

## SIGHTINGS JULY 2015

### BIRDS

Great Crested Grebe	Pair on Branton Ponds all month 2 at Fenham Flats on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Manx Shearwater	1 off Newton Point on 10 <sup>th</sup> 1 off Coquet Island on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Storm Petrel	1 off Newton Point on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Little Egret	1 at Fenham Flats on 19 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Budle Bay on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Grey Heron	5 at Hauxley on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Pink-foot Goose	1 at Fenham Flats on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Brent Goose	3 at Fenham Flats on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Shelduck	25 at Fenham Flats on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Red Breasted Merganser	200+ on sea near Lindisfarne Castle on 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Goosander	2 at Fenham Flats on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Eider	49 at Fenham Flats on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Peregrine	1 at Smeafield on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Sparrowhawk	1 at Smeafield on 10 <sup>th</sup>
Osprey	1 near Alnwick on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Grey Partridge	3 at Fenham Flats on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Ruff	3 at Hauxley on 29 <sup>th</sup> 5 at Newton Scrape on 29 <sup>th</sup> and 4 on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Curlew	205 at Fenham Flats on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Whimbrel	2 at Fenham Flats on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Curlew Sandpiper	1 at Amble on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Common Sandpiper	6 at Branton Ponds on 8 <sup>th</sup> 11+ at Amble on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Green Sandpiper	1 at Charlton Mires flash on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Dunlin	80+ at Amble on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Black-tailed Godwit	1 at Amble on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Greenshank	2 at Branton Ponds on 27 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Hauxley on 29 <sup>th</sup> 1 on Holy Island on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Glaucous Gull	1 at Craster on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Roseate Tern	100+ on Coquet Island on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Tawny Owl	1 at Branton Ponds on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Swift	8 over Fenham Flats on 11 <sup>th</sup> 20+ at Fenwick on 25 <sup>th</sup>
Kingfisher	2 on River Breamish on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Yellow Wagtail	2 near Chatton on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Redstart	1 near Prendwick on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Whinchat	3 in College Valley on 1 <sup>st</sup> several at Old Fawdon Hill on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Stonechat	A family of 4 at Newton links and a second family of 4 at Newton Scrape on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Common Whitethroat	Family group of 4 at Brandon Ford on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Chiffchaff	1 juvenile at Smeafield on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Spotted Flycatcher	Pair in Branton with young most of month 2 at Yearle on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Nuthatch	1 in Branton on 10 <sup>th</sup>
Bullfinch	1 at Smeafield on 8 <sup>th</sup>

### REPTILES

Adder	1 in Harthope Valley on 19 <sup>th</sup>
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### MAMMALS

Brown Hare	3 near Branton on 1 <sup>st</sup> 1 daily at Newton Lowsteads
Red Squirrel	1 at Branton on 4 <sup>th</sup> and 2 on 10 <sup>th</sup> and 3 on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Hedgehog	3 at Smeafield on 29 <sup>th</sup> and 1 on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Stoat	At Newton Lowsteads on 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1 at Yearle on 10 <sup>th</sup>
Otter	1 at Hauxley on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Pipistrelle	2 at Smeafield on 14 <sup>th</sup>

### PLANTS

Quaking Grass	In College Valley on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Marsh Arrowgrass	In College Valley on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Dyers Greenweed	At Branton Ponds on 3 <sup>rd</sup>

Agrimony	Near Low Newton on 10 <sup>th</sup>
Bloody Cranesbill	At Low Newton on 10 <sup>th</sup>
Flowering Rush	At Branton Ponds on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Bee Orchid	3 at Long Nanny on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Pyramidal Orchid	Many at Long Nanny on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Hounds Tongue	2 at Long Nanny on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Common Centaury	At Buston Links on 10 <sup>th</sup>
Wild Pinks	At Buston Links on 10 <sup>th</sup>
Thyme	At Buston Links on 10 <sup>th</sup>
Vipers Bugloss	At Buston Links on 10 <sup>th</sup>
Common Valerian	At Buston Links on 10 <sup>th</sup>
<b>INVERTEBRATES</b>	
Small Pearl Bordered Fritillary	1 in College Valley on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Dark Green Fritillary	1 at Shepherds Law Moor on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Ringlet	Several at Branton Ponds on 1 <sup>st</sup> and many by 9 <sup>th</sup> 4 at Smeafield on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Meadow Brown	Many around Branton Ponds on 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 at Fenham Flats on 13 <sup>th</sup> and 5 on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Red Admiral	3 at Branton Ponds on 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Small Skipper	1 at Branton Ponds on 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Speckled Wood	1 at Branton Ponds on 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Large Skipper	2 at Branton Ponds on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Common Blue	1 in Bamburgh Dunes on 5 <sup>th</sup> many at Long Nanny on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Small Tortoiseshell	2 at Smeafield on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Chimney Sweep moth	Several at Brandon Ford on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Grass Emerald	Several near River Breamish on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Lesser Swallow Prominent	1 at Branton on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Hummingbird Hawkmoth	1 at Branton on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Elephant Hawkmoth	2 at Branton on 1 <sup>st</sup> 1 at Branton on 10 <sup>th</sup>
Poplar Hawkmoth	1 at Branton on 10 <sup>th</sup>
Large Yellow Underwing	1 at Smeafield on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Peach Blossom	1 at Branton on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Cinnabar moth	Several in Bamburgh Dunes on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Gold Spot	1 at Branton on 10 <sup>th</sup>
Clouded Magpie	A pair at Cawledge Burn Wood on 25 <sup>th</sup> the first for V.C. 68
Tawny-barred Angle	1 at Branton on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Yellow Shell	Many at Long Nanny on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Pyrausta despicata	1 at Howick on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Golden-ringed Dragonfly	4 on Titlington Burn on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Four-spotted Chaser	1 at Lemmington Banktop on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Banded Demoiselle	1 at Branton Ponds on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Common Blue Damselfly	Many at Branton Ponds all month
Blue-tailed Damselfly	Several at Branton Ponds all month
Large Red Damselfly	1 at Branton Ponds on 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>RAINFALL</b>	77mm
<b>OBSERVERS</b>	G&R Bell, V&P Boulton, I&K Davison, G Dodds, J Dodds, A Gibson, P Jobson, J Panton, R&J Poppleton, D&M Roughton, S Reay, S Sexton, B Welch.