

## SIGHTINGS APRIL 2018

BIRDS	
Red-throated Diver	1 at Holy Island on 7th 20+ at Cheswick on 8th
Black-throated Diver	2+ at Cheswick on 8th
Great-northern Diver	4 at Cheswick on 8th
Great-crested Grebe	3 at Branton Ponds on 5th
Manx Shearwater	2 past Craster on 30th
Glossy Ibis	1 at Holy Island on 28th 1 at Druridge Pools on 30th
Spoonbill	1 at Druridge on 24th
Whooper Swan	18 at Branton Ponds on 4th and 5th
Barnacle Goose	1 at Low Newton on 9th
Pink-footed Goose	100+ over Alnwick on various dates from 14th -23rd
Greylag Goose	2 pairs with a total of 11 young at Branton Ponds on 27th
Mallard	With young at Branton Ponds on 27th
Garganey	1 at Druridge Pools on 28th and 2 on 30th
Black Scoter	1 at Holy Island on 7th and 8th
Marsh Harrier	1 at East Chevington on 28th
Osprey	1 on River Breamish near Hedgeley on 19th 1 at Thrunton Fishing Lakes twice during month
Sparrowhawk	1 at Branton on 13th
Peregrine	1 at Branton Ponds on 21st
Merlin	1 on Holy Island on 12th
Grey Partridge	1 near South Charlton on 14th
Jack Snipe	1 on Holy Island on 12th
Avocet	8 at Cresswell Pond on 28th and 9 on 30th
Little-ringed Plover	2 at Hedgeley Lakes on 19th and 3 on 21st
Ringed Plover	2 at Hedgeley Lakes on 1st and 5+ on 19th
Ruff	1 at Druridge Pools on 28th 1 at Cresswell Pond on 30th
Knot	1 at Cresswell Pond on 28th
Whimbrel	2 at East Chevington on 28th a flock at East Chevington on 30th 1 at Holy Island on 27th 1 at Craster on 28th
Spotted Redshank	1 at Budle Bay on 8th
Common Sandpiper	1 at Branton Ponds on 9th 4 at Hedgeley Lakes on 21st
Purple Sandpiper	20 at Craster Harbour all month
Green Sandpiper	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 19th
Little Gull	1 at Monks House Pool on 24th
Yellow-legged Gull	1 at Budle Bay on 8th
Common Tern	6 at East Chevington on 28th
Sandwich Tern	6 at Holy Island on 7th 1 at Newton Point on 14th
Ring-necked Parakeet	2 at Belford GC on 27th
Cuckoo	2 at Holystone Woods on 28th
Long-eared Owl	1 at Holy Island on 4th and again on 8th
Barn Owl	1 at Branton Ponds on 5th 1 at Howick throughout month
Tawny Owl	1 at Alnwick on 14th
House Martin	5 at Branton Ponds on 11th
Sand Martin	6 at Branton Ponds on 6th 50+ at Hedgeley Lakes on 21st
Swallow	1 at Holy Island on 8th 2 at Branton Ponds on 11th 1 at Glanton on 18th several over Branton Ponds on 27th 1 at Elwick on 8th
Swift	1 at Branton Ponds on 27th 1 at East Chevington on 30th
Water Pipit	1 at Druridge on 15th
Meadow Pipit	60+ over Branton Ponds on 1st

Yellow Wagtail	2 at Low Newton scrape on 14th 1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 18th 1 at Boulmer on 29th 1 at Howick on 23rd 1 at Druridge on 29th classed as Channel Wagtail, 3 at Low Newton on 17th
Grey Wagtail	2 at Branton Ponds on 13th
White-spotted Bluethroat	1 at Newbiggin on 1st
Wheatear	2 at Holy Island on 7th 1 at Alnwick Moor on 21st 1 at Branton Ponds on 24th 3 at Seahouses on 24th 3 at Cresswell Pond on 30th
Fieldfare	120+ over Branton on 5th
Ring Ouzel	1 at Holy Island on 8th
Common Whitethroat	1 at Druridge Pools on 28th
Lesser Whitethroat	1 at Howick on 14th 1 at Craster on 20th
Reed Warbler	1 at East Chevington on 28th
Sedge Warbler	1 at Branton Ponds on 21st
Grasshopper Warbler	1 at Howick on 20th 1 at Branton Ponds on 30th
Blackcap	1 at Branton Ponds on 7th 6+ at Branton Ponds on 15th
Garden Warbler	1 at Branton Ponds on 23rd
Chiffchaff	7 at Branton Ponds on 8th
Willow Warbler	1 at Branton Ponds on 10th and 4 on 13th
Willow Tit	2 at Branton Ponds on 27th 1-3 at Craster from 8th to 20th
Marsh Tit	1 at Howick on 27th
Raven	2 near Edlingham on 23rd
Siskin	A pair at Smeafield on 2nd and 12th
Greenfinch	A pair at Smeafield on 12th
Bullfinch	3 pairs at Smeafield on 7th
Brambling	1 at Craster on 14th and 15th
<b>AMPHIBIANS</b>	
Frog	Frogspawn and tadpoles on Beanley Moor on 14th
<b>REPTILES</b>	
Adder	9 at Branton on 5th with 8 on 14th
Slow Worm	1 at Branton on 8th and 1 on 14th
<b>INVERTEBRATES</b>	
Chestnut	1 at Branton on 5th
Red Chestnut	At Howick on 21st
Early Thorn	1 at Howick on 21st
Pale Pinion	1 at Howick on 21st
Hebrew Character	4 at Branton on 15th and 28 on 17th
Powdered Quaker	6 at Branton on 15th
Common Quaker	2 at Branton on 15th
Clouded Drab	1 at Branton on 15th
Satellite	1 at Branton on 15th
March moth	1 at Branton on 18th
Autumn Green Carpet	1 at Branton on 18th
Red Sword-grass	1 at Branton on 18th
Herald	1 at Branton on 21st
Pine Beauty	1 at Branton on 21st
Xenolechia aethiops	1 at Howick (6th in U.K. Since 1999) on 21st
Wall	1 at Branton Ponds on 21st
Small Tortoiseshell	2 at Branton on 9th 1 at Smeafield on 9th
Peacock	1 at Branton Ponds on 14th
Small White	1 at Smeafield on 9th
Red-tailed Bumblebee	1 at Branton Ponds on 21st
Tree Bumblebee	1 at Branton on 27th

Tawny-mining Bee	Many in Branton on 27th
Bee-fly	1 at Branton Ponds on 15th
<b>PLANTS</b>	
Primrose	Several patches on Holy Island on 8th
Wood Anemone	In Crawley Dene on 16th
<b>MAMMALS</b>	
Bat sp	1 at Branton on 14th
Red Squirrel	1 at Holystone Woods on 28th
Hedgehog	1 at Smeafield on 10th
Roe Deer	1 at Low Newton on 20th
Harbour Porpoise	1 at Craster on 21st
<b>RAINFALL</b>	75 mm
<b>OBSERVERS</b>	W Banks, I&K Davison, G Dodds, M&J Drage, A Hall, P Jobson,
	S McCann, A Mould, S Reay, S Rippon, J Rutter, S Sexton,
	D Taylor.