

	SIGHTINGS OCTOBER 2013
BIRDS	
Red-throated Diver	3 off Stag Rock on 17 th 1 in Alnmouth Bay on 23 rd
Great Crested Grebe	Up to 3 all month at Branton Ponds
Slavonian Grebe	1 off Stag Rock on 17 th
Little Grebe	12 at Branton Ponds on 5 th
Manx Shearwater	2 at Annstead on 11 th
Sooty Shearwater	7 at Annstead on 11 th 8 in Alnmouth Bay on 11 th
Balearic Shearwater	1 at Annstead on 11 th
Little Egret	2 at Beal on 11 th 3 at Fenham Flats on 13 th 1 at Budle Bay on 29 th
Whooper Swan	2 at Branton Ponds on 6 th 10 on 9 th and 13 on 10 th 2 at Hedgeley Lakes on 15 th 13 over Branton on 17 th 7 at Branton Ponds on 25 th 2 at Hedgeley Lakes on 26 th 5 at Branton Ponds on 27 th
Brent Goose	723 at Fenham Flats on 13 th 57(Dark Bellied) at Holy Island on 20 th including 22 juveniles
Barnacle Goose	1 at Branton Ponds on 10 th and 26 th 400 at Fenham Flats on 13 th 100+ at Budle Bay on 29 th 2000 at Smeafield on 11 th
Pink-footed Goose	9 at Branton Ponds on 10 th 1000+ over Embleton on 29 th
Lesser White-fronted Goose	1(escape) at Hauxley on 9 th
Goosander	117 at Branton Ponds on 5 th and 78 on 6 th
Red-breasted Merganser	2 in Alnmouth Bay on 27 th
Wigeon	100 at Branton Ponds on 6 th 2570 at Fenham Flats on 13 th 10000 at Fenham Flats on 8 th
Shelduck	1 at Branton Ponds on 6 th
Pochard	2 at Branton Ponds on 19 th
Gadwall	4 at Branton Ponds on 26 th
Pintail	1 at Newton Pool on 5 th 1 at Branton Ponds on 5 th
Long-tailed Duck	7 off Stag Rock on 17 th 1 in Alnmouth Estuary from 25 th to 27 th
Common Scoter	6 off Howick on 12 th
Velvet Scoter	8 at Annstead on 11 th
Hen Harrier	1 in College Valley on 24 th
Sparrowhawk	1 on Holy Island on 3 rd
Merlin	1 juvenile on Holy Island on 20 th
Rough-legged Buzzard	1 at Holy Island on 8 th
Grey Partridge	2+ at Whinney Hill on 22 nd 9 in Branton on 30 th
Woodcock	1 over Haugh Head on 3 rd
Snipe	37 at Branton Ponds on 19 th 40 at Hedgeley Lakes on 26 th
Coot	61 at Branton Ponds on 31 st
Green Sandpiper	3 at Hedgeley Lakes on 26 th
Curlew Sandpiper	1 at Druridge Pools on 2 nd
Purple Sandpiper	6 at Stag Rock on 17 th
Lapwing	3 at Branton Ponds on 26 th
Golden Plover	250+ at Low Newton on 5 th 40+ at Whinney Hill on 22 nd 250 at Fenham Flats on 13 th

Curlew	14 at Branton Ponds on 23 rd
Redshank	1 at Branton Ponds on 23 rd 131 at Fenham Flats on 13 th
Arctic Skua	1 at Annstead on 11 th
Pomerine Skua	1 off Emmanuel Head on 14 th
Long-tailed Skua	1 at Budle Point on 2 nd
Great Skua	23 at Annstead on 11 th 1 in Alnmouth Bay on 11 th and 3 on 18 th
Lesser Black-backed Gull	55 at Branton Ponds on 5 th
Great Black-backed Gull	2 at Branton Ponds on 5 th and 19 th
Bonaparte's Gull	1 at Budle Point on 30 th
Arctic Tern	1 at Monk's House on 31 st
Barn Owl	1 near Branton on 4 th
Kingfisher	1 at Branton Ponds on 5 th and 15 th with 2 on 22 nd
Great Spotted Woodpecker	3 juveniles on Holy Island on 11 th
Swallow	2 on Holy Island on 14 th 1 at College Valley on 24 th
Dipper	1 at Branton Ponds on 19 th
Redstart	1 on Holy Island on 3 rd and 2 on 6 th
Stonechat	2 at Budle Point on 2 nd 7 at Budle Point on 17 th
Siberian Stonechat	1 at Howick from 20 th
Fieldfare	Several on Holy Island on 14 th 70+ over Branton on 21 st
Redwing	Several on Holy Island on 3 rd 15 over Branton Ponds on 10 th 100's on Holy Island on 11 th 50+ at Newton Point on 19 th 50+ at Branton Ponds on 31 st
Ring Ouzel	1 at Holy Island on 3 rd 10+ on Holy Island on 14 th
Subalpine Warbler	1 at Druridge Pools on 5 th
Lesser Whitethroat	1 on Holy Island on 3 rd
Common Whitethroat	1 on Holy Island on 6 th
Blackcap	2 on Holy Island on 3 rd 1 in Branton on 4 th several on Holy Island on 20 th
Willow Warbler	1 in Branton on 4 th
Chiffchaff	5+ at Branton Ponds on 5 th several in the Vicar's garden Holy Island on the 14 th including one good candidate for Siberian Chiffchaff
Yellow-browed Warbler	3 on Holy Island on 3 rd 1 at St Mary's wetland on 5 th 1 on Holy Island on 6 th
Firecrest	1 at St Mary's wetland on 5 th
Willow Tit	1 at Branton Ponds on 28 th
Marsh Tit	2 at Wallington Hall on 19 th
Jay	Several in Holystone Woods on 29 th
Tree Sparrow	20+ at Whinney Hill on 22 nd
Brambling	1 at Budle Point on 2 nd several on Holy Island on 3 rd 7 on Holy Island on 11 th 3 near Biddlestone on 29 th
Twite	7 at College Valley on 24 th 20+ at Alnmouth all month
Lesser Redpoll	Several on Holy Island on 14 th
Common (Mealy) Redpoll	Several on Holy Island on 14 th
Yellowhammer	30+ at Whinney Hill on 22 nd
Reed Bunting	20+ at Budle Point on 17 th 10 at Whinney Hill on 22 nd
Lapland Bunting	2 on Holy Island on 3 rd

Snow Bunting	4 at Budle Point on 2 nd 1 at Low Newton on 5 th
Reed Bunting	Many at Budle Point on 2 nd
MAMMALS	
Red Squirrel	1 at Branton on 3 rd and 7 th and 25 th 1 at Holystone Woods on 29 th 1 at Branton Ponds on 31 st 1 at Belford North Bank on 12 th
Roe Deer	3 on Holy Island on 6 th and 10 on 20 th 1 at Swarland on 31 st
Stoat	1 on Holy Island on 14 th carrying an apple
INVERTEBRATES	
Migrant Hawker	1 at Branton Ponds on 5 th
Southern Hawker	1 at Brandon Ford on 7 th
Common Hawker	1 at Branton Ponds on 29 th
Common Darter	Many around Branton Ponds on 8 th 1 at Branton Ponds on 23 rd
Peacock Butterfly	1 at College Valley on 24 th
AMPHIBIANS	
Common Newt	1 at Branton on 19 th
PLANTS	
Heath Grousel	College Valley on 24 th
Thyme	College Valley on 24 th
Mouse-eared Hawkweed	College Valley on 24 th
Thyme-leaved Speedwell	College Valley on 24 th
RAINFALL	83.5mm
OBSERVERS	W Banks, G&R Bell, S Carter, I&K Davison, G Dodds, A Keeble, M McMahon, S Reay, M Rolley, S Sexton, H Tindle, S Williams.