

	SIGHTINGS NOVEMBER 2011
BIRDS	
Red-throated Diver	6 off Stag Rocks on the 6 th and 2 on the 17 th .
Slavonian Grebe	8 off Stag Rocks on the 6 th .
Little Grebe	1 Horncliffe on the 17 th , 1 at Wark on Tweed on the 29 th and 3 at Carham on the 29 th .
Little Egret	3 near the Holy Island causeway on the 5 th .
Bewick Swan	2 at Big Waters on the 22 nd .
Mute Swan	50 + at Wark on Tweed from the 3 rd to 17 th , and 220+ at Norham 3 rd .
Whooper Swan	9 at Branton Ponds on the 8 th and 9 on the 28 th , 15 at Beal on the 17 th , 4 at Wark on Tweed on the 17 th and 7 at Newton Ponds on the 22 nd .
Bean Goose (Tundra)	2 Holy Island on the 16 th and 1 at Low Newton on the 22 nd .
Pinkfoot	150+ at Norham on the 3 rd and 4 at Branton Ponds on the 28 th .
Barnacle Goose	20 East Chevington on the 19 th and 20 Low Newton on the 22 nd .
Brent Goose(Pale-bellied)	2200 at Fenham Flats on the 20 th .
Brent Goose(Dark-bellied)	3 at Long Nanny on the 24 th .
White-fronted Goose	9 Holy Island on 16 th and 14 on 17 th also 80 Low Newton on 22 nd .
Goosander	18 at Carham on the 29 th .
Shelduck	1 at Branton Ponds on the 8 th .
Long Tailed Duck	1 off Stag Rocks on the 6 th .
Goldeneye	12 at Branton Ponds on the 18 th and 7 at Carham on the 29 th .
Scaup	1 at Hauxley on the 13 th .
Pintail	6 East Chevington on the 19 th and 2 at Budle Bay on the 17 th .
Red-breasted Merganser	2 off Stag Rocks on the 6 th .
Wigeon	140 at Beadnell Flash on the 24 th .
Shoveler	14 at Monks House Pool on the 17 th .
Goshawk	1 near Hulne Park on the 26 th .
Peregrine	1 at Elwick on the 20 th and 1 at Ratcheugh on the 30 th .
Merlin	2 on Fenham Flats on the 20 th .
Hen Harrier	2 on Holy Island on the 9 th and 1 at Beal on the 30 th .
Sparrowhawk	1 at Swarland on the 18 th .
Buzzard	3 at Rennington on the 24 th .
Grey Partridge	2 at Preswick Carrs on the 29 th .
Sanderling	90 at Low Newton on the 10 th .
Golden Plover	2500 on Fenham Flats on the 20 th .
Purple Sandpiper	45 at Stag Rocks on the 6 th .
Greater Yellowlegs	1 at Hauxley from the 13 th , a great rarity from North America
Snipe	8 at Monks House Pool on the 17 th .
Jack Snipe	1 at Cresswell Ponds on the 19 th .
Grey Phalarope	1 at Hauxley on the 13 th .
Greenshank	1 at Budle Bay on the 17 th .
Woodcock	1 Holy Island on 16 th , 1 Swarland on 7 th , 4 Smeafields on 18 th , 1 at Hannahs Hill 27 th and 3 at Ratcheugh on the 30 th .
Herring Gull	100+ at Swarland on the 15 th .
Barn Owl	Singles at Holy Island 17 th , Smeafield 18 th , Pawston 18 th and Ratcheugh on the 30 th Also 3 youngsters near Warkworth on the 5 th .
Little Owl	1 at Branton on the 5 th .
Short-eared Owl	1 at Ratcheugh on the 30 th .
Kingfisher	2 at Branton Ponds all month
Great Spotted Woodpecker	Singles all month at Swarland
Rock Pipit	2 at Holy Island on the 16 th .
Waxwing	3 Lemmington Bank on the 30 th .

Fieldfare	200 at Smeafield on the 8 th .
Redwing	150 at Smeafield on the 11 th and 2000+ at Horncliffe on the 17 th .
Black Redstart	1 on Holy Island on the 17 th .
Eastern Black Redstart	1 on Holy Island from the 16 th , of the form <i>Phoenicurus Phoenicuroides</i> a 1 st for Northumberland and could have come from as far away as Kazakhstan.
Wren	Singles all month at Swarland .
Willow Tit	1 at Swarland on the 12 th and 2 at Prestwick Carr on the 29 th .
Long-tailed Tit	Up to 4 at Swarland on 5 th and 17 th .
Nuthatch	Singles in Swarland all month and 1 at Horncliffe on the 17 th .
Treecreeper	2 at Branton Ponds on the 21 st .
Jay	1 at Swarland all month and 6 at Carham on the 29 th .
Tree Sparrow	Up to 7 in Swarland all month, 8 in Branton on the 25 th and 6 at Ratcheugh on the 30 th .
Twite	28 at Guile Point on the 20 th .
Lesser Redpoll	2 at Branton Ponds on the 22 nd .
Bullfinch	2 at Smeafield on the 13 th .
Greenfinch	100+ at Smeafield on the 27 th .
Snow Bunting	1 at Hauxley on the 13 th .
MAMMALS	
Red Squirrel	Singles at Branton on the 1 st , Lilburn on the 17 th , Smeafield on the 4 th and Swarland /Newton on the Moor all month. Also 2 at Jockeys' Bridge on the 11 th .
Hedgehog	1 at Branton on the 5 th , it weighed only 290gms (should be about 600gms at this time of year); taken to Hedgehog rescue centre at Longframlington .
Fox	Singles at Lilburn 11 th , Kyloe 12 th , Newton on the Moor 1 st and Low Heighley on the 18 th .
Stoat	1 at Branton on the 15 th .
Feral Goat	19 on Yeavinger Bell on the 23 rd .
Porpoise	2 off Stag Rocks on the 6 th .
INVERTEBRATES	
Red Admiral	Singles at Swarland on the 1 st and 20 th also Smeafield on the 3 rd .
Small Tortoiseshell	Singles at Swarland on the 12 th and Smeafield on the 3 rd .
7 Spot Ladybird	Singles at Swarland on 16 th and 17 th .
Honey Bee	1 (<i>Apis Mellifera</i>) Berwick upon Tweed on the 17 th .
PLANTS	
Bluebell	Carham 29 th .
REPTILES	
Common Toad	1 Abbeyfields (Alnwick) 30 th .
RAINFALL	16.4mm
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