

SIGHTINGS APRIL 2016

BIRDS	
Little Egret	1 at Branton on 1st 1 at Warkworth on 2nd
Whooper Swan	5 over Warkworth on 2nd 2 at Branton Ponds on 13th and 14th
Shelduck	8 at Branton Ponds on 10th
Goldeneye	19 at Branton Ponds on 17th
Osprey	1 at Branton Ponds on 6th 1 at Old Bewick on 16th
Marsh Harrier	1 at East Chevington on 2nd 1 at Druridge Pools on 3rd 1 near Hipsburn on 10th
Peregrine	1 at Cresswell Pond on 3rd
Merlin	1 at Hulne Moor on 23rd
Water Rail	1 at Branton Ponds on 7th
Avocet	2 at Cresswell Pond on 2nd and 6 on 3rd
Knot	60 at Warkworth on 10th
Grey Plover	2 at Cresswell Pond on 2nd
Little-ringed Plover	1 at Cresswell Pond on 2nd 6 on River Breamish on 17th
Curlew	82 at Fenham Flats on 10th
Whimbrel	1 at Craster on 17th
Black-tailed Godwit	4 at Warkworth on 10th
Greenshank	1 heard over Warkworth on 10th
Common Sandpiper	3 at Branton Ponds on 14th 1 at Charlton Mires flash on 17th
Green Sandpiper	2 at Hedgeley Lakes on 6th
Long-billed Dowitcher	1 still at Cresswell Pond on 3rd
Iceland Gull	1 at Branton Ponds on 7th
Lesser-black Backed Gull	61 at Branton Ponds on 7th
Sandwich Tern	2 at Cresswell Pond on 2nd 3 at Warkworth on 2nd and 2 on 10th 6 at Holy Island on 24th
Swallow	Many in Branton by end of month 1 at Smeafield on 8th and 2 on 18th
Sand Martin	5+ at Branton Ponds on 1st 2+ at Druridge Pools on 3rd 20 near Mouldshaugh Farm on 19th Hundreds at Branton Ponds by end of month
House Martin	1 near Ellingham on 17th 1 at Branton on 18th 1 at Blelford on 18th
Pied Wagtail	27 at Branton Ponds on 1st
Yellow Wagtail	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 20th
Meadow Pipit	25+ at Warkworth on 10th
Redstart	1 at Hedgeley on 16th 1 near Shepherds Law on 26th
Fieldfare	100+ at Botany on 17th
Ring Ouzel	Up to 30 in College Valley on 28th
Sedge Warbler	2 at Branton Ponds on 27th
Common Whitethroat	1 at Branton Ponds on 24th
Blackcap	1 at Branton Ponds on 4th 1 at Warkworth on 10th
Chiffchaff	Many at Branton Ponds by 14th
Willow Warbler	1 at Branton Ponds on 5th and several by 14th
Great Grey Shrike	1 at Harwood Forest on 7th
Raven	1 at Branton Ponds on 21st 1 at Otterburn Ranges on 22nd
Jay	2 at Smeafield on 20th
Tree Sparrow	17+ at Smeafield on 25th

Goldfinch	20+ at Smeafield on 25th
Common Crossbill	7 at Harwood Forest on 7th
Mealy Redpoll	1 at Howick on 17th
Twite	2 at Warkworth on 10th
MAMMALS	
Red Squirrel	2 at Harwood Village on 7th 1 with white stripe down back at Branton on 7th 1 at Ellingham on 17th up to 3 all month in Branton
Otter	A Female with 3 young cubs on River Breamish on 19th
REPTILES	
Adder	8 at Branton Ponds on 6th and 10 on 7th
Slow Worm	2 at Branton Ponds on 6th
PLANTS	
Primrose	In flower at Branton Ponds on 6th
Cowslip	In flower at Branton Ponds on 6th
Wood Aven	In flower in Crawley Dene on 7th
Moschatel	In flower near Ellingham on 17th
Common Whitlow Grass	At Otterburn Ranges on 22nd
Hares-tail Cottongrass	At Otterburn Ranges on 22nd
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INVERTEBRATES	
Early Bumblebee	1 at Branton Ponds on 6th
Tree Bumblebee	1 at Branton Ponds on 19th
Bee-fly	1 at Branton Ponds on 10th
Small Tortoiseshell	1 at Smeafield on 19th
Peacock	1 at Smeafield on 19th
Velvet Mite	1 at Branton Ponds on 20th
RAINFALL	72 mm
OBSERVERS	W Banks, M Clark, I&K Davison, G Dodds, S Fallaw, A&M Goodall, P Jobson, R&J Poppleton, S Reay, D&M Roughton, J Rutter, S Sexton, AWG Field Trip.