

SIGHTINGS OCTOBER 2015

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BIRDS	
Black-throated Diver	1 at Birling Carrs on 26 th
Red-throated Diver	1 off Howick on 3 rd 20 at Birling Carrs on 26 th
Great Crested Grebe	3 at Branton Ponds on 18 th 1 at Birling Carrs on 26 th
Little Grebe	8 at Branton Ponds on 18 th
Cormorant	8 at Branton Ponds on 2 nd
Bittern	1 (probable) in Glanton-Eglingham area on 30 th
Little Egret	7 at Warkworth on 26 th 4 at Holy Island on 8 th and 2 at Budle Bay on 27 th 16 at Smeafields on 9 th
Whooper Swan	6 at Branton Ponds on 23 rd 4 at Turvelaws near Wooler on 7 th
Greylag Goose	100 at Budle Bay on 9 th
White-fronted Goose	1 of the form "albifrons"(eurasian) at Branton Ponds on 29 th
Pink-footed Goose	100+ near Warkworth on 26 th 1000 at Budle Bay on 9 th 300 over Wooler on 15 th and 20 on 27 th 3000 at Smeafields on 9 th
Brent Goose	330 at Fenham Flats on 18 th
Barnacle Goose	22 at Howick on 3 rd 200 at Smeafield on 9 th
Bean Goose sp.	5 over Holy Island on 4 th
Goldeneye	1 at Branton Ponds on 2 nd 9 at Branton Ponds on 18 th
Gadwall	6 at Branton Ponds on 3 rd and 8 on 19 th
Wigeon	9900 at Fenham Flats on 18 th 200+ at Warkworth on 26 th 44 at Branton Ponds on 18 th
Common Scoter	13 at Birling Carrs on 26 th
Goosander	55 at Branton Ponds on 7 th
Peregrine	1 at Boulmer on 2 nd 2 near Warkworth on 26 th 2 at Elwick on 27 th
Woodcock	1 at Craster on 6 th 8 on Holy Island on 29 th 1 near Glanton on 29 th
Jack Snipe	1 at Fenham Flats on 18 th 1 at High Humbleton on 22 nd
Turnstone	40+ at Stag Rock on 12 th
White-rumped Sandpiper	1 at Stag Rocks on 18 th for 4 th day
Spotted Redshank	1 at Budle Bay on 6 th
Greenshank	1 at Branton Ponds on 1 st and 2 nd
Golden Plover	2500 at Fenham Flats on 29 th
Grey Plover	18+ at Birling Carrs on 26 th
Knot	10+ at Birling Carrs on 26 th
Sanderling	2 at Birling Carrs on 26 th
Lesser Black Backed Gull	44 at Branton Ponds on 7 th
Great Black Backed Gull	1 at Branton Ponds on 7 th
Barn Owl	1 at Bamburgh on 27 th and 1 at Wooler on 27 th 1 at Alnwick on 30 th 2 at Elwick all month
Tawny Owl	1 at Branton Ponds on 1 st 1 at Howick on 26 th 1 at Alnwick on 27 th
Short Eared Owl	1 at Holy Island on 8 th 1 at Bamburgh on 27 th
Kingfisher	1 at Branton Ponds on 8 th and 11 th 2 at Branton Ponds on 16 th
Skylark	10+ at Newton Point on 31 st
Swallow	1 at Newton Scrape on 31 st
Pied Wagtail	30 at Lowick on 11 th
Grey Wagtail	1 at Smeafields on 16 th
Wheatear	1 at Low Newton on 11 th
Redwing	1 at Budle Point on 6 th 20+ at Budle Point on 12 th 30+ at Ashington on 5 th several hundred on Holy Island on 29 th
Fieldfare	90+ at Budle Point on 12 th 150+ on Holy Island on 29 th
Blackbird	Several hundred on Holy Island on 29 th
Ring Ouzel	1 at Budle Point on 6 th 1 at Holy Island on 8 th
Song Thrush	20+ at Craster on 6 th
Blackcap	4 at Branton Ponds on 1 st 2 at Craster on 6 th
Barred Warbler	1 at Holy Island on 13 th and a second bird on 14 th
Chiffchaff	4 at Craster on 6 th 5 on Holy Island on 14 th 1 at Branton Ponds on 20 th 1 at Howick on 26 th 1 at Holy Island on 29 th 1 at Low Newton on 31 st
Radde's Warbler	1 at Holy Island on 8 th
Yellow-browed Warbler	3 at Holy Island on 4 th 1 at Howick on 4 th 3 at Craster on 6 th 2 on Holy Island on 14 th

Goldcrest	Several around Branton Ponds on 2 nd 6+ at Craster on 6 th many on Holy Island on 13 th
Bearded Tit	3 at Holy Island on 13 th and 1 on 14 th
Long-tailed Tit	8 at Branton Ponds on 1 st
Treecreeper	1 at Spindlestone on 27 th
Jay	2 at Branton Ponds on 24 th 1 at Spindlestone on 27 th
Lesser Redpoll	2 at Low Newton on 31 st
Crossbill	3 at Warkworth on 4 th several at Holystone Woods on 25 th
Brambling	1 at Ashington on 5 th 2 at Holy Island on 15 th 1 at Spindlestone on 27 th 1 at Low Newton on 31 st 30+ near Lilburn on 31 st
Goldfinch	120 at Fenham Flats on 18 th 18 at Smeafield on 9 th
Reed Bunting	20+ at Budle Point on 6 th
Lapland Bunting	1 at Holy Island on 4 th 1 at Fenham Flats on 18 th
PLANTS	
Cowberry	In berry and in flower at Thrunton Woods on 24 th
Bilberry	At Thrunton Woods on 24 th
MAMMALS	
Red Squirrel	1 at Branton Ponds on 1 st and 4 on 2 nd 1 at Ellingham on 12 th 1 at Beanley on 17 th 1 at Lilburn on 18 th 2 at Spindlestone on 27 th 1 in Branton on 30 th
Stoat	1 youngster at Holy Island on 8 th
Roe Deer	10 at Holy Island on 13 th
INVERTEBRATES	
Southern Hawker	3 at Branton Ponds on 1 st and 1 on 7 th 1 in Branton on 21 st
Common Darter	Several at Branton Ponds on 1 st
Red Admiral	1 at Yearle on 1 st and 7 on 2 nd
Small Tortoiseshell	1 at Yearle on 1 st and 2 on 2 nd
Peacock	1 at Yearle on 2 nd
Speckled Wood	2 at Branton Ponds on 1 st 1 at Holy Island on 13 th
Silver Y	1 at Yearle on 1 st and 2 nd
December Moth	1 at Branton on 29 th
Feathered Thorn	2 at Branton on 29 th
Angle Shades	1 at Branton on 25 th
Red Swordgrass	1 at Howick on 10 th
Merveille du Jour	1 at Branton on 5 th 1 at Howick on 10 th
Canary Shouldered Thorn	1 at Branton on 5 th
Spruce Carpet	1 at Branton on 5 th
Setaceous Hebrew Character	1 at Branton on 5 th
Pink-barred Sallow	1 at Branton on 5 th
Large Wainscot	1 at Howick on 10 th
Brick	1 at Branton on 25 th
FUNGI	
Porcelain Fungi	At Roughting Linn on 10 th
Parrot Waxcap	At Shepherds Law on 23 rd
Crimson Waxcap	At Shepherds Law on 26 th
Honey Waxcap	At Shepherds Law on 23 rd
Blackening Waxcap	At Shepherds Law on 23 rd
Meadow Waxcap	At Shepherds Law on 23 rd
Meadow Coral	At Shepherds Law on 23 rd
Common Puffball	At Holystone Woods on 25 th
Dusky Puffball	At Holystone Woods on 25 th
Downy Milkcap	At Beanley Woods on 26 th
Amethyst Deceiver	At Beanley Woods on 26 th
Hoof Fungus	At Beanley Woods on 26 th
Birch Polypore	At Beanley Woods on 26 th
RAINFALL	53mm
OBSERVERS	G&R Bell, I&K Davison, G Dodds, G Dunn, P Jobson, K Mundy, R&J Poppleton, S Reay, J Rutter, S Sexton.