

	<b>SIGHTINGS OCTOBER 2012</b>
<b>BIRDS</b>	
Red-throated Diver	1 off Guile Point (14 <sup>th</sup> ), 4 off Holy Island (20 <sup>th</sup> ), 12 at Cocklaburn (20 <sup>th</sup> ), 10 off Newton Point (28 <sup>th</sup> ), 2 off Stag Rocks (29 <sup>th</sup> )
Black-throated Diver	1 at Cocklaburn (20 <sup>th</sup> ), 9 off Newton Point (28 <sup>th</sup> ), 1 off Stag Rocks (29 <sup>th</sup> )
Little Grebe	4 (2 <sup>nd</sup> ), 5 (12 <sup>th</sup> ), 7 (27 <sup>th</sup> ) at Branton Ponds
Great Crested Grebe	2 at Branton Ponds (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Sooty Shearwater	1 off Stag Rocks (29 <sup>th</sup> )
Little Egret	1 on Fenham Flats (13 <sup>th</sup> ), 1 on Holy Island causeway (20 <sup>th</sup> )
Whooper Swan	5 flew over Branton Ponds (1 <sup>st</sup> ), 1 (5 <sup>th</sup> ), 13 (10 <sup>th</sup> ), 6 (26 <sup>th</sup> ), 5 on Branton Ponds (28 <sup>th</sup> )
Snow Goose	2 at Fenham le Moor (13 <sup>th</sup> )
Pink-footed Goose	750 at Fenham le Moor (13 <sup>th</sup> )
Barnacle Goose	1000 (13 <sup>th</sup> ), 670 (14 <sup>th</sup> ), 5000/6000 (17 <sup>th</sup> ) at Fenham Flats
Brent Goose	1120 on Fenham Flats (14 <sup>th</sup> )
Scaup	4 on Fenham Flats (13 <sup>th</sup> )
Pochard	3 (12 <sup>th</sup> ), 1 (21 <sup>st</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> ) at Branton Ponds
Tufted Duck	80 at Branton Ponds (21 <sup>st</sup> )
Teal	300 + on Holy Island (6 <sup>th</sup> )
Eider Duck	520 at Fenham Flats (13 <sup>th</sup> )
Goldeneye	3 at Branton Ponds (16 <sup>th</sup> )
Long-tailed Duck	1 off Newton Point (28 <sup>th</sup> )
Velvet Scoter	3 off Stag Rocks (29 <sup>th</sup> )
Common Scoter	4 at Branton Ponds (12 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> ), 7 at Cocklaburn (20 <sup>th</sup> ), 100+ (29 <sup>th</sup> ) off Stag Rocks
Red-breasted Merganser	4 at Guile Point (14 <sup>th</sup> )
Merlin	1 at Branton Ponds (1 <sup>st</sup> ), 1 in the College Valley (9 <sup>th</sup> ), 1 on the Snook (18 <sup>th</sup> ), 1 off Newton Point (28 <sup>th</sup> )
Peregrine	3 at Fenham le Moor (13 <sup>th</sup> ), 1 (juvenile) (17 <sup>th</sup> ) at Branton, 1 (18 <sup>th</sup> ) on the Snook, 1 (20 <sup>th</sup> ) on Holy Island causeway, 3 (19 <sup>th</sup> ) over Bewick Moor
Red Grouse	24 in the College Valley (9 <sup>th</sup> )
Water Rail	At least 2 at Branton Ponds all month
Snipe	42 near Cheswick (18 <sup>th</sup> )
Jack Snipe	1 near Cheswick (18 <sup>th</sup> )
Woodcock	2 at Titlington Mount (30 <sup>th</sup> )
Sanderling	80 at Low Newton (28 <sup>th</sup> )
Bar-tailed Godwit	164 on Fenham Flats (14 <sup>th</sup> )
Curlew	97 on Fenham Flats (14 <sup>th</sup> )
Curlew Sandpiper	1 at Elwick Flash (13 <sup>th</sup> +14 <sup>th</sup> )
Purple Sandpiper	60 at Stag Rocks (29 <sup>th</sup> )
Lapwing	1000 at Fenham Flats (20 <sup>th</sup> )
Common Sandpiper	1 at Branton Ponds (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Oystercatcher	425 at Guile Point (14 <sup>th</sup> )
Golden Plover	2000+ on Fenham Flats (20 <sup>th</sup> )
Grey Plover	51 on Fenham Flats (14 <sup>th</sup> )
Arctic Skua	1 at Stag Rocks (13 <sup>th</sup> )
Common Gull	600+ in the Till valley (11 <sup>th</sup> )
Arctic Tern	2 at Stag Rocks (13 <sup>th</sup> )
Little Auk	21 off Newton Point (28 <sup>th</sup> )

Little Owl	1 at Glanton (21 <sup>st</sup> )
Long-eared Owl	1 (23 <sup>rd</sup> ) on Holy Island in same tree as a Barn Owl
Short-eared Owl	1 on Holy Island (6 <sup>th</sup> ), 3 on Holy Island (20 <sup>th</sup> ), 3 along the Straight Lonnen(Holy Island) (23 <sup>rd</sup> ), 1 at Titlington Mount (30 <sup>th</sup> )
Barn Owl	2 in the Straight Lonnen on Holy Island (18 <sup>th</sup> ), 1 on the Straight Lonnen in same tree as a Long-eared Owl (23 <sup>rd</sup> )
Kingfisher	At least 2 at Branton Ponds all month, 1 on the Wooler Water (22 <sup>nd</sup> )
Swallow	2 over Glanton (15 <sup>th</sup> ), 2 on Holy Island (23 <sup>rd</sup> ), 6 over Low Newton (28 <sup>th</sup> )
Skylark	24 near Cheswick (18 <sup>th</sup> )
Pied Wagtail	80+ at Branton Ponds (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Grey Wagtail	3 in Wooler (11 <sup>th</sup> )
Waxwing	2 at Powburn (31 <sup>st</sup> )
Stonechat	2 at Stag Rocks (29 <sup>th</sup> )
Redwing	428 at Howick (12 <sup>th</sup> ), hundreds on Holy Island (23 <sup>rd</sup> ), 2 at Smeafield (20 <sup>th</sup> )
Fieldfare	5 at Howick (12 <sup>th</sup> ), hundreds on Holy Island (23 <sup>rd</sup> ), 200 at Smeafield (22 <sup>nd</sup> )
Blackbird	30 at Howick (12 <sup>th</sup> )
Song Thrush	12 at Howick (12 <sup>th</sup> )
Chiffchaff	2 in Wooler (11 <sup>th</sup> )
Barred Warbler	1 on Holy Island (23 <sup>rd</sup> )
Yellow-browed Warbler	1 in the Straight Lonnen on Holy Island, (18 <sup>th</sup> +23 <sup>rd</sup> )
Goldcrest	Many on Holy Island (14 <sup>th</sup> ), and hundreds (23 <sup>rd</sup> )
Starling	3000+ over Goswick G.C.(18 <sup>th</sup> )
Jay	Several in the College Valley (13 <sup>th</sup> )
Raven	3 in the College Valley (9 <sup>th</sup> ), 1 over Branton Ponds (21 <sup>st</sup> ), 2 at Harehope Hillend (23 <sup>rd</sup> )
Twite	30 at Fenham Flats (13 <sup>th</sup> ) and 2 (14 <sup>th</sup> )
Brambling	1 at Fenham Flats (13 <sup>th</sup> )
Snow Bunting	3 on Holy Island (6 <sup>th</sup> ), 4 at Budle Point (29 <sup>th</sup> )
Lapland Bunting	5 on Holy Island (15 <sup>th</sup> ), 1 at the Snook (18 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>MAMMALS</b>	
Red Squirrel	1 at Branton Ponds collecting Hazelnuts (2 <sup>nd</sup> ),1 in Branton (9 <sup>th</sup> ), 1 in Titlington Lane (25 <sup>th</sup> )
Hedgehog	1 in Branton (5 <sup>th</sup> )
Wild Goats	30 near Easter Tor (13 <sup>th</sup> )
Bottle-nosed Dolphin	Up to 20 off Holy Island (20 <sup>th</sup> ) (including some youngsters)
<b>AMPHIBIANS</b>	
Common Newt	1 on road in Branton (1 <sup>st</sup> )
<b>INVERTEBRATES</b>	
Southern Hawker	1 at Branton Ponds (9 <sup>th</sup> )
Common Darter	1 at Branton Ponds (12 <sup>th</sup> ) and 3 (21 <sup>st</sup> )
<b>PLANTS</b>	
Lesser Hawkbit	In the College Valley (9 <sup>th</sup> )
Tormentil	In the College Valley (9 <sup>th</sup> )
Grass of Parnassus	In the College Valley (9 <sup>th</sup> )
Climbing Corydalis	At Titlington Mount (13 <sup>th</sup> +30 <sup>th</sup> )
Precumbent Pearlwort	At Titlington Mount (13 <sup>th</sup> )
Autumnal Water-starwort	In the Titlington burn (15 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>RAINFALL</b>	97.5mm
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