

	<b>SIGHTINGS APRIL 2017</b>
<b>BIRDS</b>	
Spoonbill	1 at Druridge Pools on 11 <sup>th</sup> and 2 on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Little Egret	2 at Budle Bay on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Great-white Egret	1 at Druridge Pools on 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Whooper Swan	50+ over Brandon on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Greylag Goose	2 pairs at Branton Ponds on 22 <sup>nd</sup> with a total of 12 goslings 900 at Harpers Heugh on 4 <sup>th</sup>
White-fronted Goose	1 at East Chevington on 9 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Druridge Pools on 10 <sup>th</sup>
Barnacle Goose	52 near Craster on 2 <sup>nd</sup> 34 at Harpers Heugh on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Pink-footed Goose	52 near Craster on 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2000 at Doddington till 18 <sup>th</sup> 500 at Budle Bay till 18 <sup>th</sup>
Mandarin	2 at Howick on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Green-winged Teal	1 at Druridge Pools on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Mallard	2 females at Branton Ponds on 22 <sup>nd</sup> with a total of 17 ducklings
Pintail	2 at Druridge Pools on 9 <sup>th</sup> and 4 on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Shoveler	3 at Hedgeley Lakes on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Garganey	1 at Druridge Pools on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Goldeneye	1 at Monks House Pool on 25 <sup>th</sup>
Ring-necked Duck	1 at Low Hauxley on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Pochard	2 at Druridge Pools on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Ferruginous Duck	1 at Silverlink on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Shelduck	7 at Branton Ponds on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Marsh Harrier	1 at Druridge Pools on 1 <sup>st</sup> a pair at East Chevington on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Kestrel	2 over Bewick Moors on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Merlin	1 at Fenham Flats on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Grey Partridge	19 at Ratcheugh and Snableazes on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Avocet	17 at Cresswell Pond on 9 <sup>th</sup> and 11 on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Ruff	1 at Druridge Pools on 1 <sup>st</sup> 5 at Cresswell Pond on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Redshank	7 at Hedgeley Lakes on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Greenshank	1 at Branton Ponds on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Turnstone	20 at Craster on 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Ringed Plover	6 at Hedgeley Lakes on 1 <sup>st</sup> 1 at Branton Ponds on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Green Sandpiper	1 at Branton Ponds on 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Common Sandpiper	1 at Branton Ponds on 8 <sup>th</sup> and again on 13 <sup>th</sup> 5+ at Hedgeley Lakes on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Purple Sandpiper	1 at Craster on 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Black-tailed Godwit	1 at Alnmouth on 23 <sup>rd</sup> 25 at Aln Estuary on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Whimbrel	2 at Holy Island on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Sandwich Tern	8 at Guile Point on 8 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Annstead on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Black Tern	1 at East Chevington on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Cuckoo	1 at Hawsen Burn on 29 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Harehope on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Short-eared Owl	1 at Alnwick Moor on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Tawny Owl	2 at Lemmington Hall on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Barn Owl	1 hunting at Branton Ponds all month 1 at Cresswell Pond on 11 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Fieldhouse

	on 15 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Ratcheugh on 28 <sup>th</sup> 1 hunting near Nursery House, Harehope all month
Kingfisher	1 at Hulne Park on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Swallow	3 at Branton Ponds on 16 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Lemmington Hall on 15 <sup>th</sup> 4 at Fenwick on 4 <sup>th</sup> 3 at Elwick on 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1 at Harehope Hillend on 10 <sup>th</sup>
House Martin	1 at Druridge Pools on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Sand Martin	50+ over Branton Ponds on 10 <sup>th</sup> 10 at Ingram Mill on 5 <sup>th</sup> 200+ over Branton Ponds on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Yellow Wagtail	1 at Cresswell Pond on 9 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup>
Grey Wagtail	8 at Hulne Park on 6 <sup>th</sup> 1 on River Breamish on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Water Pipit	1 at Druridge Pools on 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Shorelark	4 at Boulmer on 11 <sup>th</sup> 5 at East Chevington on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Dipper	3 at Hulne Park on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Wheatear	1 at Reaveley Greens on 1 <sup>st</sup> 1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 23 <sup>rd</sup> 50+ at Holy Island on 30 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Branton Ponds on 30 <sup>th</sup> several at Boulmer on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Stonechat	2 at Hawsen Burn on 29 <sup>th</sup> 3 at Newton Scrape on 4 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Bamburgh on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Whinchat	1 at Hawsen Burn on 29 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Holy Island on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Ring Ouzel	3 at Hawsen Burn on 29 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Holy Island on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Fieldfare	50 at Ingram on 5 <sup>th</sup> 54 at East Bolton on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Song Thrush	2 at Smeafields on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Blackcap	1 at Branton Ponds on 3 <sup>rd</sup> 5 at Longhorsley Common on 15 <sup>th</sup> 9 at Branton Ponds on 20 <sup>th</sup>
Sedge Warbler	1 at Branton Ponds on 21 <sup>st</sup> 1 at Alnmouth on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Grasshopper Warbler	2 at East Chevington on 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1 at Ratcheugh on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Willow Warbler	1 at Branton Ponds on 4 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Longhorsley Common on 15 <sup>th</sup> 14 at Branton Ponds on 20 <sup>th</sup>
Chiffchaff	4 at Howick on 2 <sup>nd</sup> 6 at Longhosley Common on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Willow Tit	1 at Longhorsley Common on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Treecreeper	2 at Howick on 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Nuthatch	3 at Howick on 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Jay	3 at Howick on 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Hooded Crow	1 at Bell's Farm, Cresswell on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Raven	2 near Ingram on 17 <sup>th</sup> 2 near Ford on 29 <sup>th</sup> 3 over Bewick Moor on 16 <sup>th</sup>
Twite	12 at East Chevington on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Lesser Redpoll	7 at Branton Ponds on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Siskin	2 at Smeafields on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Greenfinch	2 at Smeafields on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Brambling	1 at Howick on 9 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Yearle till 11 <sup>th</sup>
Common Crossbill	22 at Beanley Woods on 18 <sup>th</sup>
<b>MAMMALS</b>	
Grey Seal	2000+ at Guile Point on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Brown Hare	6 at Smeafields on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Hedgehog	1 at Powburn on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Otter	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 14 <sup>th</sup> and again on 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1 + 3 kits on River Breamish near Harehope on 10 <sup>th</sup>

Red Squirrel	2 in Branton on 27 <sup>th</sup> and up to 5 in village throughout month
<b>PLANTS</b>	
Wood Anemone	In Crawley Dene on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Moschatel	At Thrunton Woods on 15 <sup>th</sup>
<b>REPTILES</b>	
Slow Worm	1 at Branton Ponds on 30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>INSECTS</b>	
Red Admiral	1 at Branton Ponds on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Peacock	2 at Smeafields on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Small Tortoiseshell	1 at Smeafields on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Wall	1 at West Allotment on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Green-veined White	1 at Branton Ponds on 10 <sup>th</sup>
Speckled Wood	2 at Branton Ponds on 15 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup>
Orange Tip	1 at Branton Ponds on 20 <sup>th</sup> 1 near Hedgeley on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Clouded Drab	4 at Branton on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Common Quaker	6 at Branton on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Pale Pinion	1 at Branton on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Hebrew Character	3 at Branton on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Pine Beauty	1 at Branton on 16 <sup>th</sup>
Acleris literana	1 at Branton on 6 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Howick on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Streamer	1 at Howick on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Nut Tree Tussock	1 at Howick on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Coxcomb Prominent	1 at Howick on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Bee-fly	1 at Branton on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Green Tiger Beetle	1 at Kylvoe Quarry on 13 <sup>th</sup>
<b>RAINFALL</b>	13mm
<b>OBSERVERS</b>	G&R Bell, D Bush, J&E Clark, I&K Davison, G&G Dodds,
	P&A Hanmer, M McMahon, J&J Panton, S Reay, J Rutter,
	S Sexton, S Williamson, AWG group outing.