

**SIGHTINGS DECEMBER 2014****BIRDS**

Red-throated Diver	1 at Stag Rocks on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Black-necked Grebe	1 at QE2 park on 20 <sup>th</sup>
Slavonian Grebe	6 off Ross Sands on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Little Egret	1 at Fenham Flats on 6 <sup>th</sup> and 6 on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Whooper Swan	5 at Branton Ponds on 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 on 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 8 on 25 <sup>th</sup>
Barnacle Goose	1500 at Harpers Heugh on 27 <sup>th</sup> 350 at Budle Bay on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Brent Goose	810 at Fenham Flats on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Shelduck	255 at Fenham Flats on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Goldeneye	12 at Branton Ponds on 4 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Black Lough on 12 <sup>th</sup>
Wigeon	308 at Fenham Flats on 6 <sup>th</sup> and 350 on 7 <sup>th</sup>
American Wigeon	1 at Fenham Flats on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Shoveler	2 at Fenham Flats on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Pintail	1 at Fenham Flats on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Long-tailed Duck	21 off Ross Sands on 31 <sup>st</sup> 2 at Fenham Flats on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Goshawk	1 near Alnwick during month
Merlin	1 at Fenham Flats on 6 <sup>th</sup> and 1 on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Peregrine	2 at Fenham Flats on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Water Rail	1 at Branton Ponds on 25 <sup>th</sup> 1 near Scots Gap on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Snipe	40+ near Scots Gap on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Jack Snipe	3 near Scots Gap on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Woodcock	1 at Harehope Hillend on 13 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Knot	565 at Fenham Flats on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Lapwing	150 at Branton Ponds on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Dunlin	225 at Fenham Flats on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Bar-tailed Godwit	313 at Fenham Flats on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Black-tailed Godwit	Fenham Flats on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Curlew	23 at Branton Ponds on 19 <sup>th</sup> 200 at Smeafield on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Sanderling	52 at Fenham Flats on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Oystercatcher	319 at Fenham Flats on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Green Sandpiper	1 near Scots Gap on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Common Gull	85 at Branton Ponds on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Iceland Gull	1 at North Shields Fish Quay on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Little Auk	2 at Stag Rocks on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Barn Owl	1 at Branton Ponds on 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Old Bewick on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Kingfisher	1 at Branton Ponds on 7 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Lesbury on 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 at Elwick Burn on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Green Woodpecker	1 near Lilburn Station on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Grey Wagtail	1 near Scots Gap on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Fieldfare	50+ at Elwick on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Mistle Thrush	6 all month at Smeafield
Chiffchaff	1 at Branton Ponds on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Goldcrest	2 at Branton Ponds on 8 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Lesbury on 17 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Smeafield on 1 <sup>st</sup> 1 at Fenwick Steads on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Willow Tit	1 at Branton Ponds on 27 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Harehope Hillend on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Marsh Tit	1 at Harehope Hillend on 25 <sup>th</sup>
Treecreeper	1 at Branton Ponds on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Nuthatch	Several at the Hirsell on 22 <sup>nd</sup>

Great Grey Shrike	1 at West Hartford on 20 <sup>th</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup>
Raven	2 at Branton Ponds on 12 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Hulne Moor on 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2 at Old Bewick on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Bullfinch	14 at PO Pylon on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Twite	50+ at Fenham le Moor on 27 <sup>th</sup> 27 at Fenham Flats on 7 <sup>th</sup> 9 at PO Pylon on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Reed Bunting	30+ near Scots Gap on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Snow Bunting	1 at Ross Links on 31 <sup>st</sup> 4 at Guile Point on 6 <sup>th</sup>
<b>MAMMALS</b>	
Grey Squirrel	1 at the Hirsell on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Fox	1 at Ross Links on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Porpoise	2 off Ross Sands on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Red Deer	1 at PO Pylon on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Roe Deer	3 at Black Lough on 12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>PLANTS</b>	
Ragged Robin	In flower at Branton Ponds all month
<b>RAINFALL</b>	55mm
<b>OBSERVERS</b>	J Clark, I&K Davison, G Dodds, M McMahon, S Reay.