | Up to 7 on the 27 th in Swarland, |
| Lesser Redpoll | Up to 11 on the 26 th in Swarland, up to 5 in Swarland on the 28 th , 20 at Old Bewick Hill 27 th |
| Linnet | 100 Branton on the 4 th , 250 Bamburgh on the 8 th , 125 Townfoot on the 8 th |
| Crossbill | 9 Botany on the 9 th , 50 + Holystone Woods on the 28 th |
| MAMMALS | |
| Stoat | Singles in full or part ermine at Ingram on the 1 st , Yearle on the 7 th , the River Breamish on the 14 th and Harehope on the 2 nd and 16 th |
| Red Squirrel | 3 at Yearle all month, (2 were later found dead with Squirrel Pox and the 3 rd was also seen with the disease) |
| Fox | 1 on Fenham Flats on the 15 th , 1 near Longhorsley on the 22 nd and 1 at Holystone Woods 28 th |
| Roe Deer | 5 at Harpers Heugh on the 25 th |
| Otter | 1 at East Chevington on the 13 th and tracks plus half eaten fish on the River Breamish 12 th |
| Badger | 1 near Mindrum lon the 13 th |
| RAINFALL | 20.4 mm |
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