

	SIGHTINGS AUGUST 2012
BIRDS	
Little Grebe	4 at Branton Ponds on the 31 st
Great Crested Grebe	2 at Branton Ponds all month,
Black-necked Grebe	1 at Woodhorn Flash on the 26 th
Manx Shearwater	8 off Newton Point on the 8 th and 1 on the 14 th
Little Egret	6 at Warkworth Gut on the 17 th
Spoonbill	1 at East Chevington on the 20 th
Brent Goose	11 at Fenham Flats on the 28 th
Goldeneye	4 at Branton Ponds on the 24 th
Goosander	38 at Branton Ponds on the 31 st
Long-tailed Duck	1 on Cresswell Pond on the 13 th
Buzzard	1 at West Cawledge on the 8 th
Osprey	1 at Fenham Flats on the 9 th
Sparrowhawk	1 at Swarland on the 1 st and 5 th
Marsh Harrier	1 at Low Newton on the 15 th , 1 at Branton Ponds on the 18 th
Peregrine	1 on Holy Island causeway on the 18 th , 1 at Smeafield on the 21 st
Water Rail	1 at Branton Ponds on the 9 th
Golden Plover	7 at Newton Point on the 8 th . 70 at Low Newton on the 26 th
Little Ringed Plover	2 near Elwick Hide on the 19 th
Ringed Plover	64 at Fenham Flats on the 19 th
Oystercatcher	589 at Guile Point on the 19 th
Bar-tailed Godwit	130 at Fenham Flats on the 19 th
Black-tailed Godwit	5 at Elwick Flash on the 19 th , 1 at Cresswell Pond on the 20 th , 2 at Newton Scrape on the 26 th
Curlew	280 at Fenham Flats on the 19 th
Dunlin	70 at Elwick Flash on the 19 th
Green Sandpiper	1 at Elwick Flash on the 19 th , 1 at Branton Ponds on the 23 rd
Knot	3 at Newton Scrape on the 14 th
Snipe	20+ at Newton Scrape on the 14 th
Ruff	15 at Newton Scrape on the 14 th , 11 at Elwick Flash on the 19 th , 10 at Newton Scrape on 26 th
Common Sandpiper	1 at Branton Ponds on the 17 th
Wood Sandpiper	1 at Newton Scrape on the 14 th , 1 near Elwick Hide on the 19 th , 1 at Cresswell Pond on the 20 th 1 over Branton Ponds on the 31 st
Turnstone	2 at Newton Point on the 8 th
Whimbrel	1 at Newton Point on the 8 th , 6 at Fenham Flats on the 19 th , 1 at Low Newton on the 2 nd
Stilt Sandpiper	1 at Newton Scrape from the 6 th , a rare North American vagrant-1st record for Northumberland
Greenshank	2 at Newton Scrape on the 6 th , 1 at Branton Ponds on the 7 th , 15 at Elwick Flash on the 19 th , 1 at Warkworth Gut on the 20 th , 2 at Newton Flash on the 2 nd
Lapwing	60 at Branton Ponds on the 7 th
Avocet	2 adults and 3 chicks at Cresswell Pond on the 13 th
Little Stint	1 at Cresswell Pond on the 17 th
Arctic Skua	3 in Druridge Bay on the 13 th , 1 at Newton Point on the 14 th
Lesser Black-backed Gull	5 at Swarland on the 8 th

Common Gull	290+ at Swarland on the 7 th
Little Gull	2 juveniles at Newton Scrape on the 26 th
Roseate Tern	3 at Guile Point on the 19 th
Common Tern	60 at Guile Point on the 19 th
Black Tern	1 at Newton Scrape on the 26 th
Cuckoo	1 at Cresswell Pond on the 17 th
Kingfisher	1 at Branton Ponds throughout the month
House Martin	100 at Swarland on the 19 th and 21 st
Swallow	Last brood fledged at Swarland on the 26 th
Yellow Wagtail	2 at Cresswell Pond on the 17 th , 4 at Elwick Flash on the 19 th
Redstart	1 at Hadston Carrs on the 13 th
Garden Warbler	Several juveniles around Branton Ponds on the 7 th
Common Whitethroat	Several juveniles at Hadston Carrs on the 13 th
Barred Warbler	1 at Hadston Carrs on the 20 th
Lesser Whitethroat	1 at Hadston Carrs on the 20 th
Grasshopper Warbler	1 at Branton Ponds on the 22 nd
Greenish Warbler	1 at St Mary's wetland on the 26 th
Pied Flycatcher	2 at Low Newton on the 15 th
Rook	40+ at Swarland on the 7 th
Raven	2 in the Upper Coquet on the 11 th
Jackdaw	40+ at Swarland on the 7 th
Lesser Redpoll	1 in Branton on the 19 th
MAMMALS	
Red Squirrel	1 in Branton on the 8 th 1 at Branton Ponds on the 23 rd ,1 at Swarland on the 16 th
Common Shrew	1 at Swarland on the 4 th
Brown Hare	3 at Swarland on the 22 nd
Hedgehog	1 at Swarland on the 10 th
INVERTEBRATES	
Great Water Beetle	1 at Branton Ponds on the 13 th and the 22 nd
10 Spot Ladybird	1 at Swarland on the 24 th
Southern Hawker	1 at Branton Ponds on the 19 th and 2 on the 31 st
Common Darter	Several around Branton Ponds on the 18 th , several near Elwick on the 19 th
Wall	Many near Elwick on the 19 th
Red Admiral	Throughout month at Swarland, 3 at Smeafield on the 26 th
Ringlet	Throughout month at Swarland, numerous at Smeafield Farm on the 7 th
Small White	Throughout month at Swarland
Large White	Throughout month at Swarland
Small Tortoiseshell	Throughout month at Swarland, 20+ at Smeafield on the 26 th
Meadow Brown	Throughout month at Swarland
Peacock	Throughout month at Swarland, 1 at Smeafield on the 26 th
Small Copper	Several near Elwick on the 19 th
Tawny-barred Angle Moth	1 at Swarland on the 7 th

Marbled Beauty Moth	1 at Swarland on the 13 th
REPTILES	
Adder	1 at Branton Ponds on the 9 th and the 16 th
PLANTS	
Agrimony	At Newton Point on the 14 th
Grass of Parnassus	Lots on Holy Island on the 18 th
Broad-leaved Helleborine	40+ in flower at Swarland Wood during the month
OBSERVERS	G&R Bell, I&K Davison, G Dodds, A Keeble, D Makepeace,
	S Reay, J Rutter, S Sexton.
RAINFALL	55.9mm

Please send sightings reports for September, no later than 6th October to: Ian & Keith Davison, The Bungalow, Branton, Powburn, NE66 4LW or Tel: 01665 578 357 or email to redsquirrel@alnwickwildlifegroup.co.uk Copies of the monthly Newsletter and sightings will be made available on the web site one month after the paper publication.