

	<b>SIGHTINGS OCTOBER 2011</b>
<b>BIRDS</b>	
Red-throated Diver	3 at Annstead on 9 <sup>th</sup> and 6 at Ross Back Sands on the 16 <sup>th</sup>
Black-throated Diver	1 at Annstead on the 9 <sup>th</sup>
Great Northern Diver	1 at Annstead on the 9 <sup>th</sup>
Little Grebe	2 at Branton Ponds on the 7 <sup>th</sup>
Great Crested Grebe	Up to 4 all month at Branton Ponds
Manx Shearwater	1 at Annstead on the 9 <sup>th</sup>
Whooper Swan	3 at Branton Ponds on the 7 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> also 7 at Swarland on the 15 <sup>th</sup>
Pink-footed Goose	Monks House Pool on 1 <sup>st</sup> and 350 at East Chevington on the 26 <sup>th</sup>
Barnacle Goose	Up to 10 at Monks House Pool on the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> . Also 240 at Fenham Flats on the 16 <sup>th</sup> and 218 at East Chevington on the 26 <sup>th</sup>
Snow Goose	2 at Monks House Pool on the 1 <sup>st</sup>
Greylag Goose	40 at Monks House Pool on the 1 <sup>st</sup>
Ross's Goose	2 at Monks House Pool on the 9 <sup>th</sup>
Shelduck	245 at Budle Bay on the 16 <sup>th</sup>
Shoveler	Up to 14 all month at Monks House Pool
Goldeneye	7 at Branton Ponds on the 12 <sup>th</sup>
Goosander	22 at Branton Ponds on the 17 <sup>th</sup>
Pochard	2 at Branton Ponds on the 17 <sup>th</sup>
Lesser Scaup	1 at Marden Quarry all month, a rare visitor from North America and was still present at time of writing
Pintail	2 at East Chevington on the 26 <sup>th</sup>
Sparrowhawk	1 at Swarland on the 10 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup>
Buzzard	1 at Newton on the Moor on the 13 <sup>th</sup> and 1 at Swarland on the 15 <sup>th</sup>
Merlin	1 on Holy Island on the 16 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup>
Peregrine	1 at Fenham Flats on the 16 <sup>th</sup>
Hen Harrier	1 at Annstead on the 9 <sup>th</sup> and 1 on Holy Island on the 30 <sup>th</sup>
Oystercatcher	840 at Guile Point on the 16 <sup>th</sup>
Golden Plover	250 at Monks House Pool on the 9 <sup>th</sup> and 650 at East Chevington on the 26 <sup>th</sup>
Knot	50 at Stag Rocks on the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 150 at East Chevington on the 26 <sup>th</sup>
Snipe	7 at Monks House Pool on the 27 <sup>th</sup>
Bar-tailed Godwit	520 at Guile Point on the 16 <sup>th</sup>
Black-tailed Godwit	4 on the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 6 on the 9 <sup>th</sup> both Monks House Pool also 1 at Budle Bay on the 16 <sup>th</sup>
Sanderling	270 at Fenham Flats on the 16 <sup>th</sup>
Little Stint	4 at Low Newton on the 20 <sup>th</sup>
Ruff	2 at East Chevington on the 26 <sup>th</sup>
Little Egret	4 at Beal Point on the 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Long-tailed Skua	1 (juvenile) at Stag Rocks on the 1 <sup>st</sup>
Arctic Skua	2 at Holy Island on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 1 on the 26 <sup>th</sup> also 1 at Cresswell 25 <sup>th</sup>
Pomarine Skua	1 at Stag Rocks on the 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Lesser Black-backed Gull	32 at Branton Ponds on the 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Little Gull	6 at Stag Rocks on the 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Mediterranean Gull	1 (1 <sup>st</sup> winter bird) at Monks House Pool on the 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Herring Gull	130 at Swarland on the 28 <sup>th</sup>
Common Gull	40 at Swarland on the 5 <sup>th</sup>
Sandwich Tern	2 at Stag Rocks on the 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Arctic Tern	1 at Stag Rocks on the 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Turtle Dove	1 (heard) Branton Ponds on the 11 <sup>th</sup>
Kingfisher	1 at Branton Ponds all month
Great Spotted Woodpecker	3 at Swarland on the 28 <sup>th</sup>
Sand Martin	6 at Branton Ponds on the 4 <sup>th</sup>

Swallow	6 at Branton Ponds on the 7 <sup>th</sup> , 20 at Powburn on the 5 <sup>th</sup> and 1 at Newton on the Moor on the 5 <sup>th</sup>
Grey Wagtail	1 in Hulne Park on the 28 <sup>th</sup>
Dipper	1 in Hulne Park on the 28 <sup>th</sup>
Fieldfare	50 over Branton on the 20 <sup>th</sup> and 6 at Smeafield on the 5 <sup>th</sup>
Redwing	3 at Holy Island on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 1 at Branton on the 6 <sup>th</sup>
Blackcap	1 on Holy Island on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 6 on the 26 <sup>th</sup> also 5 at Cresswell Pond on the 25 <sup>th</sup>
Chiffchaff	4 on Holy Island on the 26 <sup>th</sup>
Yellow-browed Warbler	2 on Holy Island on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 1 on the 26 <sup>th</sup> also 1 at Cresswell Pond on the 25 <sup>th</sup> and 1 at St Mary's Island on the 26 <sup>th</sup>
Goldcrest	Many on Holy Island on the 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Firecrest	1 at St Mary's on the 24 <sup>th</sup>
Long-tailed Tit	12 at Branton Ponds on the 10 <sup>th</sup> and 15 at Swarland on the 18 <sup>th</sup>
Nuthatch	1 singing at Swarland all month
Treecreeper	1 at Swarland on the 14 <sup>th</sup>
Hooded Crow	1 at Elwick on the 16 <sup>th</sup>
Rook	80 at Swarland on the 18 <sup>th</sup>
Jackdaw	40 at Swarland on the 9 <sup>th</sup>
Jay	1 at Felton on the 20 <sup>th</sup>
Tree Sparrow	Singing at Swarland in the first half of the month
Brambling	1 on Holy Island on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 3 on the 26 <sup>th</sup> .
Siskin	1 at Swarland on the 31 <sup>st</sup>
Twite	120 at Bamburgh GC on the 27 <sup>th</sup>
Crossbill	25 at Thrunton Woods on the 27 <sup>th</sup>
Lapland Bunting	1 on Holy Island on the 16 <sup>th</sup> , 11 on the 26 <sup>th</sup> and 1 on the 30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>MAMMALS</b>	
Porpoise	2 off Stag Rocks on the 1 <sup>st</sup>
Stoat	1 at Branton on the 13 <sup>th</sup> and 1 at Felton on the 4 <sup>th</sup>
Badger	1 at Chillingham Park on the 14 <sup>th</sup> .
Red Squirrel	1 at Branton on the 6 <sup>th</sup> and several in Swarland all month
Grey Squirrel	1 at Old Swarland on the 14 <sup>th</sup>
<b>INVERTEBRATES</b>	
Peacock	Singles in Swarland on the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup>
Red Admiral	Up to 6 all month in Swarland
Small Tortoiseshell	Singles in Swarland up to the 24 <sup>th</sup>
Large White	Singles in Swarland on the 9 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup>
Silver-Y	1 in Swarland on the 1 <sup>st</sup>
Red Green Carpet	1 in Swarland on the 1 <sup>st</sup>
Yellow Line Quaker	1 in Swarland on the 1 <sup>st</sup>
Merveille du Jour	1 in Swarland on the 1 <sup>st</sup>
November Moth	1 in Swarland on the 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>RAINFALL</b>	45.5mm
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