

SIGHTINGS JANUARY 2015

BIRDS

Great Northern Diver	1 off Stag Rocks on 3 rd 2-3 off Stag Rocks on 17 th
Red-throated Diver	1 off Stag Rocks on 3 rd 3 at Craster on 11 th 5 off Stag Rocks on 17 th 2 at Howick on 25 th
Black-throated Diver	2 off Stag Rocks on 17 th 1 off Cheswick Sands on 25 th
Slavonian Grebe	3 at Fenham Flats on 17 th
Black-necked Grebe	2 at Seahouses on 19 th and 1 on 25 th
Little Egret	1 at Fenham Flats on 3 rd 1 at Budle Bay on 3 rd 1 at Fenham Flats on 17 th 1 at Warkworth Gut on 18 th
Whooper Swan	42 at Fenham Flats on 17 th 5 at Low Newton on 17 th
Bewick Swan	1 at Low Newton on 17 th
Barnacle Goose	1 at Branton Ponds on 4 th 650 at Fenham Flats on 16 th
Brent Goose	250 at Fenham Flats on 3 rd 710 at Fenham Flats on 16 th and 1300 on 17 th 400 at Smeafield on 19 th
Pink-foot Goose	40 at Howick on 11 th 1065 at Fenham Flats on 16 th 2400 at Doddington on 27 th 3-4000 at Smeafield on 19 th
White-fronted Goose	1 (Eurasian) at Low Newton on 17 th
Shelduck	1500 at Fenham Flats on 3 rd 1 at Branton Ponds on 6 th and 28 th
Green-winged Teal	1 at Druridge Pools on 8 th
Long-tailed Duck	25 off Stag Rocks on 3 rd 16 at Fenham Flats on 17 th 20+ off Stag Rocks on 17 th
Pintail	280 at Fenham Flats on 23 rd
Common Scoter	12 Off Stag Rocks on 3 rd 3 at Craster on 11 th
Black Scoter	1 off Cheswick Sands on 30 th
Shoveler	3 at Monks House Pool on 17 th
Scaup	1 at Low Newton on 17 th
Goldeneye	19 at Branton Ponds on 18 th
Red-breasted Merganser	8+ on River Aln on 25 th
Grey Partridge	14 at Low Newton on 17 th 8 at Beanley Moor on 25 th 48 at Ratcheugh on 23 rd
Water Rail	1 at Branton Ponds on 4 th 2-3 at Low Newton on 17 th
Woodcock	1 at Ford Moss on 27 th 1 at Hannah's Hill on 27 th and 30 th
Common Snipe	20 near River Wansbeck on 7 th 8 at Howick on 11 th
Purple Sandpiper	35 at Stag Rocks on 3 rd 2 at Craster on 11 th
Knot	50 at Fenham Flats on 3 rd
Golden Plover	260 at Fieldhouse on 11 th 700 in Coquet Estuary on 25 th
Grey Plover	5 at Howick on 25 th
Lapwing	300 in Coquet Estuary on 25 th 120+ at Branton Ponds on 28 th
Oystercatcher	1 at Branton Ponds on 28 th
Mediterranean Gull	1 at Amble on 25 th
Glaucous Gull	1 at North Shields Fish Quay on 2 nd (also 1 Glaucous / Herring Gull hybrid)
Iceland Gull	1 at North Shields Fish Quay on 2 nd
Little Auk	1 at Seaton Point on 16 th
Puffin	2 off Stag Rocks on 3 rd
Common Guillemot	1 off Stag Rocks on 3 rd
Razorbill	1 off Stag Rocks on 3 rd
Stock Dove	1 at Branton Ponds on 8 th
Barn Owl	1 at Branton Ponds on 6 th 1 calling at Glanton on 8 th 1 near Branton on 28 th 1 at Lesbury on 12 th 1 at Ratcheugh on 23 rd

Long-eared Owl	1 at Alnwick Moor on 8 th
Kingfisher	1 at Branton Ponds on 1 st and 13 th 1 on River Breamish near Hedgeley on 17 th 1 at Amble on 18 th
Skylark	1 at Howick on 10 th
Rock Pipit	3 at Craster on 11 th
Grey Wagtail	1 at Fieldhouse on 11 th
Waxwing	1 at Glanton on 27 th
Stonechat	1 at West Hartford on 2 nd 2 at Stag Rocks on 17 th
Redwing	30+ at Howick on 10 th 3 at Ratcheugh on 23 rd
Mistle Thrush	10+ at Howick on 10 th
Fieldfare	1 at Howick on 10 th 100+ at Branton on 17 th 38 at Ford Moss on 18 th 80 at Ratcheugh on 23 rd
Blackcap	1 at Embleton on 31 st 1 at Lesbury since 13 th
Goldcrest	Several at Branton Ponds on 4 th 7 at Hannah's Hill on 29 th
Willow Tit	1 all month at Harehope Hillend
Long-tailed Tit	30+ at Smeafield on 22 nd
Great Grey Shrike	1 at West Hartford on 2 nd still there on 27 th
Raven	1 at Hepburn Woods on 11 th
Jay	2 at Branton on 3 rd
Starling	300+ at Branton on 18 th
Tree Sparrow	20+ in Branton garden on 18 th 19 at Smeafield on 18 th 14 at Ratcheugh on 23 rd
Bullfinch	At least 10 around Branton Ponds on 28 th
Brambling	1 at Howick on 27 th
Twite	3 at Fenham le Moor on 3 rd 23 at Fenham Flats on 17 th
Siskin	6 at Branton Ponds on 4 th
Linnet	100+ at Howick on 10 th 200-300 at Howick on 11 th 32 at Ratcheugh on 23 rd
Lesser Redpoll	4 at Branton Ponds on 4 th 3 at Rothley East Farm on 7 th 12 at Powburn on 13 th
Yellowhammer	47 at Fieldhouse on 11 th 25+ near Branton on 31 st
Reed Bunting	Several around Branton Ponds all month 1 in Branton garden on 19 th
MAMMALS	
Red Squirrel	1 at Branton on 8 th
Otter	1 at Branton Ponds on 8 th and 13 th 1 on River Breamish near Hedgeley on 17 th
Hedgehog	1 crossing road in Alnwick on 11 th
Stoat	1 in ermine at Rothley East Farm on 7 th
Fox	1 at Powburn on 13 th
Brown Hare	1 at Branton Ponds on 17 th
Red Deer	5 near River Aln on 25 th
Bottle-nosed Dolphin	2 off Cheswick Sands on 21 st
Porpoise	2 at Howick on 25 th
PLANTS	
Winter Aconite	In flower at Branton on 18 th
Gorse	In flower at Branton all month
RAINFALL	38mm
OBSERVERS	W Banks, J Clark, I&K Davison, G Dodds, M McMahon, E Panton, R&J Poppleton, S Reay, J Rutter, S Sexton.