

SIGHTINGS APRIL 2013

BIRDS	
Great Crested Grebe	1 (1 st) at Branton Ponds
Bittern	1 at Newton Pool (7 th)
Little Egret	1 at Fenham Flats (14 th)
Brent Goose	29 at Fenham Flats (14 th)
Shelduck	16 (26 th), 52 (27 th), 100+ (29 th) at Elwick
Pintail	17 at Fenham le Moor (14 th), 2 at Elwick (26 th)
Gadwall	4 at Branton Ponds (25 th)
Mallard	12 at Elwick (26 th)
Teal	8 at Elwick (26 th)
Goldeneye	17 at Branton Ponds (1 st)
Pochard	2 at Branton Ponds (13 th)
Common Scoter	2 at Fenham Flats (14 th)
Eider	95 at Fenham Flats (14 th)
Red-breasted Merganser	7 at Fenham Flats (14 th)
Long-tailed Duck	2 at Fenham Flats (14 th)
Peregrine	1 at Fenham Flats (14 th), 1 at Holy Island causeway (23 rd)
Grey Partridge	2 in Branton (2 nd)
Water Rail	2 at Branton Ponds (11 th)
Common Crane	7 over Shipley Lodge (22 nd), 1 at Elwick (21 st)
Woodcock	2 at Kimmer Lough (17 th), 1 at Hulne Moor (17 th)
Little Ringed Plover	1 at Hedgeley (21 st), 2 on Holy Island (23 rd), a pair on the River Breamish (27 th)
Golden Plover	14 at Fenham le Moor (14 th)
Dunlin	1 at Branton Ponds (17 th)
Common Sandpiper	1 at Branton Ponds (11 th), 1 at Hulne Park (21 st)
Green Sandpiper	1 near Netherwitton (8 th)
Greenshank	1 at Bradford Kaims (23 rd)
Ruff	1 at Boulmer (7 th), 1 at Elwick Flash (23 rd)
Black-tailed Godwit	1 on Holy Island (23 rd)
Whimbrel	1 at Rumbling Kern (21 st)
Curlew	47 at Branton Ponds (4 th)
Common Gull	200+ at Branton Ponds (12 th)
Lesser Black-backed Gull	18 at Branton Ponds (9 th), 70+ at Branton Ponds (12 th)
Iceland Gull	1 at Branton Ponds (10 th)
Arctic Tern	1 at Branton Ponds (30 th)
Sandwich Tern	1 at Boulmer (7 th)
Cuckoo	1 near the Eglingham Burn (30 th)
Little Owl	1 at Elwick (24 th)
Short-eared Owl	1 at Alnwick Moor (24 th)
Tawny Owl	1 near Beanley (24 th)
Swift	3 at Branton Ponds (26 th), 2 near Weldon Bridge (29 th)

Kingfisher	1 at Branton Ponds throughout the month, 1 at Hulne Park (21 st)
Skylark	9 at Hulne Moor (17 th)
Sand Martin	Several over Branton Ponds (13 th), several near Felton (13 th), 5 at Rumbling Kern (21 st)
House Martin	2 (13 th), 10+ (18 th) over Branton Ponds
Swallow	Several over Branton Ponds (13 th), 1 at Bolton (15 th), 2 at Hulne Moor (17 th), 4 at Elwick (12 th)
Tree Pipit	Several at Thrunton Woods (27 th)
Meadow Pipit	44 at Hulne Moor (17 th)
Yellow Wagtail	1 at Branton Ponds (18 th), 1 at Elwick Flash (23 rd), 1 at Smeafield (28 th)
Grey Wagtail	1 at Brandon Ford (6 th), 2 near Lesbury (11 th)
Pied Wagtail	1 "White" Wagtail at Branton Ponds (19 th)
Dipper	1 pair on eggs at Ingram (26 th) and 3 nests with eggs at Hulne Park (27 th)
Wheatear	1 at Howick (7 th), 4 at Rumbling Kern (21 st) several on Holy Island (23 rd), 6(of the Greenland race)near the Eglington Burn (30 th)
Redstart	1 at Hulne Park (21 st), 1 at Thrunton Woods (27 th), several near the Eglington Burn (30 th)
Black Redstart	1 in a garden at Embleton (9 th)
Redwing	2 at Branton (4 th)
Fieldfare	30 near Roddam (13 th)
Sedge Warbler	1 at Branton Ponds (22 nd)
Blackcap	1 at Branton Ponds (19 th), 2 near the Eglington Burn (30 th)
Chiffchaff	1 at Howick (7 th), 3 at Branton Ponds (9 th), 1 near Low Angerton (8 th), 2 near Lesbury (11 th), 3 at Rumbling Kern (21 st)
Willow Warbler	2 at Branton Ponds (16 th) and many by the 17 th
Common Whitethroat	1 at Branton Ponds (28 th)
Pied Flycatcher	1 at East Bolton (17 th)
Marsh Tit	1 near Felton (13 th)
Willow Tit	1 at Branton Ponds (19 th)
Jay	2 at Hulne Park (21 st)
Siskin	7 at Titlington Mount (10 th)
Lesser Redpoll	1 at Titlington Mount (10 th)
FISH	
Perch	1 dead at Branton Ponds (17 th)
MAMMALS	
Mink	1 on River Breamish near Branton (1 st)
Brown Hare	6 at Brandon (24 th), several near the Eglington Burn (30 th)
Grey Squirrel	1 in a wood east of Eglington (30 th)
REPTILES	
Adder	3 at Branton Ponds (6 th), and 4 (7 th), 7 (13 th)
Slow worm	1 at Branton Ponds (7 th), 2 (13 th)
AMPHIBIANS	
Common Newt	1 in Branton (9 th)

PLANTS	
Opposite-leaved Saxifrage	Near Felton (13 th)
Butterbur	In flower near Felton (13 th)
Centaury	Dried stems in a wet flush beside the Eglington Burn (30 th)
INVERTEBRATES	
Peacock Butterfly	1 at Branton (15 th), 1 at Howick (21 st), 1 near Eglington (30 th)
Small Tortoiseshell	1 at Howick (21 st)
RAINFALL	11.3mm
OBSERVERS	W Banks, R Bell, I&K Davison, G Dodds, P Hanmer, A Keeble, M McMahon, NNBC, R&J Poppleton, S Reay, J Rutter, S Sexton, H Tindle.

As the weather is (hopefully) picking up and more people are taking walks along the Northumberland coastline, **Northumberland Wildlife Trust** is calling on members of the public to keep their eyes peeled for stranded or dead animals on local beaches.

Earlier this month, the wildlife charity received reports from the public of 6 porpoises being stranded at various locations and has started receiving calls regarding a number of stranded seals, included young seals.

Should anybody find either a stranded or dead seal, whale, dolphin or porpoise on any of the region's beaches, it would be really helpful if they could contact Steve Lowe, Head of Conservation at the Trust on: 0191 284 6884 or via email: steve.lowe@northwt.org.uk with the exact location, and, if possible, a digital photo of the animal.