

SIGHTINGS MARCH 2013

BIRDS	
Red-throated Diver	7 off Stag Rock (3 rd)
Great Crested Grebe	1 at Branton Ponds (24 th)
Slavonian Grebe	4 off Stag Rock (16 th)
Little Egret	2 at Fenham Flats (10 th)
White-fronted Goose	2 at Harpers Heugh (3 rd)
Pink-footed Goose	450+ at Elwick (1 st), 250 at Harpers Heugh (3 rd)
Bean Goose	1 at Elwick (1 st)
Brent Goose	52 at Elwick (1 st), 200 at Harpers Heugh (3 rd), 89 at Fenham Flats (10 th)
Goldeneye	6 at Alnmouth (5 th), 7 at Fenham Flats (10 th), 12 at Branton Ponds (24 th)
Wigeon	80+ at Branton Ponds (24 th), 110 at Townfoot (15 th)
Shelduck	158 at Fenham Flats (10 th)
Eider	62 at Fenham Flats (10 th)
Pintail	2 at Fenham Flats (10 th), 153 at Fenham Flats (10 th)
Common Scoter	150 off Stag Rock (3 rd)
Long-tailed Duck	23 off Stag Rock (3 rd), 7 off Guile Point (10 th), 4 at Fenham Flats (10 th)
Pochard	2 (10 th) and 1 (23 rd) at Branton Ponds
Gadwall	2 at Branton Ponds (10 th)
Sparrowhawk	1 at Alnmouth (5 th), 1 near Lemmington Hall (23 rd)
Peregrine	1 in North Northumberland (16 th)
White-tailed Eagle	Possible sighting of 1 bird near Howick (31 st)
Black Grouse	1 near Ninebanks (15 th)
Grey Partridge	2 at Glanton (15 th)
Woodcock	1 at Harpers Heugh(3 rd),1 at Newton le Moor(30 th),2 at Townfoot(15 th),4 at Harehope Hillend (30 th)
Moorhen	1 in Branton garden all month
Curlew	237 at Fenham Flats (10 th), 24 at Townfoot (15 th)
Bar-tailed Godwit	297 at Fenham Flats (10 th)
Knot	280 at Fenham Flats (10 th)
Ringed Plover	4 at Fenham Flats (10 th)
Golden Plover	26 at Elwick (1 st), at least 3 over Glanton (15 th)
Grey Plover	66 at Fenham Flats (10 th)
Lapwing	15 at Townfoot (15 th)
Green Sandpiper	1 on the River Breamish near Hedgeley (5 th +12 th)
Redshank	1 at Branton Ponds (16 th)
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1 (6 th), 6 (16 th), 8 (23 rd) at Branton Ponds
Barn Owl	1 at Kettleburn (12 th), 1 at Harehope Hillend (25 th), 1 at Shipley (27 th)
Tawny Owl	2 near Glanton (15 th)
Short-eared Owl	3 near Guile Point (10 th)
Little Owl	1 near Glanton (15 th)
Kingfisher	At least 1 all month at Branton Ponds

Green Woodpecker	1 at Harehope Hillend (29 th)
Skylark	5 at Elwick (1 st), 34 over Branton (23 rd)
Grey Wagtail	1 on River Breamish (5 th)
Fieldfare	20+ at Branton Ponds (27 th), 45 at Shepherds Law (17 th)
Redwing	9 at Branton Ponds (28 th)
Treecreeper	2 at Swarland on fatballs all month
Nuthatch	1 at Ingram (30 th)
Raven	2 at Hillend (6 th)
Tree Sparrow	All month up to 15 in a Branton Garden and 24+ at Smeafield, 12 near Lemmington Hall (23 rd)
Linnet	80 at Harehope Hall Wood (5 th)
Brambling	6 in Swarland (2 nd), 4 at Smeafield (28 th), 6 at Lilburn Pond (27 th)
Greenfinch	2 at Smeafield (18 th)
Goldfinch	30+ at Smeafield all month
Siskin	5 in Branton (16 th), 20+ near Lemmington Hall (23 rd), up to 4 at Smeafield from the 6 th
Crossbill	2 near Lemmington (31 st)
Yellowhammer	20+ near Branton (24 th)
Reed Bunting	2 near Lemmington Hall (23 rd)
INVERTEBRATES	
Pale Brindled Beauty	1 at Howick (2 nd)
Clouded Drab	1 at Howick (2 nd)
MAMMALS	
Roe Deer	2 bucks at Branton Ponds (5 th), fighting 8 at Smeafield (5 th), and 12 (27 th)
Red Squirrel	1 at Hannahs Wood (26 th)
Brown Hare	2 at Smeafields (29 th)
Stoat	1 in almost full ermine at Brandon Ford (6 th)
Porpoise	1 off Stag Rock (16 th)
AMPHIBIANS	
Common Frog	Frogspawn in Branton Ponds (17 th), Frogspawn at Howick (24 th) + Swarland Wood (25 th)
REPTILES	
Adder	1 (10 th), 4 (29 th) at Branton Ponds
PLANTS	
Common Scurvey-grass	Fenham Flats (10 th), Buston (30 th)
Coltsfoot	Branton Ponds (24 th), Shilbottle (30 th), Old Swarland (29 th)
RAINFALL	45.8 mm
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