

	<b>SIGHTINGS FEBRUARY 2012</b>
<b>BIRDS</b>	
Little Grebe	1 at Branton Ponds on the 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2 on the Tweed Estuary on the 6 <sup>th</sup> , 4 at Carham on the 19 <sup>th</sup> , 1 at Warkworth on the 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2 on the River Breamish on the 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Red-necked Grebe	2 at Holy Island on the 25 <sup>th</sup>
Slavonian Grebe	5 off Stag Rock on the 25 <sup>th</sup> , 1 off Seahouses on the 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Fulmar	6 Ness End (Holy Island) on the 11 <sup>th</sup>
Grey Heron	20 on the Tweed Estuary on the 6 <sup>th</sup>
Brent Goose	200 at the Rocket Field (Holy Island) on the 11 <sup>th</sup> , 1200 at Fenham Flats on the 12 <sup>th</sup> , 200 at Holy Island on the 25 <sup>th</sup>
Pink-footed Goose	1800 at Fenham Flats on the 12 <sup>th</sup> , 90+ at East Chevington on the 17 <sup>th</sup> , 150 at Swarland on the 17 <sup>th</sup>
Bean Goose	1 at Budle Bay on the 27 <sup>th</sup>
Barnacle Goose	300 at Budle Bay on the 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Canada Goose	105 at Hedgeley Ponds on the 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Greylag Goose	257 on the Tweed Estuary on the 6 <sup>th</sup> , 85 at Hedgeley Ponds on the 3 <sup>rd</sup>
White-fronted Goose	9 near Elwick Hide on the 12 <sup>th</sup> , 100 at Budle Bay on the 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Long-tailed Duck	2 at Guile Point on the 12 <sup>th</sup>
Common Scoter	60 off Stag Rock on the 16 <sup>th</sup>
Gadwall	4 at Hadston on the 17 <sup>th</sup>
Eider	148 at Fenham Flats on the 12 <sup>th</sup>
Goldeneye	12 at Branton Ponds on the 7 <sup>th</sup> , 4 at East Chevington on the 29 <sup>th</sup>
Teal	35 on the River Breamish on the 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Tufted Duck	47 at Hedgeley Ponds on the 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Smew	1 at East Chevington on the 17 <sup>th</sup>
Wigeon	800+ at Budle Bay on the 7 <sup>th</sup>
Pochard	3 at Branton Ponds on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 at Branton Ponds on the 27 <sup>th</sup>
Shelduck	1 at Branton Ponds on the 7 <sup>th</sup> , 154 at Fenham Flats on the 12 <sup>th</sup> , a pair at Branton Ponds on the 17 <sup>th</sup> and 7 at Branton Ponds on the 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Peregrine	1 at Branton Ponds on the 21 <sup>st</sup> , 1 on Holy Island causeway on the 25 <sup>th</sup> , 1 at Embleton on the 7 <sup>th</sup> , 1 at Harehope Farm on the 20 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup>
Goshawk	2 at Holystone on the 26 <sup>th</sup>
Red Grouse	21 at the Post Office Pylon on the 6 <sup>th</sup>
Grey Partridge	20 at Ratcheugh Farm on the 24 <sup>th</sup>
Water Rail	1 at the Lough (Holy Island ) on the 11 <sup>th</sup>
Woodcock	1 at Howick on the 7 <sup>th</sup> , 4 at Ratcheugh Farm on the 28 <sup>th</sup>
Curlew	123 at Fenham Flats on the 12 <sup>th</sup> , 5 on the River Breamish on the 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Oystercatcher	457 at Guile Point on the 12 <sup>th</sup> , 15 at Branton Ponds on the 17 <sup>th</sup>
Greenshank	1 at Budle Bay on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup>
Grey Plover	32 at Fenham Flats on the 12 <sup>th</sup> , 200 at Budle Bay on the 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Redshank	90+ on the Tweed Estuary on the 6 <sup>th</sup>
Knot	700 at Fenham Flats on the 12 <sup>th</sup> , 300 at Budle Bay on the 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Sanderling	42 at Fenham Flats on the 12 <sup>th</sup> , 420+ at Berwick on the 6 <sup>th</sup> , 6 at Druridge Bay on the 17 <sup>th</sup>
Iceland Gull	1 at North Shields Fish Quay on the 18 <sup>th</sup>

Woodpigeon	1400 at Ratcheugh Farm on the 24 <sup>th</sup>
Barn Owl	1 near Chatton on the 10 <sup>th</sup> , 1 at Branton Ponds on the 12 <sup>th</sup> , 1 on the Straight Lonnon(Holy Island) on the 25 <sup>th</sup> , 1 near Colwell on the 8 <sup>th</sup> , 1 near Edlingham on the 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Tawny Owl	1 all month at Branton Ponds;1 near Belford on the 10 <sup>th</sup>
Short-eared Owl	5 near the Black Lough on the 6 <sup>th</sup> ,1 Holy Island on the 11 <sup>th</sup>
Kingfisher	1 all month at Branton Ponds
Great Spotted Woodpecker	1 at Newton on the Moor on the 4 <sup>th</sup> and 1 at Swarland on the 28 <sup>th</sup>
Grey Wagtail	1 at Holystone on the 26 <sup>th</sup>
Dipper	2 on the River Breamish on the 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Fieldfare	11 at Branton on the 4 <sup>th</sup> , 40+ at Middle Ord on the 6 <sup>th</sup>
Redwing	70+ at Berwick on the 6 <sup>th</sup>
Marsh Tit	1 at Weldon Bridge on the 6 <sup>th</sup>
Raven	1 over Branton on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2 at Holystone on the 26 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Hulne Moor on the 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2 at Harehope Hillend on the 1 <sup>st</sup>
Jackdaw	600 at Branton Ponds on the 20 <sup>th</sup> , 42 at Swarland on the 29 <sup>th</sup>
Jay	4 at Harwood on the 26 <sup>th</sup> , 1 at Hulne Moor on the 7 <sup>th</sup>
Tree Sparrow	22 at Ratcheugh Farm on the 28 <sup>th</sup>
Greenfinch	Up to 20 at Swarland all month
Goldfinch	11 at Swarland on the 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Bullfinch	Up to 9 at Swarland on the 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 at the Post Office Pylon on the 6 <sup>th</sup>
Brambling	5 at Branton on the 8 <sup>th</sup> , 1 at Swarland on the 28 <sup>th</sup> and up to 20 at Swarland all month
Linnet	150 at Branton on the 8 <sup>th</sup>
Twite	20+ in Cresswell Dunes on the 7 <sup>th</sup>
Siskin	Up to 10 in Swarland all month
Crossbill	20+ in Harwood Forest on the 26 <sup>th</sup>
Yellowhammer	7 at Swarland on the 17 <sup>th</sup> 80 at Ratcheugh Farm on the 24 <sup>th</sup>
<b>MAMMALS</b>	
Otter	2 on the River Breamish near Hedgeley on the 1 <sup>st</sup>
Fox	1 near Chatton on the 10 <sup>th</sup> , 1 at East Kylee on the 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2 at Newton on the Moor during the first part of the month
Badger	1 during the first week of the month at Newton on the Moor
Stoat	1 at Branton on the 11 <sup>th</sup> ,1 on Holy Island(in full ermine) on the 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2 in full ermine near Chatton on the 17 <sup>th</sup> , 1 in part ermine near Chathill on the 18 <sup>th</sup>
Red Squirrel	1 at Newton on the Moor on the 16 <sup>th</sup>
Roe Deer	3 at Branton Middlesteads on the 28 <sup>th</sup>
Fallow Deer	6 on Hulne Moor on the 7 <sup>th</sup>
Feral Goat	A total of 12 in the Old Yeavinger /Yeavinger Bell area on the 7 <sup>th</sup> and 15 on Yeavinger Bell on the 23 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>REPTILES</b>	
Adder	1 at Branton Ponds on the 21 <sup>st</sup> and 3 on the 24 <sup>th</sup>
<b>AMPHIBIANS</b>	
Frog	Frogspawn in ditch in Harwood Forest on the 26 <sup>th</sup>
Common Toad	500+ between Kirknewton and Mindrum on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 1 at Bamburgh on the 28 <sup>th</sup>
Common Lizard	1 in Bamburgh Dunes on the 27 <sup>th</sup>

<b>PLANTS</b>	
Coltsfoot	At Branton Ponds on the 20 <sup>th</sup>
<b>INVERTEBRATES</b>	
Buff-tailed Bumblebee	1 at Branton Ponds on the 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Small Tortoiseshell	1 at Branton on the 28 <sup>th</sup>
Ladybird(7 spot)	1 at Swarland on the 28 <sup>th</sup>
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