

SIGHTINGS MAY 2013

BIRDS	
Black-throated Diver	2 past Emmanuel Head (25 th)
Red-throated Diver	1 at Bamburgh (25 th)
Great Crested Grebe	A displaying pair on Branton Ponds (31 st)
Manx Shearwater	8 at Newton Point (24 th)
Purple Heron	1 at East Chevington (4 th)
Great White Egret	1 at Hauxley (5 th)
Spoonbill	1 at Hauxley (27 th), 2 at Druridge Pools (30 th)
Barnacle Goose	1 at Branton Ponds (19 th)
Common Scoter	30+ off Stag Rock (6 th), 4 at Bamburgh (25 th)
Long-tailed Duck	2 off Stag Rock (6 th)
Shelduck	A pair with 13 chicks at Branton Ponds (30 th) rising to 20 by the 31 st
Garganey	2 males at Druridge Pools (9 th)
Marsh Harrier	2 at East Chevington (4 th)
Quail	1 calling at Branton (28 th)
Water Rail	2 at Branton Ponds (7 th)
Turnstone	4 at Bamburgh (25 th)
Snipe	1 at Black Lough (19 th)
Common Sandpiper	1 at Black Lough (19 th), 3 at Branton Ponds (19 th)
Sanderling	23 at Fenham Flats (12 th)
Grey Plover	139 at Fenham Flats (12 th), 5 at Holy Island (25 th)
Golden Plover	70 over Holy Island (25 th)
Ringed Plover	100+ over Holy Island (25 th)
Little Ringed Plover	1 at Branton Ponds (2 nd), 1 on River Breamish (6 th), 1 at Branton Ponds (17 th)
Temminck's Stint	1 at Cresswell Pond (27 th)
Pectoral Sandpiper	1 at Bradford Kaims (10 th)
Wood Sandpiper	9 at Bradford Kaims (10 th), 1 at Druridge Pools (9 th)
Bar-tailed Godwit	45 at Fenham Flats (12 th), 200+ over Holy Island (25 th)
Black-tailed Godwit	6 at Druridge Pools (30 th)
Greenshank	1 on River Breamish (6 th), 1 at Bradford Kaims (10 th), 1 at Alnmouth (15 th)
Whimbrel	1 at East Chevington (4 th), 2 at Holy Island (19 th), 8 at East Chevington (19 th), 8 at Newton Point (24 th), 7 at Cresswell Ponds (9 th)
Arctic Skua	1 at Newton Point (24 th)
Little Gull	1 at East Chevington (9 th)
Little Tern	4 at Long Nanny (28 th)
Sandwich Tern	2 at Budle Bay (6 th)
Common Tern	1 at Budle Bay (6 th)
Cuckoo	1 at Branton Ponds (1 st), 1 at Holystone Woods (5 th), 1 at Fallowlees Burn (7 th), 4 at Black Lough (19 th), 1 at Debden (19 th), 2 at Holystone (27 th), 5 at Holystone Woods (31 st), 1 at Alnwick Moor (5 th), 1 at East Chevington (6 th), 1 at Warkworth Gut (19 th)
Tawny Owl	1 at Branton Ponds (1 st)
Barn Owl	1 at Low Newton (2 nd), 1 at Lesbury (7 th +8 th)

Short-eared Owl	1 (17 th), 2 (21 st) at Holy Island, 1 at Warkworth Gut (19 th)
Swift	3 at Ford Moss (6 th), 15 over Branton Ponds (11 th)
Kingfisher	1 on River Breamish (6 th), 1 near Branton Ponds (17 th)
Tree Pipit	5 at Fallowlees Burn (7 th), several at Holystone (27 th)
Yellow Wagtail	2 at Low Newton (2 nd), 2 at Elwick Flash (6 th), 1 at Fontburn Reservoir (7 th), 1 at Bradford Kaims (10 th), 1 at Bamburgh (25 th)
Bluethroat	1 at Holy Island (17 th)
Redstart	1 at Slainsfield Moor on t(4 th), 1 in Harthope Valley (6 th), 10+ at Fallowlees Burn (7 th), 1 at Holy Island (17 th), 2 at Holystone (27 th)
Black Redstart	1 at Holy Island (21 st)
Whinchat	1 at Branton Ponds (21 st), 2 in Harthope Valley (6 th), 3 at Black Lough (19 th), 1 at Holy Island (30 th)
Wheatear	6 at Low Newton on(2 nd), 15+ at Slainsfield Moor (4 th)
Stonechat	4 at Black Lough (19 th)
Ring Ouzel	2 in Hawsen Burn (6 th)
Grasshopper Warbler	1 at Slainsfield Moor (4 th), 1 at East Chevington (4 th), 1 at Holy Island (17 th)
Reed Warbler	1 at East Chevington (4 th)
Great Reed Warbler	1 at East Chevington (19 th)
Garden Warbler	Several at Branton Ponds (8 th)
Lesser Whitethroat	5 on Holy Island (19 th), 1 on Holy Island (30 th)
Collared Flycatcher	1 – a 1 st summer bird at Low Newton (8 th) – a 1 st for Northumberland
Pied Flycatcher	1 at Fallowlees Burn (7 th), 1 at Holy Island (17 th), 1 at Holystone Woods (31 st)
Spotted Flycatcher	1 (17 th) and 2 (30 th) at Holy Island
Willow Tit	1 at Branton Ponds (8 th), 2 at Low Newton (9 th)
Red-backed Shrike	1 (19 th), 2 (21 st) at Holy Island , 1 at East Chevington (28 th)
Lesser Grey Shrike	1 at Holy Island (19 th)
Raven	2 in Harthope Valley (6 th)
INVERTEBRATES	
White-tailed Bumblebee	At Titlington Mount since start of month
Buff-tailed Bumblebee	At Titlington Mount since start of month
Red-tailed Bumblebee	At Titlington Mount since start of month also at Fallowlees Burn (7 th)
Early Bumblebee	At Fallowlees burn (7 th)
Bee-fly	2 or 3 at Titlington Mount from start of month
Orange-tip Butterfly	2 at the Hirsal (13 th)
PLANTS	
Opposite-leaved Saxifrage	At Fallowlees Burn (7 th)
Celandine Saxifrage	At Wark (North Tyne) (22 nd)
Primroses	At Fallowlees Burn (7 th)
Common Cottongrass	At Fallowlees Burn (7 th)
Hares-tail Cottongrass	At Fallowlees Burn (7 th)
Northern Marsh Orchid	At Holy Island (25 th)
Bluebell	A huge carpet in Crawley Dene (25 th)
Chickweed Wintergreen	At Titlington Mount (27 th)

Heath Milkwort	At Titlington Mount (27 th)
Bloody Cranesbill	At Long Nanny (28 th)
Purple Milk Vetch	At Holy Island (30 th)
Yellow Pimpernel	At Holystone Woods (31 st)
MAMMALS	
Red Squirrel	1 at Fallowlees Burn (7 th), 1 at Branton (24 th), 1 at Biddlestone Edge (27 th)
Common Shrew	3 at Yearle (2 nd + 3 rd)
Brown Hare	1 at Lilburn (10 th), 5 at Branton Ponds (17 th)
Fox	1 at Bradford Kaims (10 th)
Roe Deer	6 (25 th) + 10 (30 th) at Holy Island
AMPHIBIANS	
Palmate Newt	1 in an Eglington garden (9 th)
OBSERVERS	W Banks, G Bell, I&K Davison, G Dodds, M McMahon, NNBC, R&J Poppleton, M Rolley, S Wilson.