

	<b>SIGHTINGS OCTOBER 2013</b>
<b>BIRDS</b>	
Red-throated Diver	3 off Stag Rock on 17 <sup>th</sup> 1 in Alnmouth Bay on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Great Crested Grebe	Up to 3 all month at Branton Ponds
Slavonian Grebe	1 off Stag Rock on 17 <sup>th</sup>
Little Grebe	12 at Branton Ponds on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Manx Shearwater	2 at Annstead on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Sooty Shearwater	7 at Annstead on 11 <sup>th</sup> 8 in Alnmouth Bay on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Balearic Shearwater	1 at Annstead on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Little Egret	2 at Beal on 11 <sup>th</sup> 3 at Fenham Flats on 13 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Budle Bay on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Whooper Swan	2 at Branton Ponds on 6 <sup>th</sup> 10 on 9 <sup>th</sup> and 13 on 10 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Hedgeley Lakes on 15 <sup>th</sup> 13 over Branton on 17 <sup>th</sup> 7 at Branton Ponds on 25 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Hedgeley Lakes on 26 <sup>th</sup> 5 at Branton Ponds on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Brent Goose	723 at Fenham Flats on 13 <sup>th</sup> 57(Dark Bellied) at Holy Island on 20 <sup>th</sup> including 22 juveniles
Barnacle Goose	1 at Branton Ponds on 10 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> 400 at Fenham Flats on 13 <sup>th</sup> 100+ at Budle Bay on 29 <sup>th</sup> 2000 at Smeafield on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Pink-footed Goose	9 at Branton Ponds on 10 <sup>th</sup> 1000+ over Embleton on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Lesser White-fronted Goose	1(escape) at Hauxley on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Goosander	117 at Branton Ponds on 5 <sup>th</sup> and 78 on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Red-breasted Merganser	2 in Alnmouth Bay on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Wigeon	100 at Branton Ponds on 6 <sup>th</sup> 2570 at Fenham Flats on 13 <sup>th</sup> 10000 at Fenham Flats on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Shelduck	1 at Branton Ponds on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Pochard	2 at Branton Ponds on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Gadwall	4 at Branton Ponds on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Pintail	1 at Newton Pool on 5 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Branton Ponds on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Long-tailed Duck	7 off Stag Rock on 17 <sup>th</sup> 1 in Alnmouth Estuary from 25 <sup>th</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup>
Common Scoter	6 off Howick on 12 <sup>th</sup>
Velvet Scoter	8 at Annstead on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Hen Harrier	1 in College Valley on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Sparrowhawk	1 on Holy Island on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Merlin	1 juvenile on Holy Island on 20 <sup>th</sup>
Rough-legged Buzzard	1 at Holy Island on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Grey Partridge	2+ at Whinney Hill on 22 <sup>nd</sup> 9 in Branton on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Woodcock	1 over Haugh Head on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Snipe	37 at Branton Ponds on 19 <sup>th</sup> 40 at Hedgeley Lakes on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Coot	61 at Branton Ponds on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Green Sandpiper	3 at Hedgeley Lakes on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Curlew Sandpiper	1 at Druridge Pools on 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Purple Sandpiper	6 at Stag Rock on 17 <sup>th</sup>
Lapwing	3 at Branton Ponds on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Golden Plover	250+ at Low Newton on 5 <sup>th</sup> 40+ at Whinney Hill on 22 <sup>nd</sup> 250 at Fenham Flats on 13 <sup>th</sup>

Curlew	14 at Branton Ponds on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Redshank	1 at Branton Ponds on 23 <sup>rd</sup> 131 at Fenham Flats on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Arctic Skua	1 at Annstead on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Pomarine Skua	1 off Emmanuel Head on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Long-tailed Skua	1 at Budle Point on 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Great Skua	23 at Annstead on 11 <sup>th</sup> 1 in Alnmouth Bay on 11 <sup>th</sup> and 3 on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Lesser Black-backed Gull	55 at Branton Ponds on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Great Black-backed Gull	2 at Branton Ponds on 5 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup>
Bonaparte's Gull	1 at Budle Point on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Arctic Tern	1 at Monk's House on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Barn Owl	1 near Branton on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Kingfisher	1 at Branton Ponds on 5 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> with 2 on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Great Spotted Woodpecker	3 juveniles on Holy Island on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Swallow	2 on Holy Island on 14 <sup>th</sup> 1 at College Valley on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Dipper	1 at Branton Ponds on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Redstart	1 on Holy Island on 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 2 on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Stonechat	2 at Budle Point on 2 <sup>nd</sup> 7 at Budle Point on 17 <sup>th</sup>
Siberian Stonechat	1 at Howick from 20 <sup>th</sup>
Fieldfare	Several on Holy Island on 14 <sup>th</sup> 70+ over Branton on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Redwing	Several on Holy Island on 3 <sup>rd</sup> 15 over Branton Ponds on 10 <sup>th</sup> 100's on Holy Island on 11 <sup>th</sup> 50+ at Newton Point on 19 <sup>th</sup> 50+ at Branton Ponds on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Ring Ouzel	1 at Holy Island on 3 <sup>rd</sup> 10+ on Holy Island on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Subalpine Warbler	1 at Druridge Pools on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Lesser Whitethroat	1 on Holy Island on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Common Whitethroat	1 on Holy Island on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Blackcap	2 on Holy Island on 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1 in Branton on 4 <sup>th</sup> several on Holy Island on 20 <sup>th</sup>
Willow Warbler	1 in Branton on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Chiffchaff	5+ at Branton Ponds on 5 <sup>th</sup> several in the Vicar's garden Holy Island on the 14 <sup>th</sup> including one good candidate for Siberian Chiffchaff
Yellow-browed Warbler	3 on Holy Island on 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1 at St Mary's wetland on 5 <sup>th</sup> 1 on Holy Island on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Firecrest	1 at St Mary's wetland on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Willow Tit	1 at Branton Ponds on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Marsh Tit	2 at Wallington Hall on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Jay	Several in Holystone Woods on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Tree Sparrow	20+ at Whinney Hill on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Brambling	1 at Budle Point on 2 <sup>nd</sup> several on Holy Island on 3 <sup>rd</sup> 7 on Holy Island on 11 <sup>th</sup> 3 near Biddlestone on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Twite	7 at College Valley on 24 <sup>th</sup> 20+ at Alnmouth all month
Lesser Redpoll	Several on Holy Island on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Common (Mealy) Redpoll	Several on Holy Island on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Yellowhammer	30+ at Whinney Hill on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Reed Bunting	20+ at Budle Point on 17 <sup>th</sup> 10 at Whinney Hill on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Lapland Bunting	2 on Holy Island on 3 <sup>rd</sup>

Snow Bunting	4 at Budle Point on 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1 at Low Newton on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Reed Bunting	Many at Budle Point on 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>MAMMALS</b>	
Red Squirrel	1 at Branton on 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Holystone Woods on 29 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Branton Ponds on 31 <sup>st</sup> 1 at Belford North Bank on 12 <sup>th</sup>
Roe Deer	3 on Holy Island on 6 <sup>th</sup> and 10 on 20 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Swarland on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Stoat	1 on Holy Island on 14 <sup>th</sup> carrying an apple
<b>INVERTEBRATES</b>	
Migrant Hawker	1 at Branton Ponds on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Southern Hawker	1 at Brandon Ford on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Common Hawker	1 at Branton Ponds on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Common Darter	Many around Branton Ponds on 8 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Branton Ponds on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Peacock Butterfly	1 at College Valley on 24 <sup>th</sup>
<b>AMPHIBIANS</b>	
Common Newt	1 at Branton on 19 <sup>th</sup>
<b>PLANTS</b>	
Heath Grousel	College Valley on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Thyme	College Valley on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Mouse-eared Hawkweed	College Valley on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Thyme-leaved Speedwell	College Valley on 24 <sup>th</sup>
<b>RAINFALL</b>	83.5mm
<b>OBSERVERS</b>	W Banks, G&R Bell, S Carter, I&K Davison, G Dodds, A Keeble, M McMahon, S Reay, M Rolley, S Sexton, H Tindle, S Williams.