

SIGHTINGS JANUARY 2016

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BIRDS	
Red-throated Diver	2 at Stag Rocks on 31 st 2 off Stag Rocks on 19 th 1 off Newton Links on 29 th
Whooper Swan	3 at Warkworth on 10 th 36 at Birling Carrs on 24 th
Pink-footed Goose	4000-5000 at Milfield Plain on 13 th
Brent Goose	200+ at Holy Island on 30 th
Gadwall	2 at Branton Ponds on 23 rd
Pochard	3 males at Branton Ponds on 25 th
Scaup	1 at Widdrington Lake on 10 th
Goldeneye	10+ at Branton Ponds on 3 rd
Goosander	3 at Branton Ponds on 7 th
Long-tailed Duck	12+ at Stag Rocks on 31 st 3 off Stag Rocks on 19 th
Common Scoter	40+ at Stag Rocks on 31 st
Black Scoter	1 at Stag Rocks on 31 st
Hen Harrier	1 near Lowick on 7 th
Merlin	1 at Warkworth on 24 th
Common Buzzard	3 in Hulne Park on 3 rd
Goshawk	1 at Smeafield on 4 th
Woodcock	2 at Milfield Plain on 13 th 1 at Branton Ponds on 20 th 1 at Smeafield on 1 st
Common Snipe	5 at Milfield Plain on 13 th 24 at Branton Ponds on 23 rd
Lapwing	400+ at Hedgeley on 2 nd 160 at Milfield Plain on 13 th 220 at Branton Ponds on 24 th 250 at Smeafield on 21 st
Golden Plover	Large flock over Alnmouth Beach on 1 st 15 at Milfield Plain on 13 th
Ringed Plover	12 at Buston Links on 8 th
Sanderling	85 at Buston Links on 8 th
Purple Sandpiper	30 at Stag Rocks on 19 th
Green Sandpiper	6-8 at Milfield Plain on 13 th 1 at Branton Ponds on 25 th
Greenshank	2 at Milfield Plain on 13 th
Black-tailed Godwit	1 at Cresswell Pond on 10 th
Long-billed Dowitcher	1 still at Cresswell Pond on 24 th
Ruff	1 at Cresswell Pond on 24 th
Kittiwake	2 at Branton Ponds on 23 rd
Little Gull	5 at Boulmer on 6 th 1 at Howick on 1 st 3 at Craster on 7 th 6 at Newbiggin on 10 th
Mediterranean Gull	4 at Newbiggin on 10 th
Common Guillemot	1 at Stag Rocks on 31 st
Razorbill	10+ at Stag Rocks on 31 st
Little Auk	2 at Craster on 7 th 2 at Newbiggin on 10 th
Stock Dove	7 at Howick on 23 rd 3 near Ros Castle on 23 rd
Tawny Owl	1 in Alnwick on 25 th
Barn Owl	1 at Branton Ponds on 6 th 1 at Wooler on 7 th 1 at Milfield Plain on 13 th 1 at Warkworth on 24 th 1 near Hipsburn on 24 th 2 at Branton Ponds on 28 th 1 at Yearle from 7 th to 31 st 1 near Hulne Park on 7 th 1 at New Bewick on 7 th 2 near Lilburn Station on 31 st 1 at Branton Middlesteads on 31 st 1 at Threestoneburn on 31 st 1 at Hedgeley on 31 st
Kingfisher	1 on River Aln on 1 st
Dipper	1 on Aln on 1 st also birds singing on Wooler Water on 7 th 1 in Harthope Valley on 11 th
Grey Wagtail	1 on River Aln on 1 st
Black Redstart	1 at Alnmouth Dunes on 23 rd
Stonechat	1 at Stag Rocks on 19 th
Fieldfare	30+ near Ros Castle on 23 rd 50+ at Branton Ponds on 23 rd 40 at Smeafield on 15 th

Redwing	6 at Branton Ponds on 14 th
Chiffchaff	1 at Howick on 23 rd and a second bird on 24 th
Willow Tit	1 near Hedgeley on 16 th 2 at Craster on 17 th
Marsh Tit	1 at Spindlestone on 31 st
Nuthatch	2 at Spindlestone on 31 st
Brambling	1 at Branton on 14 th 2 at Howick on 23 rd 1 at Yearle on 1 st and 14 th
Hawfinch	1 heard at Ellingham Churchyard
Tree Sparrow	14 at Branton on 11 th
Lesser Redpoll	12 at Birling Carrs on 24 th 2 at Branton Ponds on 25 th
Mealy Redpoll	At least 2 at Birling Carrs on 24 th
Coues Arctic Redpoll	1 at Birling Carrs from 10 th
Linnet	100 at Stag Rocks on 19 th
Twite	30-40 near Warkworth on 11 th
Yellowhammer	30+ at Branton Ponds on 1 st
Snow Bunting	10 at Budle Point on 31 st
MAMMALS	
Stoat	2 in ermine at Branton Ponds on 3 rd and on 23 rd
Roe Deer	1 at Branton Ponds on 3 rd and 3 on 7 th
Otter	1 found dead at roadside between Bamburgh and Seahouses on 5 th prints found in snow at Branton Ponds on 14 th
Red Squirrel	1 at Branton Ponds on 26 th
PLANTS	
Gorse	In flower at Wooler on 7 th
FUNGI	
Jelly Ear	At Branton Ponds on 7 th
Yellow Brain	At Branton Ponds on 7 th
INVERTEBRATES	
Early Moth	1 at Branton on 16 th
RAINFALL	193mm
OBSERVERS	G&R Bell, I&K Davison, J&N Dods, G Dodds, M Hall, P Jobson, V Knox, E Panton, R&J Poppleton, S Reay, A Russel-Wills, J Rutter, S Sexton, B Welch, S Williams.