

**SIGHTINGS MARCH 2015****BIRDS**

Red-throated Diver	2 at Birling Carr on 8 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Rumbling Kern on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Great-crested Grebe	1 at Branton Ponds from 8 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Birling Carr on 8 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Branton Ponds on 26 <sup>th</sup> and 2 displaying on 28 <sup>th</sup> 1 at East Chevington on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Little Grebe	1 at Branton Ponds on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Whooper Swan	11 at Branton Ponds on 7 <sup>th</sup> 28 at Branton Ponds on 12 <sup>th</sup> 3 at Branton Ponds on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Pink-footed Goose	145 at Fenham Flats on 8 <sup>th</sup> 1500 at Doddington on 15 <sup>th</sup> 1000 at Smeafield on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Brent Goose	31(Pale-bellied) at Fenham Flats on 8 <sup>th</sup> 6 at Seaton Point on 17 <sup>th</sup>
Pintail	2 at Druridge Pools on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Gadwall	2 at Warkworth on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Scaup	4 at East Chevington on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Goldeneye	5 at Branton Ponds on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Sparrowhawk	1 at Branton on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Goshawk	1 in North Northumberland on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Peregrine	2 at Howick on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Hen Harrier	1 in North Northumberland on 11 <sup>th</sup> 1 in North Northumberland on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Water Rail	1 at Branton Ponds on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Common Crane	2 flying North near Lowick on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Woodcock	1 near Chatton on 13 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Branton Ponds on 20 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Harehope Hillend throughout month 1 at Bewick Moor on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Sanderling	32 at Fenham Flats on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Grey Plover	108 at Fenham Flats on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Ringed Plover	125 at Fenham Flats on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Oystercatcher	409 at Guile Point on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Knot	85 at Fenham Flats on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Curlew	46 at Branton Ponds on 4 <sup>th</sup> 244 at Fenham Flats on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Mediterranean Gull	1 at Newbiggin on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Lesser-black Backed Gull	3 at Branton Ponds on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Iceland Gull	1 at Holy Island on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Short-eared Owl	1 at Warkworth on 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 at Warkworth Dunes on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Barn Owl	2 at Battlebridge on 25 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Bridge of Aln on 25 <sup>th</sup>
Kingfisher	1 at Warkworth on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Green Woodpecker	1 at Old Bewick on 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup>
Skylark	5 at Ford Moss on 10 <sup>th</sup> 70+ at Puncherton on 14 <sup>th</sup> 9 at Howick on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Sand Martin	1 at Branton Ponds on 25 <sup>th</sup>
Rock Pipit	2 at Rumbling Kern on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Grey Wagtail	1 at Lesbury on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Waxwing	2 at Howick Gardens on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Dipper	1 at Lesbury on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Stonechat	2 at Warkworth on 1 <sup>st</sup> 3+ at Rumbling Kern on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Redwing	18 at Ford Moss on 10 <sup>th</sup>
Fieldfare	36 at Ford Moss on 10 <sup>th</sup> 150 at Biddlestone on 14 <sup>th</sup> 80+ at Lesbury on 13 <sup>th</sup>

Common Chiffchaff	1 at Branton Ponds on 16 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Howick on 15 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Branton Ponds on 20 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Alnmouth on 20 <sup>th</sup>
Goldcrest	9 at Ford Moss on 10 <sup>th</sup>
Willow Tit	1 at Branton Ponds on 8 <sup>th</sup> 4 at Craster on 15 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Branton Ponds on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Treecreeper	1 at Doxford Hall on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Raven	1 near Biddlestone on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Jay	2 at Ford Moss on 10 <sup>th</sup>
Crossbill	2 at Quarryhouse on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Goldfinch	30 at Smeafield on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Bullfinch	2 Bullfinch on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Twite	1 at Howick on 15 <sup>th</sup> 40+ at Boulmer on 12 <sup>th</sup>
Linnet	200+ at Howick on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Tree Sparrow	22 at Branton on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Reed Bunting	25+ at Branton Ponds on 25 <sup>th</sup>
Snow Bunting	14 at Guile Point with 2 more near the Wideopens on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Yellowhammer	9 at Ford Moss on 10 <sup>th</sup> 10+ at Howick on 15 <sup>th</sup>
<b>AMPHIBIANS</b>	
Common Frog	Frogspawn near Haggerston on 2 <sup>nd</sup> ,Frogspawn on Beanley Moor on 7 <sup>th</sup> Frogspawn at Branton Ponds on 18 <sup>th</sup> Frogspawn at Smeafield on 9 <sup>th</sup>
<b>REPTILES</b>	
Adder	8 at Branton Ponds on 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 9 on 18 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Langlee Crags on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Slow Worm	1 at Branton Ponds on 27 <sup>th</sup>
<b>PLANTS</b>	
Coltsfoot	In flower at Branton Ponds on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Gorse	In flower at Branton Ponds all month
Primrose	At Careyburn on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Golden Saxifrage	Both Opposite Leaved and Alternate leaved in flower at Harehope Hillend on 28 <sup>th</sup>
<b>INSECTS</b>	
Buff-tailed Bumblebee	1 at Branton on 10 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Titlington Mount on 27 <sup>th</sup>
White-tailed Bumblebee	1 at Titlington Mount on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Tree Bumblebee	1 at Titlington Mount on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Early Bumblebee	1 at Titlington Mount on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Common Quaker	1 at Wooler on 19 <sup>th</sup>
March Moth	1 at Branton on 20 <sup>th</sup>
Peacock Butterfly	1 at Smeafield on 20 <sup>th</sup>
Small Tortoiseshell	1 at Branton on 20 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Lesbury on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>MAMMALS</b>	
Stoat	1 in partial ermine at Branton Ponds on 4 <sup>th</sup> 1 in ermine near Bulby's Wood(Breamish Valley) on 6 <sup>th</sup> 1 in ermine at Branton Ponds on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Red Squirrel	1 at Hedgeley Hall on 12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>RAINFALL</b>	20mm
<b>OBSERVERS</b>	J Clark, I&K Davison, T Dean, G Dodds, M McMahon, R&J Poppleton, S Reay, B&M Rolley, J Rutter, G Sanders, S Sexton,S Wilson.