

SIGHTINGS DECEMBER 2016

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BIRDS	
Red-throated Diver	7 at Newton Point on 11th
Little Egret	1 at Branton Ponds on 1st and 2 on 19th 1 at Budle Bay on 6th and 13th
Whooper Swan	13 at Branton Ponds on 8th 7 at Low Newton Scrape on 11th
Brent Goose	2000 at Fenham Flats on 6th and 13th
White-fronted Goose	2 of the Eurasian form at Fenham Flats on 19th
Barnacle Goose	800+ at Ross on 16th
Bean Goose	1 of the form fabalis at Beal on 9th and 4 at Fenham Flats on 19th
Pink-footed Goose	300+ over Branton on 19th
Scaup	1 at Newton Point on 11th
Common Teal	250 at Hulne Moor on 2nd
Goldeneye	21 at Newton Point on 11th 75 at the Hirsell on 17th
Shoveller	3 at Branton Ponds on 3rd and 6 on 6th 20 at Budle Bay on 6th
Eider	8 at Howick on 4th
Common Scoter	50 off Bamburgh on 6th
Long-tailed Duck	11 at Fenham Flats on 19th
Peregrine	1 at Branton Ponds on 6th 1 at Goswick on 1st
Merlin	1 at Fenham Flats on 19th 1 at Elwick on 22nd
Sparrowhawk	1 at Branton Ponds on 8th 1 in Branton on 31st
Goshawk	1 at Smeafield on 6th
Common Buzzard	5 at Hulne Moor on 2nd
Red Grouse	12 at Hulne Moor on 2nd
Water Rail	1 at Howick on 4th, 1 at Low Newton Pool on 11th, 2 at Branton Ponds on 31st
Golden Plover	200+ at Low Newton Scrape on 11th, 400+ at Goswick on 1st
Grey Plover	22+ at Boulmer Beach on 24th
Sanderling	80+ at Boulmer Beach on 24th
Green Sandpiper	1 at Branton Ponds on 10th
Purple Sandpiper	15+ at Boulmer Beach on 24th
Lapwing	150 at Branton Ponds on 19th
Black-tailed Godwit	6 at Fenham Flats on 19th
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1 juvenile at Branton Ponds on 18th
Tawny Owl	1 at Branton on 13th 1 at Glanton on 27th
Barn Owl	1 at Glanton on 21st, 1 at Battle Bridge on 27th, 1 near Chatton on 6th, 1 at Yearle on 9th, 1 at Seaton Point on 5th
Kingfisher	4 at Branton Ponds on 3rd and at least 1 all month, 1 at Low Newton Pool on 11th
Rock Pipit	4 at Howick on 4th 20+ at Boulmer Beach on 24th
Water Pipit	1 at Boulmer Beach on 24th
Grey Wagtail	1 at Howick on 4th
Waxwing	1 over Alnwick market place on 9th, 2 near Roddam on 19th, 5 at Hipsburn on 20th
Dipper	1 at Haugh Head Ford on 27th
Stonechat	Pair at Bamburgh on 13th, 1 at Hulne Moor on 2nd
Fieldfare	150 at Harehope Hillend on 30th
Goldcrest	2 at Hulne Moor on 2nd

Long-tailed Tit	15 at Branton Ponds on 8th, 8 at Ingram on 26th
Willow Tit	1 at Branton Ponds on 6th, 1 near Brandon Ford on 27th
Marsh Tit	1-2 at Weldon Bridge on 20th
Crossbill	10+ at College Valley on 22nd, 7 in Hepburn Woods on 5th
Bullfinch	6 at Branton Ponds on 30th, 1 at Yearle on 15th, 2 at Smeafield on 22nd
Goldfinch	40+ at Branton Ponds on 1st with 70+ on 8th all month at Yearle with a maximum of 30 on 12th
Brambling	All month at Yearle with a maximum of 5 on 25th
Twite	10 at Fenham Flats on 19th
Lesser Redpoll	Up to a maximum of 35 birds at Hannah's Hill between 6th and 15th
Siskin	30+ at Branton Ponds on 8th
Lapland Bunting	2 at Elwick on 22nd
Yellowhammer	12 at Elwick on 22nd, 12 at Yearle on 27th
Snow Bunting	8 at Branton on 24th
MAMMALS	
Hedgehog	1 in Alnwick on 8th taken to Hedgehog rescue centre
Common Field Vole	1 at Branton Ponds on 31st
Porpoise	1 off Newton Point on 11th
Bat sp	Probably Brown Long-eared, 1 at Glanton on 18th
Fox	1 at Branton on 14th
Red Deer	10 at Hulne Moor on 2nd
Fallow Deer	A large group at Hulne Moor on 2nd
Red Squirrel	1 at Branton Ponds on 31st
Grey Squirrel	A group of 6 at Cockle Park on 12th
INVERTEBRATES	
Agonopterix hericiana	1 at Glanton on 4th
AMPHIBIANS	
Common Toad	1 at Branton Ponds on 30th
FUNGI	
Golden Waxcap	Near Hedgeley on 26th
Bleeding Broadleaf Crust	At Branton Ponds on 26th
Alder Bracket	At Branton Ponds on 26th
Velvet Shank	In Branton on 26th
RAINFALL	21mm
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