

SIGHTINGS AUGUST 2013

BIRDS	
Great Northern Diver	2 off East Chevington on 3 rd
Red-throated Diver	1 at Newton Point on 27 th
Little Grebe	2 at Branton Ponds on 6 th and 7 on 14 th with 9+ on 18 th
Great Crested Grebe	2 still at Branton Ponds 2 juveniles at East Chevington on 31 st
Little Egret	1 at East Chevington on 24 th , 1 at Alnmouth all month, 2 at Budle Bay on 6 th
Spoonbill	1 at Budle Bay on 1 st and 6 th
Manx Shearwater	1 off Newton Point on 4 th , 120+ off Stag Rock on 20 th
Sooty Shearwater	3 off Stag Rock on 20 th
Goosander	3 at Branton Ponds on 14 th , 90+ off Stag Rock on 20 th
Gadwall	10 at Cresswell Pond on 31 st
Pochard	1 at Branton Ponds on 30 th
Goldeneye	At least 7 at Branton Ponds on 18 th
Osprey	1(juvenile) at Hedgeley Bridge on 19 th
Honey Buzzard	1 at Holy Island on 26 th
Marsh Harrier	3 at East Chevington on 3 rd , 1 at Fenham Flats on 25 th , 1 at East Chevington on 23 rd
Merlin	1 at Mindrum on 20 th
Peregrine	1 at Budle Bay on 22 nd
Hobby	1 at East Chevington on 2 nd , 1 at Holy Island on 23 rd
Grey Partridge	2 at Widdrington on 31 st
Water Rail	1 at Branton Ponds on 14 th , 1 at East Chevington on 24 th
Spotted Crake	1(juvenile) at East Chevington from 1 st to 4 th and 24 th
Snipe	3 at Branton Ponds on 8 th and 12 on 14 th 5 at Alnmouth all month, 20 at Monks House Pool on 29 th
Greenshank	4 at East Chevington on 2 nd , 1 at Branton Ponds on 8 th , up to 2 all month at Alnmouth
Whimbrel	14 at Newton Point on 1 st and 4 on 4 th , 1 at Alnmouth on 19 th
Black Tailed Godwit	11 at Newton Point on 1 st 2 at Alnmouth on 29 th , 36 at East Chevington on 31 st
Knot	1 at Alnmouth on 31 st
Turnstone	3 at Newton Point on 1 st
Ruff	4 at East Chevington on 2 nd and 30 on 31 st
Curlew Sandpiper	1 at East Chevington on 24 th
Spotted Redshank	3 at East Chevington on 24 th
Little Stint	1 at East Chevington on 24 th
Common Sandpiper	14 at Branton Ponds on 22 nd , 1 at Alnmouth on 20 th
Green Sandpiper	1 at Branton Ponds on 2 nd and several days during month, 1 at Alnmouth all month
Little Ringed Plover	2 at Branton Ponds on 6 th and 3 on 18 th
Lapwing	450+ at Branton Ponds on 18 th , 100 at Cresswell Pond on 31 st , 50 at East Chevington on 31 st
Pectoral Sandpiper	1 at Low Newton on 15 th
Arctic Skua	1 at Newton Point on 27 th , 1 at Hadston Carrs on 25 th
Great Skua	3 at Newton Point on 27 th
Lesser Black-backed Gull	22 at East Chevington on 31 st

Little Gull	1 (juvenile) at East Chevington on 24 th
White-winged Black Tern	1 at East Chevington on 10 th
Black Tern	1 at East Chevington on 25 th
Roseate Tern	3 near Stag Rock on 29 th
Sandwich Tern	12 at East Chevington on 31 st
Cuckoo	1(juvenile) at Biddlestone on 16 th
Barn Owl	1 near South Charlton on 4 th
Tawny Owl	2 in Branton on 2 nd , 1 near Branton on 4 th
Swift	1 over River Breamish on 18 th
Kingfisher	1 at Branton Ponds on 6 th , 1 near Hedgeley Bridge on 19 th
Grey Wagtail	1 at Smeafield on 4 th
Yellow Wagtail	1(juvenile) at Newton Flash on 1 st
Whinchat	2 pairs with fledged young in College Valley on 15 th
Redstart	4 at Smeafield on 13 th
Reed Warbler	Several at East Chevington on 3 rd , 1 at Smeafield on 3 rd
Grasshopper Warbler	1 at Druridge Pools on 2 nd
Blackcap	At Branton Ponds on 18 th
Garden Warbler	At Branton Ponds on 18 th
Booted Warbler	1 at Hadston Carrs on 24 th
Pied Flycatcher	1 on Holy Island on 25 th
Willow Tit	2 at Low Newton on 27 th
Raven	2 at Powburn on 8 th , at Branton Ponds on 19 th
Bullfinch	Several juveniles at Branton Ponds on 14 th
Crossbill	Several in Thrunton Woods on 17 th
INVERTEBRATES	
Painted Lady	1 at Branton Ponds on 1 st , 1 at Ingram Valley on 15 th
Small Tortoiseshell	At Swarland all month, 1 at Ros View on 28th
Small Copper	1 at Branton Ponds on 3 rd and 4 on 18 th , 1 at Ingram Valley on 15 th
Orange Tip	2 at Smeafield on 12 th
Grayling	1 at Holy Island on 25 th
Small Heath	2 at Weetwood Moor on 22 nd
Red Admiral	1 at Ros View 28th
Peacock	2 at Branton Ponds on 7 th , several at Druridge Bay on 19 th , 3at Ros View 21 st , 7 at Weetwood Moor on 22 nd
Meadow Brown	1 at Ros View 28th
Wall Brown	1 at Ingram Valley on 15 th , several at Thrunton Woods on 17 th , 2 at Weetwood Moor on 22 nd , 3 at Ros View 28th
Large White	6 at Weetwood Moor on 22 nd , at Swarland all month
Small White	4 at Weetwood Moor on 22 nd , at Swarland all month
Speckled Wood	Many at Druridge Bay Country Park on 19 th , 2 at Kyoie Woods on 26 th , 1 at Branton Ponds on 27 th , 1 at Low Newton on 27 th , at Swarland all month
Comma	1 at Branton Ponds on 18 th , 1 Swarland Wood on 30 th , several around Smeafield all month
Magpie Moth	1 at East Chevington on 10 th

Common Blue Damselfly	Many at Branton Ponds on 4 th
Blue-tailed Damselfly	1 at Branton Ponds on 4 th
Common Hawker	1 at Branton Ponds on 4 th
Black Darter	4 at Weetwood Moor on 22 nd , several at Holy Island on 23 rd
Ruddy Darter	2 at Branton Ponds on 18 th , 2 at Elwick on 25 th
Common Darter	1 at Branton Ponds on 12 th , 1 at Thrunton Woods on 17 th , several at Branton Ponds on 18 th , several at Druridge Bay on 19 th
Southern Hawker	1 at Branton Ponds on 14 th
Giant Woodwasp	1 at Hauxley on 11 th
Dor Beetle	4+ at Weetwood Moor on 22 nd
Oiceoptoma Thoracica	A carrion beetle, 1 at Branton Ponds on 18 th
REPTILES	
Common Lizard	2 at Bamburgh Beach on 1 st
MAMMALS	
Hedgehog	2 in Branton on 1 st
Common Shrew	1 at Hipsburn on 31 st
Hare	2 near Chatton on 21 st
Mink	3 at Branton Ponds on 4 th - not a welcome sight.
Roe Deer	1 at Branton Ponds on 12 th , 1 in Swarland Wood on 30 th
Red Squirrel	1 at Branton on 10 th , 1 in Swarland from 23 rd , 1 at Swarland on 31 st
Otter	1 female and 2 youngsters at East Chevington on 11 th , 1 at Alnmouth on 21 st
Porpoise	3 off Stag Rock on 20 th
PLANTS	
Sundew	Near Harbottle Lake on 10 th
Cranberry	In fruit near Harbottle Lake on 10 th
Bilberry	Near Harbottle on 10 th
Crowberry	Near Harbottle Lake on 10 th
Cowberry	In Thrunton Woods on 17 th
Grass of Parnassus	Many plants at Holy Island on 23 rd
RAINFALL	60.10mm
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