

## SIGHTINGS MARCH 2016

BIRDS	
Red-throated Diver	2 at Guile Point on 13th 3 at Stag Rocks on 8th
Black-throated Diver	1 at Guile Point on 13th
Great-crested Grebe	1 at Branton Ponds on 12th and 2 displaying on 25th
Slavonian Grebe	2 at Stag Rocks on 8th and 8 on 22nd
Little Egret	1 at Brandon Ford on 3rd 2 at Beal Point on 12th 2 at Fenham Flats on 13th 1 at Branton Ponds for most of month 1 at Budle Bay on 8th and 22nd
Whooper Swan	58 over Branton Ponds on 12th 19 over Beal on 12th 6 at Branton Ponds on 14th 2 at Turvelaws on 13th
Greylag Goose	300 at Budle Bay on 22nd
Tundra Bean Goose	1 at Harpers Heugh on 5th
White-fronted Goose	3 (of the form flavirostris) at Harpers Heugh on 5th
Pink-footed Goose	110 at Harpers Heugh on 5th 400 at Budle Bay on 8th and 800 on 31st 2500 on Milfield Plain on 19th
Brent Goose	3 at Harpers Heugh on 5th 319 at Fenham Flats on 13th 1000 at Budle Bay on 8th
Barnacle Goose	18 at Harpers Heugh on 5th 8 at Budle Bay on 31st
Pochard	2 at Branton Ponds on 4th
Pintail	30+ at Fenham Flats on 5th
Long-tailed Duck	12 off Cheswick Beach on 12th 5 at Stag Rocks on 8th
Common Scoter	55 at Stag Rocks on 8th
Red-breasted Merganser	3 at Guile Point on 13th 4 at Stag Rocks on 8th 23 at Budle Bay on 22nd
Common Buzzard	4 at Smeafield on 15th
Peregrine	1 at Belford on 1st
Sparrowhawk	1 at Branton on 10th 1 at Elwick on 13th 1 near Belford on 13th
Water Rail	1 at Branton Ponds on 28th
Bar-tailed Godwit	82 at Fenham Flats on 13th
Black-tailed Godwit	1 at Fenham Flats on 13th
Lapwing	300 at Yearle on 1st
Ringed Plover	4 at Hedgeley Lakes on 6th
Sanderling	68 at Fenham Flats on 13th
Green Sandpiper	3 at Hedgeley Lakes on 6th and 1 on 28th
Lesser-black Backed Gull	2 at Branton Ponds on 8th
Iceland Gull	1 at Branton Ponds on 6th
Mediterranean Gull	1 at Branton Ponds on 15th and again on 24th
Barn Owl	1 at Branton Ponds all month 1 at Turvelaws on 6th and 25th 1 at Yearle on 13th 1 at Alnwick on 30th
Kingfisher	1 at Branton Ponds on 28th
Swallow	1 at Brandon on 27th
Meadow Pipit	30 at Branton Ponds on 24th
Grey Wagtail	1 near Linhope on 25th
Stonechat	2 on Beanley Moor on 25th
Mistle Thrush	A pair nest building at Smeafield on 11th
Fieldfare	100+ at Beanley Wood on 25th 150 at Doddington on 19th
Redwing	10 at Beanley Wood on 25th

Chiffchaff	1 at Branton Ponds on 23rd and 5 on 28th
Willow Tit	1 at Branton Ponds on 11th
Treecreeper	1 at Branton Ponds on 10th
Raven	2 at Linhope Spout on 20th 1 in Harthope Valley on 20th 1 near Holborn Moss on 28th
Crossbill	1 at Beanley Wood on 25th
Siskin	2 at Smeafield on 18th
Lesser Redpoll	1 at Yearle on 19th
Yellowhammer	24 at Doddington on 19th
Lapland Bunting	1 at Coquet Estuary on 20th
<b>MAMMALS</b>	
Stoat	2 (one in full ermine) at Branton Ponds on 2nd
Red Squirrel	2 at Branton First School on 3rd 1 near Belford Mains on 13th
Roe Deer	3 at Branton Ponds on 2nd 4 at Milfield Plain on 19th
Brown Hare	1 at Milfield Plain on 19th
<b>INVERTEBRATES</b>	
Pale Brindled Beauty	1 at Branton on 3rd
March Moth	1 at Branton on 12th
Twin-spot Quaker	1 at Howick on 25th
Red Chestnut	1 at Howick on 25th
Agonopterix arenella	1 at Branton on 22nd
Herald	1 at Brandon Farm on 17th
Peacock Butterfly	1 at Branton Ponds on 14th 1 at Elwick on 21st
Small Tortoiseshell	1 at Smeafield on 14th 1 at Howick on 25th
Red-tailed Bumblebee	1 near Beal Point on 12th
Buff-tailed Bumblebee	1 at Branton on 13th several at Howick on 25th
Early Bumblebee	1 at Howick on 25th
<b>REPTILES</b>	
Adder	2 at Branton Ponds on 7th and 8 on 11th and 14 on the 14th
Slow Worm	2 at Branton Ponds on 13th and 4 on 29th
<b>AMPHIBIANS</b>	
Common Frog	Frogspawn at Branton Ponds on 11th many at Lemmington Hall on 12th Frogspawn in Harthope Valley on 22nd
Toad	Hundreds on road from Bamburgh to Branton on 11th many at Bamburgh on 13th
<b>PLANTS</b>	
Coltsfoot	In flower at Branton Ponds on 11th
Marsh Marigold	In flower at Branton Ponds on 17th
<b>OBSERVERS</b>	W Banks, G&R Bell, S Carrott, I&K Davison, T&J Dean, A Hall, P Hanmer, S Reay, S Rippon, J Rutter, S Sexton.