

SIGHTINGS MARCH 2018

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BIRDS	
Red-throated Diver	5 at Stag Rocks on 11 th
Great-crested Grebe	Pair at Branton Ponds on 26 th
Whooper Swan	2 at Branton Ponds on 11 th 27 at Titlington Mount on 14 th flying north 5 over Brandon on 20 th
Canada Goose	6 at Annstead on 31 st
Long-tailed Duck	7 at Stag Rocks on 11 th
Common Scoter	200+ at Stag Rocks on 11 th
Goldeneye	24 at Branton Ponds on 7 th
Shoveller	Pair at Branton Ponds on 7 th
Shelduck	4 at Branton Ponds on 7 th 2 at Annstead on 31 st
Osprey	1 at Budle Bay on 16 th
Hen Harrier	1 at Smeafield on 7 th
Peregrine	1 near Rothill on 7 th 1 at Boulmer on 18 th
Rough-legged Buzzard	2 over Rothbury on 19 th
Water Rail	1 at Branton Ponds on 24 th
Woodcock	9 at Howick Hall on 2 nd 1 at Branton Ponds on 10 th
Golden Plover	20+ at Boulmer on 18 th
Curlew	80+ at Boulmer on 18 th
Bar-tailed Godwit	38 at Boulmer on 18 th
Spotted Redshank	1 at Budle Bay on 11 th
Redshank	3 at Branton Ponds on 22 nd
Grey Phalarope	1 at Low Newton scrape from 27 th
Kittiwake	1 at Howick on 2 nd
Mediterranean Gull	1 at Howick on 2 nd
Black-headed Gull	300+ at Howick on 2 nd
Lesser Black-backed Gull	3 at Budle Bay on 11 th
Common Gull	100+ at Howick on 2 nd
Barn Owl	2 at Branton Ponds on 7 th 1 at Howick on 3 rd
Meadow Pipit	29 at Branton Ponds on 25 th
Song Thrush	1 at Smeafield on 1 st
Fieldfare	150+ at Shepherds Law on 11 th
Chiffchaff	1 at Branton Ponds on 22 nd
Siskin	2 at Smeafield on 15 th
Goldfinch	31 at Smeafield on 15 th and 42 on 30 th
Greenfinch	2 at Smeafield on 12 th
Hawfinch	1 at Eglington on 27 th
Tree Sparrow	37 at Branton on 15 th
MAMMALS	
Badger	Tracks in snow at Branton Ponds on 7 th
Stoat	1 in full ermine at Branton Ponds on 10 th
Weasel	1 seen in an Amble garden last month
Otter	Female seen with 3 youngsters at Hedgeley Lakes during month.
Red Squirrel	2 at Hepburn Woods on 24 th 1 at Branton on 26 th
Hedgehog	1 at Branton on 23 rd 1 at Smeafield on 25 th
REPTILES	
Adder	2 at Branton on 7 th and 6 on 9 th with 8 on 13 th rising to 11 on 20 th
Slow Worm	1 near Branton Ponds on 29 th
AMPHIBIANS	
Frog	Several with frogspawn at Branton Ponds on 24 th
INVERTEBRATES	

Buff-tailed Bumblebee	1 at Hepburn Woods on 24 th 1 at Branton Ponds on 24 th
White-tailed Bumblebee	1 at Brandon on 24 th
PLANTS	
Coltsfoot	In flower at Hepburn Woods on 24 th at Branton Ponds on 24 th
RAINFALL	114mm
OBSERVERS	C Brewster, I&K Davison, J Dean, G Dunn, K Griffin, S Reay, S Sexton, D Taylor.