

**SIGHTINGS JANUARY 2013**

<b>BIRDS</b>	
Red-throated Diver	1 off Newbiggin (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Great Northern Diver	1 at Bamburgh (24 <sup>th</sup> )
Slavonian Grebe	1 at East Chevington (3 <sup>rd</sup> ), 2 at Bamburgh (24 <sup>th</sup> )
Little Grebe	6 at Hedgeley Ponds (13 <sup>th</sup> )
Cattle Egret	1 on Holy Island from the 24 <sup>th</sup> (it is only the second for Northumberland)
Whooper Swan	42 at Fenham Mill (13 <sup>th</sup> )
Bewick Swan	1 near Holy Island causeway (13 <sup>th</sup> )
Brent Goose	103 at Fenham Flats (13 <sup>th</sup> ), 15 at Seaton Point (23 <sup>rd</sup> ), 133 at Budle Bay (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Barnacle Goose	100 at Ross (13 <sup>th</sup> )
Pink-footed Goose	2500 in field north of Cresswell Pond (3 <sup>rd</sup> ), 45 over Branton Ponds (4 <sup>th</sup> ), 400 at Elwick (21 <sup>st</sup> ), 500+ (27 <sup>th</sup> )
Shelduck	1 at Branton Ponds on the 6 <sup>th</sup> and 4 on the 7 <sup>th</sup> 409 at Fenham Flats on the 13 <sup>th</sup>
Tufted Duck	100+ at Branton Ponds on the 13 <sup>th</sup>
Teal	50 at Monks House Pool on the 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Pochard	1 at Branton Ponds (13 <sup>th</sup> ), 1 on Hedgeley Ponds (15 <sup>th</sup> )
Scaup	2 at Cresswell Pond (3 <sup>rd</sup> ), 2 at Branton Ponds (13 <sup>th</sup> ), 2 on Hedgeley Ponds (15 <sup>th</sup> )
Goldeneye	12 (4 <sup>th</sup> ), 7 (13 <sup>th</sup> ) at Branton Ponds
Smew	1 at East Chevington (8 <sup>th</sup> )
Long-tailed Duck	2 at East Chevington (3 <sup>rd</sup> ), 17 at Guile Point (13 <sup>th</sup> )
Goosander	6 at Branton Ponds (13 <sup>th</sup> )
Pintail	1 at Cresswell Pond (3 <sup>rd</sup> ), 318 at Fenham le Moor (13 <sup>th</sup> )
Buzzard	2 at Branton (4 <sup>th</sup> )
Kestrel	2 at Branton Ponds (19 <sup>th</sup> ) mobbing a Stoat which was carrying a Vole
Sparrowhawk	1 at Branton (4 <sup>th</sup> )
Goshawk	1 near Harehope (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Merlin	1 at Fenham le Moor (13 <sup>th</sup> )
Peregrine	1 at Branton Ponds (9 <sup>th</sup> ), 1 in Branton (13 <sup>th</sup> ), 1 at Guile Point (13 <sup>th</sup> ), 2 over Branton (24 <sup>th</sup> ), (1♂+1 ♀), 1 at Longhoughton Steel (13 <sup>th</sup> ), 2 at Budle Bay (24 <sup>th</sup> )
Red Grouse	2 near Moorhouses (24 <sup>th</sup> )
Grey Partridge	26 at Townfoot (6 <sup>th</sup> )
Water Rail	1 at Branton Ponds (24 <sup>th</sup> )
Moorhen	9 at Hedgeley Ponds (13 <sup>th</sup> )
Lapwing	200+ at Cresswell Pond (3 <sup>rd</sup> ), 35 at Branton Ponds (13 <sup>th</sup> )
Grey Plover	34 at Boulmer (26 <sup>th</sup> )
Woodcock	2 at Haugh Head (18 <sup>th</sup> ), 3 at Smeafield (19 <sup>th</sup> ), 1 at Hannahs Hill (18 <sup>th</sup> )
Snipe	15 at Branton Ponds (24 <sup>th</sup> )
Bar-tailed Godwit	345 at Fenham Flats (13 <sup>th</sup> )

Curlew	23 at Branton Ponds (9 <sup>th</sup> ), 109 at Fenham Flats (13 <sup>th</sup> ), 22 at Hedgeley Ponds (13 <sup>th</sup> )
Green Sandpiper	1 on the River Breamish (13 <sup>th</sup> )
Purple Sandpiper	12 at Newbiggin (3 <sup>rd</sup> ), 2 at Boulmer (26 <sup>th</sup> ), 19 at Stag Rock (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Herring Gull	26 at Branton Ponds (9 <sup>th</sup> )
Mediterranean Gull	At least 10 at Newbiggin (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Common Gull	50+ at Branton Ponds (9 <sup>th</sup> )
Kittiwake	1 at Seaton Point (23 <sup>rd</sup> )
Stock Dove	1 at Town Foot (6 <sup>th</sup> )
Barn Owl	1 at Branton Ponds (4 <sup>th</sup> +7 <sup>th</sup> ), 1 at Haugh Head (18 <sup>th</sup> ), 1 at Branton Ponds (24 <sup>th</sup> ), 1 near Bolton (25 <sup>th</sup> ), 1 between Lordenshaws and Forestburngate (24 <sup>th</sup> ), 1 at Alnmouth (24 <sup>th</sup> )
Short-eared Owl	2 at Fenham le Moor (13 <sup>th</sup> ), 1 at Boulmer (26 <sup>th</sup> ), 1 in Alnmouth throughout January
Tawny Owl	Up to 3 at Titlington (24 <sup>th</sup> )
Kingfisher	At least 1 at Branton Ponds all month, 1 on River Breamish at Hedgeley (15 <sup>th</sup> )
Great Spotted Woodpecker	1 at Titlington (24 <sup>th</sup> ), 1 at Harehope Hillend (22 <sup>nd</sup> )
Green Woodpecker	1 at Edlingham (26 <sup>th</sup> )
Waxwing	2 at Harehope Hillend (10 <sup>th</sup> )
Dipper	1 on River Breamish near Hedgeley (15 <sup>th</sup> ) chasing a Kingfisher
Stonechat	4 at Branton Ponds (19 <sup>th</sup> ), 2 at Low Newton (10 <sup>th</sup> )
Fieldfare	17+ at Howick (22 <sup>nd</sup> ), 12 at Smeafield (27 <sup>th</sup> ), 11 at Monks House Pool (24 <sup>th</sup> )
Marsh Tit	2 at Harehope Hillend on 3 days during the month.
Willow Tit	1 at Branton Ponds (9 <sup>th</sup> +24 <sup>th</sup> )
Long-tailed Tit	4 at Howick (22 <sup>nd</sup> )
Treecreeper	1 (7 <sup>th</sup> ) and 2 (10 <sup>th</sup> ) at Branton Ponds
Starling	250 at Smeafield (27 <sup>th</sup> )
Jay	1 at Harehope Hillend (22 <sup>nd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> )
House Sparrow	5 at Smeafield (16 <sup>th</sup> )
Tree Sparrow	6+ at Howick (22 <sup>nd</sup> ), 14 at Smeafield (16 <sup>th</sup> )
Siskin	60 in Lemmington Hall area (c23rd), 10 in Swarland all month
Chaffinch	10+ at Howick (22 <sup>nd</sup> )
Goldfinch	5 at Howick (22 <sup>nd</sup> ), 22 at Smeafield (16 <sup>th</sup> )
Brambling	1 (1 <sup>st</sup> ), and 2 (15 <sup>th</sup> ) Branton, 4 at Howick (22 <sup>nd</sup> ), 4 at Seaton Point (23 <sup>rd</sup> ), 3 in Swarland from the 18 <sup>th</sup>
Lesser Redpoll	2 at Townfoot (6 <sup>th</sup> ), 2 (10 <sup>th</sup> ) + 4(27 <sup>th</sup> ) at Branton Ponds , 13 in Swarland all month
Bullfinch	1 at Townfoot (6 <sup>th</sup> ), 4 at Branton Ponds (24 <sup>th</sup> ), 4 at Smeafield (3 <sup>rd</sup> ), 6 at East Chevington (8 <sup>th</sup> )
Yellowhammer	15 at Branton Ponds (17 <sup>th</sup> ), 47 (5 <sup>th</sup> ) and 100+ (10 <sup>th</sup> ) at Smeafield
Reed Bunting	1 in a Branton garden (14 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>MAMMALS</b>	
Bat(spp)	Several in Branton (4 <sup>th</sup> )

Brown Hare	4 at Townfoot (6 <sup>th</sup> ), 1 at Fenham le Moor (13 <sup>th</sup> ), 1 at Alnmouth (22 <sup>nd</sup> )
Otter	Tracks by the River Breamish (13 <sup>th</sup> ), the tracks of a female and at least 1 cub at Branton Ponds (27 <sup>th</sup> )
Stoat	1 in ermine at Glanton (26 <sup>th</sup> )
Roe Deer	4 at Howick Hall Gardens (11 <sup>th</sup> ), 2 at Newton on the Moor (30 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>PLANTS</b>	
Snowdrop	A few plants in flower in Branton (31 <sup>st</sup> )
<b>RAINFALL</b>	81.2mm
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