

SIGHTINGS DECEMBER 2011

BIRDS	
Great Northern Diver	1 East Chevington on the 11 th
Mute Swan	28 Branton Ponds on the 17 th
Whooper Swan	10 Big Waters on the 3 rd , 53 Cresswell Ponds on the 11 th , 7 Branton Ponds on the 27 th
Brent Goose	353 Fenham Flats 22 nd
White-fronted Goose	5 East Chevington on the 11 th , 2 Branton ponds on the 15 th and 18 th , 21 at Branton on the 30 th
Little Egret	1 Fenham Flats on the 22 nd
Pintail	3 East Chevington on the 11 th
Goldeneye	14 Branton Ponds on the 2 nd
Hen Harrier	1 Hepburn Moor on the 23 rd
Peregrine	1 Branton Ponds on the 10 th
Water Rail	1 East Chevington on the 11 th
Woodcock	2 Branton Ponds on the 8 th , several at Hannah's Hill all month
Jack Snipe	1 Fenwick Stead's on the 1 st
Knot	1030 Fenham Flats on the 22 nd
Curlew	22 Branton Ponds on the 24 th
Golden Plover	220 Fenham Flats on the 22 nd
Sanderling	72 Fenham Flats on the 22 nd
Greater Yellowlegs	1 Hemscott Hill on the 11 th
Mediterranean Gull	1 Newbiggin on the 11 th
Short-eared Owl	1 East Chevington on the 11 th
Desert Wheatear	1 Beacon Point on the 11 th
Redwing	9 Branton Ponds on the 15 th , 30 Hedgeley Ponds on the 29 th .
Blackbird	Up to 50 Smeafield on the 4 th
Marsh Tit	1 Swarland on the 10 th and 17 th
Long-tailed Tit	7 Swarland on the 18 th
Raven	2 Alnwick Moor on the 4 th , 2 Thrunton Woods on the 27 th , 2 Bewick Moor on the 2 nd and 5 th
Jackdaw/Rook	Mixed flock of up to 3000 birds Branton Ponds on the 6 th
Tree Sparrow	31 Branton on the 7 th , 2 New Bewick on the 11 th
Brambling	3 Branton on the 24 th , 1 Howick Hall on the 3 rd .
Lesser Redpoll	1 Branton Ponds on the 17 th
Siskin	50 Branton Ponds on the 17 th
Common Crossbill	25 Thrunton Woods on the 27 th , 6 Hulne Park on the 6 th
Bullfinch	8 Hulne Moor on the 8 th
MAMMALS	
Hedgehog	1 Branton on the 14 th .
Roe Deer	3 Branton Ponds on the 15 th , several Hannah's Hill all month
Red Squirrel	3 Fenwick Wood on the 16 th , 1 Eglington on the 17 th
INVERTEBRATES	
Red Admiral	1 Branton on the 22 nd
RAINFALL	
	30.1mm
OBSERVERS	
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