

	<b>SIGHTINGS MARCH 2012</b>
<b>BIRDS</b>	
Red-throated Diver	1 off Stag Rock, 2 off Ross Back Sands on the 11 <sup>th</sup> , 1 in Embleton Bay on the 29 <sup>th</sup>
Great Crested Grebe	1 on Branton Ponds on the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 from the 4 <sup>th</sup>
Little Grebe	2 at Branton Ponds on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2 on Newton Pool on the 29 <sup>th</sup>
Slavonian Grebe	2 off Stag Rock on the 11 <sup>th</sup>
Little Egret	1 on Fenham Flats on the 11 <sup>th</sup>
Fulmar	12 at Dunstanburgh Castle on the 6 <sup>th</sup>
Whooper Swan	14 flew over West Burton on the 29 <sup>th</sup>
Brent Goose	74 off Guile Point on the 11 <sup>th</sup>
Pintail	3 at Branton Ponds on the 5 <sup>th</sup> (1 male and 2 females)
Goldeneye	10 at Branton Ponds on the 18 <sup>th</sup>
Goosander	2 in Happy Valley on the 11 <sup>th</sup>
Red-breasted Merganser	2 off Guile Point and 17 off Ross Back Sands on the 11 <sup>th</sup>
Buzzard	3 at Swarland on the 14 <sup>th</sup>
Peregrine	1 at Stag Rocks on the 4 <sup>th</sup> and 1 at Branton Ponds on the 7 <sup>th</sup>
Sparrowhawk	1 at Swarland on the 8 <sup>th</sup> , 1 at Swarland on the 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Red Grouse	Many birds displaying near Broadstruther on the 6 <sup>th</sup>
Grey Partridge	2 in Branton on the 12 <sup>th</sup>
Curlew	510 on Fenham Flats on the 11 <sup>th</sup> , 100 at Newton Flash on the 8 <sup>th</sup>
Ringed Plover	2 at Branton Ponds on the 17 <sup>th</sup>
Oystercatcher	570 at Guile Point on the 11 <sup>th</sup> , 60 at Branton Ponds on the 18 <sup>th</sup>
Redshank	39 on Fenham Flats on the 11 <sup>th</sup>
Lesser Black-backed Gull	2 at Branton Ponds on the 12 <sup>th</sup> and 12 on the 18 <sup>th</sup>
Kittiwake	30 at Dunstanburgh Castle on the 6 <sup>th</sup>
Sandwich Tern	3 in Embleton Bay on the 29 <sup>th</sup>
Razorbill	10 at Dunstanburgh Castle on the 6 <sup>th</sup>
Barn Owl	1 at Lilburn Grange on the 9 <sup>th</sup>
Short Eared Owl	1 at Prestwick Carr on the 17 <sup>th</sup>
Kingfisher	1 at Branton Ponds on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 1 on the River Breamish on the 18 <sup>th</sup>
Green Woodpecker	1 in Callaly Wood on the 21 <sup>st</sup>
Great Spotted Woodpecker	1 at Swarland on the 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Swallow	2 at Bamburgh on the 9 <sup>th</sup>
Pied Wagtail	12 in a flock at Branton Ponds on the 14 <sup>th</sup>
Grey Wagtail	6 in Happy Valley on the 11 <sup>th</sup>
Waxwing	4 on the Kitty Brewster Estate near Blyth on the 18 <sup>th</sup>
Ring Ouzel	1 at Alnham Moor on the 31 <sup>st</sup>
Fieldfare	20 at Rugely on the 16 <sup>th</sup>
Chiffchaff	4 in Crawley Dene on the 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2 at Branton Ponds on the 21 <sup>st</sup> , 1 at Swarland on the 15 <sup>th</sup> , 1 at Harehope Hillend on the 24 <sup>th</sup> , 1 at Swarland on the 20 <sup>th</sup>
Willow Tit	1 at Swarland on the 14 <sup>th</sup>
Long-tailed Tit	2 at Swarland on the 14 <sup>th</sup>
Treecreeper	2 in Harehope Hall Wood on the 8 <sup>th</sup> , 1 at Swarland on the 2 <sup>nd</sup>

Great Grey Shrike	1 at Prestwick Carr on the 17 <sup>th</sup>
Jackdaw	120 at Swarland on the 7 <sup>th</sup>
Hooded Crow	1 at Ross Back Sands on the 11 <sup>th</sup>
Raven	5 over Cheviot on the 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2 at Old Bewick on the 17 <sup>th</sup>
Brambling	5 in Swarland until the 25 <sup>th</sup> , 1 on the 10 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> at Swarland - separate sightings
Siskin	10 at Swarland on the 5 <sup>th</sup>
Lesser Redpoll	5 at Swarland on the 7 <sup>th</sup>
<b>PLANTS</b>	
Cowslips	At Branton Ponds on the 27 <sup>th</sup>
Bluebells	In Brandon Dene on the 30 <sup>th</sup> ; in Glanton on the 27 <sup>th</sup>
Alternate-leaved Golden Saxifrage	At Old Bewick on the 8 <sup>th</sup>
Butterbur	In flower at East Lilburn on the 18 <sup>th</sup>
Haresfoot Cotton Grass	Near the Black Lough on the 29 <sup>th</sup>
<b>MAMMALS</b>	
Bat (species)	1 flying around Branton on the 12 <sup>th</sup>
Roe Deer	2 in Happy Valley on the 11 <sup>th</sup>
Brown Hare	1 in Happy Valley on the 11 <sup>th</sup>
Otter	Fresh spraint seen at the Black Lough on the 29 <sup>th</sup>
<b>REPTILES</b>	
Adder	1 at Branton Ponds on the 1 <sup>st</sup> rising to 9 on the 7 <sup>th</sup>
Slow Worm	1 at Branton Ponds on the 7 <sup>th</sup>
<b>AMPHIBIANS</b>	
Common Frog	Huge quantities of Frogspawn in puddles throughout the Harthope Valley
Common Toad	Huge numbers around Branton Ponds on the 12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>INVERTEBRATES</b>	
Orange Tip	1 at Howick on the 28 <sup>th</sup>
Hebrew Character	23 at Swarland on the 27 <sup>th</sup>
Small Quaker	19 at Swarland on the 27 <sup>th</sup>
Common Quaker	8 at Swarland on the 27 <sup>th</sup>
Red Chestnut	3 at Swarland on the 27 <sup>th</sup>
Twin Spotted Quaker	2 at Swarland on the 27 <sup>th</sup>
Clouded Drab	2 at Swarland on the 27 <sup>th</sup>
Early Grey	1 at Swarland on the 27 <sup>th</sup>
White-tailed Bumblebee	1 at Swarland on the 13 <sup>th</sup>
Buff-tailed Bumblebee	1 at Swarland on the 17 <sup>th</sup>
Carder Bumblebee	1 at Swarland on the 28 <sup>th</sup>
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