

SIGHTINGS APRIL 2017

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

Kingfisher	1 at Hulne Park on 6th
Swallow	3 at Branton Ponds on 16th 2 at Lemmington Hall on 15th 4 at Fenwick on 4th 3 at Elwick on 3rd 1 at Harehope Hillend on 10th
House Martin	1 at Druridge Pools on 11th
Sand Martin	50+ over Branton Ponds on 10th 10 at Ingram Mill on 5th 200+ over Branton Ponds on 28th
Yellow Wagtail	1 at Cresswell Pond on 9th and 19th
Grey Wagtail	8 at Hulne Park on 6th 1 on River Breamish on 23rd
Water Pipit	1 at Druridge Pools on 1st and 3rd
Shorelark	4 at Boulmer on 11th 5 at East Chevington on 6th
Dipper	3 at Hulne Park on 6th
Wheatear	1 at Reaveley Greens on 1st 1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 23rd 50+ at Holy Island on 30th 1 at Branton Ponds on 30th several at Boulmer on 13th
Stonechat	2 at Hawsen Burn on 29th 3 at Newton Scrape on 4th 1 at Bamburgh on 4th
Whinchat	1 at Hawsen Burn on 29th 1 at Holy Island on 30th
Ring Ouzel	3 at Hawsen Burn on 29th 1 at Holy Island on 30th
Fieldfare	50 at Ingram on 5th 54 at East Bolton on 23rd
Song Thrush	2 at Smeafield on 11th
Blackcap	1 at Branton Ponds on 3rd 5 at Longhorsley Common on 15th 9 at Branton Ponds on 20th
Sedge Warbler	1 at Branton Ponds on 21st 1 at Alnmouth on 23rd
Grasshopper Warbler	2 at East Chevington on 23rd 1 at Ratcheugh on 28th
Willow Warbler	1 at Branton Ponds on 4th 1 at Longhorsley Common on 15th 14 at Branton Ponds on 20th
Chiffchaff	4 at Howick on 2nd 6 at Longhosley Common on 15th
Willow Tit	1 at Longhorsley Common on 15th
Treecreeper	2 at Howick on 2nd
Nuthatch	3 at Howick on 2nd
Jay	3 at Howick on 2nd
Hooded Crow	1 at Bell's Farm, Cresswell on 15th
Raven	2 near Ingram on 17th 2 near Ford on 29th 3 over Bewick Moor on 16th
Twite	12 at East Chevington on 6th
Lesser Redpoll	7 at Branton Ponds on 4th
Siskin	2 at Smeafield on 11th
Greenfinch	2 at Smeafield on 11th
Brambling	1 at Howick on 9th 1 at Yearle till 11th
Common Crossbill	22 at Beanley Woods on 18th
MAMMALS	
Grey Seal	2000+ at Guile Point on 8th
Brown Hare	6 at Smeafield on 26th
Hedgehog	1 at Powburn on 19th
Otter	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 14th and again on 23rd 1 + 3 kits on River Breamish near Harehope on 10th
Red Squirrel	2 in Branton on 27th and up to 5 in village throughout month
PLANTS	

Wood Anemone	In Crawley Dene on 1st
Moschatel	At Thrunton Woods on 15th
REPTILES	
Slow Worm	1 at Branton Ponds on 30th
INSECTS	
Red Admiral	1 at Branton Ponds on 4th
Peacock	2 at Smeafield on 4th
Small Tortoiseshell	1 at Smeafield on 6th
Wall	1 at West Allotment on 9th
Green-veined White	1 at Branton Ponds on 10th
Speckled Wood	2 at Branton Ponds on 15th and 20th
Orange Tip	1 at Branton Ponds on 20th 1 near Hedgeley on 23rd
Clouded Drab	4 at Branton on 8th
Common Quaker	6 at Branton on 8th
Pale Pinion	1 at Branton on 8th
Hebrew Character	3 at Branton on 8th
Pine Beauty	1 at Branton on 16th
Acleris literana	1 at Branton on 6th 1 at Howick on 21st
Streamer	1 at Howick on 22nd
Nut Tree Tussock	1 at Howick on 21st
Coxcomb Prominent	1 at Howick on 21st
Bee-fly	1 at Branton on 4th
Green Tiger Beetle	1 at Kyloe Quarry on 13th
RAINFALL	13mm
OBSERVERS	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.