

## SIGHTINGS OCTOBER 2014

### BIRDS

Red Throated Diver	2 at Newton Point on 5 <sup>th</sup> 1 in Alnmouth Bay on 16 <sup>th</sup>
Slavonian Grebe	1 at Branton Ponds from 15 <sup>th</sup> and still present at end of month
Great Crested Grebe	6 at Branton Ponds on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Little Grebe	13 at Branton Ponds on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Bittern	1 at Branton Ponds on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Little Egret	1 on Holy Island causeway on 11 <sup>th</sup> 4 at Fenham Flats on 12 <sup>th</sup>
Whooper Swan	3 at Branton Ponds on 13 <sup>th</sup> and 3 on 25 <sup>th</sup> 9 at Warkworth on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Barnacle Goose	350 over Budle Point on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Pink-footed Goose	1 over Branton on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Brent Goose	585 at Fenham Flats on 12 <sup>th</sup>
Pochard	4 at Branton Ponds on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Widgeon	1518 at Fenham Flats on 12 <sup>th</sup>
Scaup	1 at Amble on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Hen Harrier	1 male at North Northumberland on 10 <sup>th</sup>
Merlin	1 on Holy Island on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Grey Partridge	4 near Belford on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Water Rail	3 at Branton Ponds on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Ruff	8 at Newton Scrape on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Lapwing	46 at Branton Ponds on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Sanderling	157 at Fenham Flats on 12 <sup>th</sup>
Whimbrel	1 on Aln Estuary on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Green Sandpiper	1 at Branton Ponds on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Curlew Sandpiper	1 on Aln Estuary on 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Lesser Black Backed Gull	40+ at Branton Ponds on 7 <sup>th</sup> 95 at Branton Ponds on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Little Gull	12 at Newton Point on 5 <sup>th</sup> 3 off Emmanuel Head on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Long Eared Owl	1 at Boulmer on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Kingfisher	2 at Branton Ponds on 11 <sup>th</sup> and 1 on 18 <sup>th</sup> 2 on River Aln on 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Dipper	3 at Wooler Water on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Blackbird	100+ at Smeafield on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Mistle Thrush	7 in College Valley on 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Redwing	30 at Branton on 15 <sup>th</sup> and 50+ on 30 <sup>th</sup> 9 at Smeafield on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Fieldfare	1 over Branton on 30 <sup>th</sup> 40+ at Black Lough on 30 <sup>th</sup> 6 at Smeafield on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Yellow Browed Warbler	1 on Holy Island on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Goldcrest	4 on Holy Island on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Willow Tit	1 at Branton Ponds on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Long Tailed Tit	16 at Smeafield on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Nuthatch	Several at Holystone Woods on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Raven	3 in College Valley on 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Goldfinch	6 at Smeafield on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Lesser Redpoll	1 at Branton on 9 <sup>th</sup>

### INSECTS

Common Darter	Several at Branton Ponds on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Speckled Wood	1 at Wooler Water on 1 <sup>st</sup> 1 at Titlington Mount on 12 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Smeafield on 17 <sup>th</sup>
Red Admiral	Several at Branton Ponds on 7 <sup>th</sup>
December Moth	1 at Branton on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Mervielle de Jour moth	2 at Howick on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Large Wainscot	1 at Howick on 1 <sup>st</sup>
The Brick	1 at Howick on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Death's Head Hawkmoth	1 at Howick on 18 <sup>th</sup>

## MAMMALS

Stoat	1 at Wooler Water on 1 <sup>st</sup> 1 in Alnmouth on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Weasel	1 at Branton on 9 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Smeafield on 12 <sup>th</sup>
Red Squirrel	1 at Hedgeley on 8 <sup>th</sup> 1 in Branton on 14 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Branton Ponds on 16 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Holystone Woods on 29 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Howick Hall on 29 <sup>th</sup> 1 at North Bank Belford on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Bottle-nose Dolphin	2+ in Alnmouth Bay on 16 <sup>th</sup>

## PLANTS

Autumn Hawkbit	Wooler Water on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Upright hedge parsley	Wooler Water on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Tormentil	College Valley on 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Harebell	College Valley on 2 <sup>nd</sup>

## FUNGI

Fairy Club	College Valley on 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Meadow Waxcap	College Valley on 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Larch Bolete	College Valley on 2 <sup>nd</sup>

## RAINFALL

68mm

## OBSERVERS

I&K Davison, G Dodds, M McMahon, R&J Poppleton, S Reay,  
J Rutter, S Sexton.

### ***SUBSCRIPTIONS***

Remember that subs are due in January. Still no increase - £10 single, £17.50 for two or more at the same address. Please make cheques to Alnwick Wildlife

Group and bring to the December or January meetings or post to:

Richard Poppleton, Greystone Cottage, Titlington Mount, Alnwick NE66 2EA

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