

**SIGHTINGS APRIL 2015****BIRDS**

Great-crested Grebe	3 at Branton Ponds on 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 on 22 <sup>nd</sup> (paired up)
Little Grebe	4 at Hedgeley Ponds on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Little Egret	2 at Warkworth on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Brent Goose	2(pale bellied) at Fenham Flats on 20 <sup>th</sup>
Mallard	Female with 13 ducklings at Branton Ponds on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Mandarin Duck	2 (males) at Warkworth Lane on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Goldeneye	12 at Branton Ponds on 25 <sup>th</sup>
Pintail	1 at Fenham Flats on 20 <sup>th</sup>
Red-breasted Merganser	5 at Guile Point on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Red Kite	2 at Derwent Valley C.P. on 16 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Brizlee Wood on 25 <sup>th</sup>
Marsh Harrier	1 near Warkworth on 12 <sup>th</sup>
Merlin	1 in College Valley on 10 <sup>th</sup>
Peregrine	1 at Warkworth on 6 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Alnwick Moor on 25 <sup>th</sup>
Sparrowhawk	1 at Branton Ponds on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Black Grouse	54 in Langdon Beck area on 16 <sup>th</sup> 1 near Blanchland on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Water Rail	1 at Branton Ponds on 7 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Warkworth on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Woodcock	1 at Smeafield on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Jack Snipe	1 at Warkworth on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Common Sandpiper	1 at Branton Ponds on 17 <sup>th</sup> 2 pairs on River Breamish on 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2 on Wooler Water on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Little Ringed Plover	1 at Hedgeley on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Ringed Plover	29 at Fenham Flats on 19 <sup>th</sup> 11 at Warkworth on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Golden Plover	325 at Fenham Flats on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Grey Plover	1 at Boulmer on 11 <sup>th</sup> 218 at Fenham Flats on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Sanderling	35 at Boulmer on 11 <sup>th</sup> 3 at Fenham Flats on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Knot	90 at Fenham Flats on 19 <sup>th</sup> 19 at Warkworth on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Dunlin	151 at Fenham Flats on 19 <sup>th</sup> 89 at Warkworth on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Whimbrel	1 at Fenham Flats on 20 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Howick on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Curlew	196 at Fenham Flats on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Greenshank	1 at Branton Ponds on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Bar-tailed Godwit	6 at Boulmer on 11 <sup>th</sup> 150 at Fenham Flats on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Lesser Black-backed Gull	27 at Branton Ponds on 10 <sup>th</sup>
Sandwich Tern	At Warkworth on 12 <sup>th</sup> 14 at Guile Point on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Cuckoo	1 at Brizlee Wood on 25 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Titlington Mount on 26 <sup>th</sup> 1 near Longframlington Common on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Short-eared Owl	1 at Warkworth on 6 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> 1 near Langdon Beck on 16 <sup>th</sup> 1 near Blanchland on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Barn Owl	1 at Warkworth on 6 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Branton on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Swallow	6 at Branton Ponds on 11 <sup>th</sup> 3 at Howick on 15 <sup>th</sup> 3 at Craster on 18 <sup>th</sup> 5 at Elwick on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Sand Martin	22 at Wooler Water on 9 <sup>th</sup> 100+ at Branton Ponds on 11 <sup>th</sup> and 400+ at Branton Ponds on 27 <sup>th</sup>
House Martin	In Glanton on 13 <sup>th</sup> 4 at Craster on 18 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Branton Ponds on 24 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Smeafield on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Grey Wagtail	2 at Langleeford on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Dipper	1 at Wooler Water on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Nightingale	1 at Holy Island on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Wheatear	2 at Smeafield on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Redstart	1 at Ford Moss on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Song Thrush	1 fledged bird at Smeafield on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Fieldfare	15 at Branton on 7 <sup>th</sup>

Redwing	1 at Branton Ponds on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Ring Ouzel	5 at Hawsen Burn on 21 <sup>st</sup> 1 near Blanchland on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Reed Warbler	1 at Warkworth on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Grasshopper Warbler	1 at Warkworth on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Common Whitethroat	1 at Branton Ponds on 27 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Warkworth on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Sedge Warbler	1 at Branton Ponds on 21 <sup>st</sup> and several by the 25 <sup>th</sup>
Garden Warbler	1 at Branton Ponds on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Blackcap	1 at Branton Ponds on 10 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Howick on 11 <sup>th</sup> 7+ at Craster on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Chiffchaff	1 at Warkworth on 6 <sup>th</sup> 9 at Ford Moss on 18 <sup>th</sup> 14 at Ford Moss on 18 <sup>th</sup> 12+ at Craster on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Willow Warbler	Several at Branton Ponds on 11 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Thrunton Woods on 11 <sup>th</sup> 3 at Craster on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Wood Warbler	1 at Branton Ponds on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Willow Tit	2 at Craster on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Jay	3 over Brandon Ford on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Greenfinch	2 at Smeafield on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Common Crossbill	3 in College Valley on 10 <sup>th</sup>
Lesser Redpoll	3 at Wooler Water on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Reed Bunting	8 at Ford Moss on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Yellowhammer	6 at Ford Moss on 18 <sup>th</sup>
<b>REPTILES</b>	
Adder	9 at Branton Ponds on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Slow Worm	1 at Branton Ponds on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Common Lizard	2 in College Valley on 10 <sup>th</sup>
<b>PLANTS</b>	
Wood Anemone	In flower at Weldon Bridge on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Stags horn club-moss	At College Valley on 10 <sup>th</sup>
Meadow Saxifrage	Near Wooler Water on 27 <sup>th</sup>
<b>INSECTS</b>	
Peacock Butterfly	1 at West Hill (Fawdon) on 5 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Branton Ponds on 5 <sup>th</sup> and many by 21 <sup>st</sup>
Orange Tip	1 near Hedgeley on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Small White	1 at Branton Ponds on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Green-veined White	1 near Riding Mill on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Pine Beauty	1 at Howick on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Shoulder Stripe	1 at Branton on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Twenty-plume moth	1 at Branton on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Tawny-mining Bee	1 at Branton on 16 <sup>th</sup>
Garden Bumblebee	1 at Branton on 16 <sup>th</sup>
Red-tailed Bumblebee	1 at Branton on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Bee Fly	1 at Branton on 10 <sup>th</sup>
Oieceptoma thoracicum	2 at Branton Ponds on 21 <sup>st</sup>
<b>MAMMALS</b>	
Red Squirrel	1 at Branton on 7 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Thrunton Woods on 11 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Branton on 13 <sup>th</sup>
	1 at Branton Ponds on 17 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup>
Bat(spp)	Several probably Pipistrelle at Branton Ponds on 17 <sup>th</sup>
Otter	1 at Hedgeley on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Water Shrew	1 at Langleeford on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Grey Seal	1000+ at Guile Point on 5 <sup>th</sup>
<b>RAINFALL</b>	33mm
<b>OBSERVERS</b>	I&K Davison, T Dean, G Dodds, P Jobson, R&J Poppleton, S Reay, J Rutter, S Sexton.