

	SIGHTINGS APRIL 2016
BIRDS	
Little Egret	1 at Branton on 1 st 1 at Warkworth on 2 nd
Whooper Swan	5 over Warkworth on 2 nd 2 at Branton Ponds on 13 th and 14 th
Shelduck	8 at Branton Ponds on 10 th
Goldeneye	19 at Branton Ponds on 17 th
Osprey	1 at Branton Ponds on 6 th 1 at Old Bewick on 16 th
Marsh Harrier	1 at East Chevington on 2 nd 1 at Druridge Pools on 3 rd 1 near Hipsburn on 10 th
Peregrine	1 at Cresswell Pond on 3 rd
Merlin	1 at Hulne Moor on 23 rd
Water Rail	1 at Branton Ponds on 7 th
Avocet	2 at Cresswell Pond on 2 nd and 6 on 3 rd
Knot	60 at Warkworth on 10 th
Grey Plover	2 at Cresswell Pond on 2 nd
Little-ringed Plover	1 at Cresswell Pond on 2 nd 6 on River Breamish on 17 th
Curlew	82 at Fenham Flats on 10 th
Whimbrel	1 at Craster on 17 th
Black-tailed Godwit	4 at Warkworth on 10 th
Greenshank	1 heard over Warkworth on 10 th
Common Sandpiper	3 at Branton Ponds on 14 th 1 at Charlton Mires flash on 17 th
Green Sandpiper	2 at Hedgeley Lakes on 6 th
Long-billed Dowitcher	1 still at Cresswell Pond on 3 rd
Iceland Gull	1 at Branton Ponds on 7 th
Lesser-black Backed Gull	61 at Branton Ponds on 7 th
Sandwich Tern	2 at Cresswell Pond on 2 nd 3 at Warkworth on 2 nd and 2 on 10 th 6 at Holy Island on 24 th
Swallow	Many in Branton by end of month 1 at Smeafields on 8 th and 2 on 18 th
Sand Martin	5+ at Branton Ponds on 1 st 2+ at Druridge Pools on 3 rd 20 near Mouldshaugh Farm on 19 th Hundreds at Branton Ponds by end of month
House Martin	1 near Ellingham on 17 th 1 at Branton on 18 th 1 at Blelford on 18 th
Pied Wagtail	27 at Branton Ponds on 1 st
Yellow Wagtail	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 20 th
Meadow Pipit	25+ at Warkworth on 10 th
Redstart	1 at Hedgeley on 16 th 1 near Shepherds Law on 26 th
Fieldfare	100+ at Botany on 17 th
Ring Ouzel	Up to 30 in College Valley on 28 th
Sedge Warbler	2 at Branton Ponds on 27 th
Common Whitethroat	1 at Branton Ponds on 24 th
Blackcap	1 at Branton Ponds on 4 th 1 at Warkworth on 10 th
Chiffchaff	Many at Branton Ponds by 14 th
Willow Warbler	1 at Branton Ponds on 5 th and several by 14 th
Great Grey Shrike	1 at Harwood Forest on 7 th
Raven	1 at Branton Ponds on 21 st 1 at Otterburn Ranges on 22 nd

Jay	2 at Smeafields on 20 th
Tree Sparrow	17+ at Smeafields on 25 th
Goldfinch	20+ at Smeafields on 25 th
Common Crossbill	7 at Harwood Forest on 7 th
Mealy Redpoll	1 at Howick on 17 th
Twite	2 at Warkworth on 10 th
MAMMALS	
Red Squirrel	2 at Harwood Village on 7 th 1 with white stripe down back at Branton on 7 th 1 at Ellingham on 17 th up to 3 all month in Branton
Otter	A Female with 3 young cubs on River Breamish on 19 th
REPTILES	
Adder	8 at Branton Ponds on 6 th and 10 on 7 th
Slow Worm	2 at Branton Ponds on 6 th
PLANTS	
Primrose	In flower at Branton Ponds on 6 th
Cowslip	In flower at Branton Ponds on 6 th
Wood Aven	In flower in Crawley Dene on 7 th
Moschatel	In flower near Ellingham on 17 th
Common Whitlow Grass	At Otterburn Ranges on 22 nd
Hares-tail Cottongrass	At Otterburn Ranges on 22 nd
Common Cottongrass	At Otterburn Ranges on 22 nd
INVERTEBRATES	
Early Bumblebee	1 at Branton Ponds on 6 th
Tree Bumblebee	1 at Branton Ponds on 19 th
Bee-fly	1 at Branton Ponds on 10 th
Small Tortoiseshell	1 at Smeafields on 19 th
Peacock	1 at Smeafields on 19 th
Velvet Mite	1 at Branton Ponds on 20 th
RAINFALL	72 mm
OBSERVERS	W Banks, M Clark, I&K Davison, G Dodds, S Fallaw,
	A&M Goodall, P Jobson, R&J Poppleton, S Reay, D&M Roughton,
	J Rutter, S Sexton, AWG Field Trip.