

	SIGHTINGS MAY 2012
BIRDS	
Red-throated Diver	1 off Stag Rock on the 6 th
Great Crested Grebe	2 at Branton Ponds all month
Spoonbill	1 at East Chevington on the 27 th
Common Crane	1 flew south over Swarland on the 5 th
White Stork	1 over Alnwick on the 2 nd
Bean Goose	1 on Holy Island on the 20 th
Gadwall	1 at Branton Ponds on the 19 th
Common Scoter	100 off Stag Rock on the 6 th
Buzzard	1 at West Cawledge and 1 at Newton on the Moor both on the 15 th
Osprey	1 over Fenham Flats on the 4 th
Grey Partridge	2 at Low Newton on the 3 rd
Water Rail	1 at Branton Ponds on the 29 th
Temmincks Stint	1 on Holy Island on the 29 th
Common Sandpiper	At least 3 pairs all month on Branton Ponds, 1 on the Carey Burn on the 5 th
Sanderling	6 at Low Newton on the 6 th , 60 on Ross Back Sands on the 20 th
Little Ringed Plover	1 on the River Breamish on the 1 st and the 6 th
Purple Sandpiper	30 at Stag Rock on the 6 th
Ringed Plover	1500+ Holy Island causeway on the 18 th
Wood Sandpiper	1 on Holy Island on the 29 th
Common Tern	4 at East Chevington on the 27 th
Little Tern	4 on Holy Island causeway on the 18 th
Cuckoo	1 at Beanley Plantation on the 2 nd , 1 at EastChevington on the 27 th , 1 calling near Branton on the 30 th , 3 at Cuthberts Cave on the 19 th and 1 at South Lynam on the 21 st
Short-eared Owl	2 near Alnwick on the 6 th 1 at Ingram on the 9 th , 1 at Dunstanburgh Golf Course on the 9 th
Barn Owl	1 at Branton throughout the month and 3 on the 26 th , 1 at Lilburn Glebe on the 12 th
Little Owl	1 at Branton on the 27 th , 1 near Glanton Pike on the 30 th
Swift	3 over Branton Ponds on the 7 th
Great Spotted Woodpecker	2 in Branton on the 16 th , 2 in Branton on the 29 th (1 a juvenile)
Tree Pipit	1 at Branton Ponds on the 19 th
Robin	Fledged brood of 3 in a garden at Titlington Mount on the 2 nd
Bluethroat	1 on Holy Island on the 27 th
Redstart	1 at Ford Moss on the 6 th , 1 on Holy Island on the 20 th
Whinchat	2 in the Harthope Valley on the 6 th , 1 on the Hawsen Burn on the 5 th
Ring Ouzel	3 in the Hawsen Burn on the 6 th , also 1 on the 5 th
Fieldfare	10 at Middleton Hall on the 6 th , 50 at Titlington Lane on the 4 th
Blackcap	Several at Branton Ponds on the 1 st , 5 at Vyner Park(Swarland)on the 2 nd
Sedge Warbler	1 at Branton Ponds on the 1 st
Reed Warbler	Several at East Chevington on the 27 th
Grasshopper Warbler	1 at Branton Ponds from the 5 th , 1 at East Chevington on the 27 th
Common Whitethroat	2 at Branton Ponds on the 7 th
Garden Warbler	1 at Ford Moss on the 6 th , 2 in Swarland Wood on the 27 th

Willow Tit	1 at Branton Ponds on the 5 th
Spotted Flycatcher	1 at Branton Ponds on the 24 th , 1 at Powburn on the 25 th , 2 at Swarland on 27 th
Pied Flycatcher	1 on Holy Island on the 20 th
Coal Tit	3 juveniles on the 15 th at Smeafield
Red-backed Shrike	1 on Holy Island on the 20 th
Jay	1 at Felton on the 18 th
Tree Sparrow	Several juveniles at Smeafields on the 11 th
Greenfinch	1 juvenile at Swarland on the 16 th
Goldfinch	Up to 13 on various days in Swarland
Bullfinch	4 at Branton Ponds on the 2 nd
Brambling	1 in Swarland on the 4 th
Linnet	4 at Smeafield on the 9 th
Siskin	Up to 7 all month in Swarland including 1 with a Belgian ring
Lesser Redpoll	3 at Branton Ponds on the 2 nd , 1 in Swarland all month
Crossbill	15 at Ford Moss on the 6 th
Yellowhammer	4 near Smeafield on the 20 th
MAMMALS	
Fox	1 at Low Newton on the 6 th
Red Squirrel	1 at Branton on the 6 th
Porpoise	1 off Stag Rock on the 6 th
Hedgehog	2 in Branton garden on the 11 th , 1 at Branton Ponds on the 20 th
INVERTEBRATES	
Wall	2 on Fenham Flats on the 20 th
Orange Tip	1 on Fenham Flats on the 20 th , 1 at Swarland on the 28 th , several at Smeafield on the 17 th & 23 rd
Small Copper	1 at Branton Ponds on the 28 th
Broken Barred Carpet	1 on the 27 th in Swarland
Early Thorn	1 on the 27 th in Swarland
Pebble Prominent	1 on the 27 th in Swarland
Hebrew Character	1 on the 27 th in Swarland
Cinnabar Moth	Several on Holy Island on the 27 th
Large Red Damselfly	1 in Swarland on the 25 th
Cockchafer Beetle	1 in Swarland on the 27 th
Leach	1 large brown leach in Branton Ponds on the 24 th
REPTILES	
Slow Worm	1 at Branton Ponds on the 24 th
FISH	
Stickleback (3 Spine)	Several in Branton Ponds; the males with bright red bellies of breeding
PLANTS	
Broad Leaved Helleborine	Several in Swarland on the 25 th
Twayblade	1 in Swarland on the 25 th
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