

SIGHTINGS MAY 2018

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BIRDS	
Great-northern Diver	1 at Cheswick on 7th
Red-throated Diver	2+ at Cheswick on 7th
Glossy Ibis	1 at Druridge Pools on 12th and again on 29th
Spoonbill	1 at Druridge Pools on 26th
Little Bittern	1 at Waren Mill on 5th
Whooper Swan	2 at Druridge Pools on 26th
Barnacle Goose	3 at Holy Island on 31st
Shelduck	5 chicks on Monk's House Pool on 29th
Common Scoter	45 at Cheswick on 7th
Long-tailed Duck	A small group of males calling on Fenham Flats on 31st
Pintail	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 18th
American Wigeon	1 at Grindon Lough on 30th
Garganey	1 at Druridge Pools on 29th
Sparrowhawk	1 at Holy Island on 31st
Merlin	1 on Holy Island on 6th
Marsh Harrier	2 at East Chevington on 12th
Water Rail	1 at Druridge Pools on 26th
Woodcock	1 at Beanley Woods on 17th
Oystercatcher	Pair with 2 chicks at Branton Ponds on 15th
Avocet	9 at Cresswell Pond on 12th
Ringed Plover	2 at Hedgeley Lakes on 4th
Little-ringed Plover	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 4th
Redshank	18 at Hedgeley Lakes on 4th
Greenshank	2 at Druridge Pools on 26th
Pectoral Sandpiper	1 at Druridge Pools on 29th
Wood Sandpiper	1 at Low Newton flash on 13th
Curlew	7 at Hulne Moor on 24th
Whimbrel	2 at Branton Ponds on 2nd 3 at Cheswick on 7th 1 at Holy Island on 31st
Ruff	2 at Druridge Pools on 12th
Black-tailed Godwit	3 at Druridge Pools on 12th
Little Tern	2 over Holy Island on 13th
Cuckoo	1 at Alnwick Moor on 6th 1 at Callaly on 7th 1 at Beanley Moor on 13th and 2 on 14th 1 at Alnwick Moor on 24th
Short-eared Owl	1 on Holy Island on 6th
Barn Owl	1 at Humbleton on 3rd 1 at Branton Ponds on 7th 1 at Doddington on 13th 1 near Hedgeley Hall on 17th 1 north of Doddington on 29th 1 at Bolton on 14th 2 at Bolton Woodhall on 25th 1 at Abberwick on 25th
Tawny Owl	1 near Hedgeley Hall on 17th
Swift	1 at The Hirsell on 3rd 6 over Branton Ponds on 8th 1 over Alnwick on 12th and 20 on 31st
Kingfisher	1 at Branton Ponds on 8th 1 on River Breamish on 20th
Great-spotted Woodpecker	2 at Smeafield on 17th
Tree Pipit	1 at Holystone Woods on 7th
Dunnock	2 fledglings in Alnwick on 30th
Stonechat	3 at Beanley Moor on 14th 7 at Hulne Moor on 24th
Whinchat	A pair on Holy Island on 6th several in College Valley on 19th
Wheatear	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 4th 50+ on Holy Island on 6th 1 at Dunsdale on 20th
Redstart	4 at The Hirsell on 3rd 2 at Holystone Woods on 5th and 6+ on 7th 1 at Brizlee Woods on 24th 1 at Allenbanks on 30th 1 at Holy Island on 31st 1 near Broome Park on 7th 2 at Abberwick on 17th

Black Redstart	1 on Holy Island on 13th
Ring Ouzel	2 near Hawsen Burn on 2nd
Blackbird	2 young birds at Smeafield on 13th
Grasshopper Warbler	1 at The Hirsell on 3rd
Blyth's Reed Warbler	1 at Low Newton Pool on 27th
Reed Warbler	2 on Holy Island on 6th
Marsh Warbler	1 on Holy Island on 29th
Common Whitethroat	2 on Holy Island on 6th 1 at Branton Ponds on 13th
Lesser Whitethroat	1 on Holy Island on 29th
Chiffchaff	1 in Alnwick on 5th
Spotted Flycatcher	1 at Holystone Woods on 7th
Pied Flycatcher	1 Holystone Woods on 5th and again on 7th 1 at Branton Ponds on 10th and there until 15th 2 at Allenbanks on 30th
Willow Tit	1 at Branton Ponds on 3rd
Red-backed Shrike	2 at Low Newton on 13th 1 at Holy Island on 28th
Raven	1 near Beanley on 24th
Bullfinch	2 in Glanton garden on 2nd
Greenfinch	1 at Smeafield on 29th 4 in Alnwick on 9th
Yellowhammer	1 at Abberwick on 17th
MAMMALS	
Grey Squirrel	3 at The Hirsell on 3rd
Brown Hare	5 at Branton Ponds on 4th
Weasel	1 at Branton Ponds on 3rd 1 near Embleton on 7th
Badger	1 near Ellingham on 5th
Fox	1 at Branton Ponds on 11th 1 at Beanley Woods on 17th
Otter	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 19th
INVERTEBRATES	
Orange Tip	1 at Holystone Woods on 5th 5+ at Waren Mill on 5th 1 at Smeafield on 1st
Small Copper	1 on River Breamish on 20th
Green-veined White	2 at Branton Ponds on 5th
Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary	9 at Debdon on 31st
Peacock	3 at Branton Ponds on 5th
Small Tortoiseshell	2 at Smeafield on 12th
Painted Lady	1 at Debdon on 31st
Green Hairstreak	4 at Alnwick Moor on 6th
Speckled Wood	2 at Branton Ponds on 7th and 3 on 18th
Wall	3 at Branton Ponds on 18th 4 at Smeafield on 28th
Emperor Moth	4 at Alnwick Moors on 6th 6+ at Debdon Moor on 12th
Knot-grass	1 at Branton on 7th
Lunar Marbled Brown	1 at Branton on 7th
Streamer	1 at Branton on 7th
Pale Prominent	1 at Branton on 20th
Swallow Prominent	1 at Branton on 19th
Lesser Swallow Prominent	2 at Branton on 7th
Poplar Hawkmoth	1 at Branton on 11th and 2 on 18th with 9 on 27th
Least-black Arches	1 at Branton on 12th
Engrailed	1 at Branton on 12th
Lunar Thorn	1 at Branton on 12th
Red Sword-grass	1 at Branton on 19th
Black-tailed Damselfly	Numerous at Branton Ponds on 20th
Common Blue Damselfly	3 at Branton Ponds on 18th numerous at Branton by 20th

Red and Black Froghopper	1 at Branton Ponds on 20th
REPTILES	
Adder	2 at Branton on 17th
Common Lizard	1 at Smeafield on 19th
PLANTS	
Celery-leaved Buttercup	At Branton Ponds on 18th
Common Whitlow Grass	In College Valley on 19th
New Zealand Willowherb	On River Breamish on 20th
Water Aven	On Alnwick Moor on 24th in Crawley Dene on 24th
Lousewort	On Alnwick Moor on 24th
Chickweed Wintergreen	On Alnwick Moor on 24th on Hulne Moor on 24th
Bloody Cranesbill	At East Chevington on 26th
Purple Milkvetch	At Druridge Pools on 26th
Early Purple Orchid	At East Chevington on 26th
Woodruff	At Powburn on 28th in Roddam Dene on 28th
Sanicle	At Powburn on 28th
RAINFALL	22mm
OBSERVERS	I&K Davison, G Dodds, P Jobson, M Popely, S Reay, J Rutter, S Sexton.