

SIGHTINGS MAY 2015

BIRDS

Great-crested Grebe	2 at Branton Ponds on 15 th
Manx Shearwater	57 off Boulmer on 20 th 3 flew north past Annstead on 23 rd
Little Egret	1 at Warkworth on 4 th
Shoveller	4 at Monks House Pool on 27 th
Tufted Duck	3 pairs at Monks House Pool on 27 th
Gadwall	2 at Monks House Pool on 27 th
Wigeon	1 at Monks House Pool on 30 th
Garganey	1 at Druridge Pools on 18 th 1 at Newton Scrape on 27 th
Shelduck	1 pair with 12 young at Branton Ponds on 20 th
Sparrowhawk	1 at Branton Ponds all month 1 at Smeafields on 7 th
Osprey	1 at The Hirsell on 7 th
Grey Partridge	1 at Branton Ponds on 31 st
Quail	1 at West Fenton on 15 th 1 at Smeafields on 15 th and 2 on 17 th
Water Rail	1 at Branton Ponds on 3 rd
Avocet	7 at Cresswell Pond on 18 th
Black-winged Pratincole	1 at Bothal Pond on 29 th
Oystercatcher	3 pairs in Harthope Valley on 7 th
Dunlin	120+ at Warkworth on 4 th
Little Ringed Plover	2 at Branton Ponds on 4 th
Ringed Plover	46+ at Warkworth on 4 th 172 at Fenham Flats on 17 th
Grey Plover	215 at Fenham Flats on 17 th
Common Sandpiper	2 pairs in Harthope Valley on 7 th
Black-tailed Godwit	1 at Warkworth on 4 th
Whimbrel	1 at Warkworth on 4 th 3 at Branton Ponds on 6 th 2 at Howick on 10 th 3 at Fenham Flats on 17 th
Greenshank	1 at Warkworth on 4 th 1 at Newton Scrape on 12 th
Ruff	1 male in summer plumage at Warkworth on 4 th
Lesser Yellowlegs	1 at Newton Scrape on 11 th and 12 th
Pectoral Sandpiper	1 at Newton Scrape on 12 th
Wood Sandpiper	1 at Newton Scrape on 12 th 1 at Cresswell Pond on 18 th 1 at Druridge Pools on 18 th
Iceland Gull	1 at QE 2 Lake Ashington on 22 nd
Lesser-black backed Gull	40 at Branton Ponds on 26 th
Sandwich Tern	68 at Guile Point on 17 th
Arctic Tern	Several hundred at Long Nanny on 16 th
Little Tern	1 past Low Newton on 12 th 35 at Long Nanny on 16 th 2 at Guile Point on 17 th
Cuckoo	3 at Beanley Moor on 1 st 1 at Holystone on 10 th 1 at Branton Ponds on 15 th 1 at Yearle on 15 th and 21 st 1 near Bamburgh Castle on 30 th
Barn Owl	1 at Warkworth on 4 th 1 at Branton on 14 th 2 at Yearle on 22 nd one was carrying food
Tawny Owl	1 at Yardhope Oaks on 17 th
Swift	1 at Warkworth on 4 th 1 at Glanton on 4 th 1 at Branton Ponds on 5 th and 3 on 6 th 3 at Seahouses from 27 th
Sand Martin	20 at Monks House Pool on 27 th

Tree Pipit	2 near Ros Castle on 8 th several at Holystone Woods on 10 th and 23 rd
Yellow Wagtail	1 at Howick on 3 rd 1 at Hoppen Kiln Flash on 4 th 2 at Low Newton on 12 th 1 at Low Newton scrape of the race thunbergi on 27 th and 28 th
Robin	1 juvenile in Branton on 7 th
Redstart	1 at Lilburn on 2 nd 2 at Sharperton Edge on 2 nd 1 at Eslington on 2 nd 1 on Holy Island on 4 th several at Holystone Woods on 10 th 1 at Yardhope Oaks on 17 th
Whinchat	1 near Ingram on 7 th
Wheatear	2 at Low Newton on 30 th
Reed Warbler	1 at Warkworth on 4 th 1 at Newton Pool on 12 th several at Cresswell Pond on 18 th
Garden Warbler	1 at Warkworth on 4 th 2 at Branton Ponds on 14 th 1 at Ford Moss on 30 th
Grasshopper Warbler	1 at Beanley Moor on 1 st
Blackcap	Many at Branton Ponds all month
Sedge Warbler	Several at Branton Ponds all month 2 at Warkworth on 4 th
Common Whitethroat	1 on Holy Island on 4 th 1 at Howick on 10 th 2 on Bewick Moor on 13 th
Lesser Whitethroat	1 at Warkworth on 4 th 1 at Branton Ponds on 28 th
Pied Flycatcher	2 at Yardhope Oaks on 17 th and 1 on 23 rd
Spotted Flycatcher	1 at Branton Ponds on 13 th 1 at Yardhope Oaks on 17 th several in Holystone Woods on 23 rd 1 at For Moss on 30 th
Marsh Tit	1 at Spindlestone on 4 th
Treecreeper	1 at Holystone Woods on 10 th and several on 23 rd
Raven	1 at Holystone on 2 nd
Linnet	100+ at Howick on 3 rd
Crossbill	1 at Holystone Woods on 10 th 1 at Yardhope Oaks on 17 th
MAMMALS	
Brown Hare	1 at Branton Ponds on 3 rd 2 at Ford Moss on 30 th
Otter	At Newton Pool on 4 th 1 at The Hirsell on 19 th
Red Squirrel	1 at Branton on 5 th and 21 st 1 near Hell's Path on Carey Burn on 20 th
Hedgehog	1 at Yearle on 24 th
Badger	1 at Bellshill on 8 th
PLANTS	
Cuckoo Flower	At Branton Ponds on 4 th
Meadow Saxifrage	In Roddam Dene on 26 th
Lousewort	At Ford Moss on 30 th
Climbing Corydalis	At Ford Moss on 30 th
Chickweed Wintergreen	At Bewick Moor on 29 th at Ford Moss on 30 th
INSECTS	
Muslin	1 at Howick on 4 th 5 at Ford Moss on 24 th
Oak-tree Pug	1 at Howick on 4 th
Brown-silver line	Several at Holystone on 23 rd
Epiblema scutulana	2 at Ford Moss on 24 th
White-spotted Pug	3 at Ford Moss on 24 th

Ochreous Pug	2 at Ford Moss on 24 th
Golden-rod Pug	2 at Ford Moss on 24 th
Common Heath	Many at Ford Moss on 30 th
Engrailed	1 at Ford Moss on 24 th
Streamer	1 at Ford Moss on 24 th
Nut-tree Tussock	2 at Ford Moss on 24 th
Common Swift	1 at Branton on 26 th
Emperor Moth	Several at Bewick Moor on 8 th
Orange Tip	1 at Yearle on 25 th 1 at Smeafields on 20 th
Speckled Wood	Several at Branton Ponds on 15 th
Green-veined White	1 at Branton Ponds on 13 th
Tree Bumblebee	1 at Howick on 10 th 1 at Yardhope Oaks on 23 rd
Blue-tailed Damselfly	1 at Branton Ponds on 25 th
Large-red Damselfly	1 at Roddam Dene on 26 th
Red and Black Frog hopper	2 at Branton Ponds on 30 th
Tiger Beetle	2 at Ford Moss on 30 th
FISH	
Eel	1 in burn at Smeafields
Rainfall	84mm
OBSERVERS	G & R Bell, L Capper, I & K Davison, G Dodds, A Gibson, S Reay, J Rutter, S Sexton, B Welch, Alnwick Wildlife Group walk.