

	SIGHTINGS SEPTEMBER 2012
BIRDS	
Black-throated Diver	1 flew past Newton Point (9 th), 1 off Holy Island (22 nd), 1 off Holy Island (26 th)
Red-throated Diver	1 at Guile Point (16 th), 4 off Holy Island (22 nd), 2 at Annstead (25 th), 6 off Holy Island (26 th)
Little Grebe	2 at Branton Ponds (4 th), 1 on Holy Island (8 th), 3 on Hedgeley Pond (11 th), 2 on Lilburn Pond (11 th)
Black-necked Grebe	1 at East Chevington (19 th)
Great Crested Grebe	2 at Branton Ponds all month
Manx Shearwater	1 at Annstead (25 th), several off Holy Island (26 th)
Sooty Shearwater	6 off Newton Point (9 th), 1 off Holy Island (26 th)
Cormorant	7 at Branton Ponds (19 th)
Mute Swan	9 on Lilburn Pond (11 th)
Barnacle Goose	1 (2 nd & 30 th) at Branton Ponds
Pink-footed Goose	100+ at Newton Point (9 th), 30 at Branton (12 th)
Brent Goose	550 at Fenham Flats (16 th), 300 on Fenham Flats (14 th)
Pintail	1 at Branton Ponds (4 th), 4 at Fenham Flats (16 th)
Eider Duck	360 at Fenham Flats (16 th)
Red-breasted Merganser	8 at Guile Point (16 th)
Goosander	40 (4 th), 69 (12 th), 93 (18 th), 115 (27 th) rising to an impressive 220 (26 th) at Branton Ponds
Goldeneye	1 at Annstead (25 th)
Pochard	3 at Branton Ponds (28 th)
Wigeon	1000 on Fenham Flats (14 th)
Common Scoter	120 at Annstead (25 th)
Velvet Scoter	1 at Annstead (25 th)
Long-tailed Duck	1 at Cresswell Pond (9 th)
Buzzard	1 at Swarland (1 st), 3 at Smeafield (22 nd), 1 nr. Felton (27 th)
Hen Harrier	1 in North Northumberland (14 th)
Sparrowhawk	1 ♀ (26 th) and (29 th) at Swarland
Goshawk	1 in North Northumberland (14 th)
Kestrel	Singles at Swarland (12/16/18/30 th), 1 (16 th) Newton on the Moor
Merlin	1 at Holy Island (22 nd)
Peregrine	2 juveniles at Fenham Flats (16 th), 1 at Elwick (23 rd), 2 near Old Bewick (18 th)
Water Rail	1 (11 th), 1 (30 th) at Branton Ponds
Curlew Sandpiper	1 at Elwick Flash (1 st), 5 at Elwick Flash (16 th)
Golden Plover	200 at Newton Point (27 th), 130 at the Football Hole (2 nd)
Knot	2 on Holy Island (8 th)
Black-tailed Godwit	1 at Elwick Flash (1 st), 12 on Holy Island (8 th), 3 on Newton Scrape (9 th), 13 at East Chevington (19 th), 1 at Hauxley (24 th),
Bar-tailed Godwit	7 at Elwick Flash (12 th)
Ruff	12 at Elwick Flash (1 st), 3 at Newton Scrape (9 th)
Common Sandpiper	1 (4 th) and 2 (25 th) at Branton Ponds
Turnstone	4 at the Football Hole (2 nd), 24 on Holy Island (8 th)
Sanderling	20 at Newton Point (9 th), 3 at the Football Hole (2 nd)

Little Stint	1 at Cresswell Pond (30 th)
Redshank	A flock at Elwick Flash (12 th)
Greenshank	2 at Newton Scrape (9 th), 1 at Cresswell Pond (30 th)
Pectoral Sandpiper	1 juvenile at Cresswell Pond (9 th)
Long-billed Dowitcher	1 juvenile at Cresswell Pond (30 th)
Arctic Skua	2 at Newton Point (9 th), 1 at Annstead (25 th)
Long-tailed Skua	7 at Annstead (25 th), 2 over Holy Island (26 th)
Great Skua	1 at Cresswell Pond (9 th), 22 at Annstead (25 th), 1 off Holy Island (26 th)
Lesser Black-backed Gull	14 on Branton Ponds (23 rd)
Mediterranean Gull	1 on Holy Island (23 rd)
Common Tern	1 (juvenile) at Annstead (25 th)
Sandwich Tern	2 off Newton Point (27 th)
Black Tern	1 (juvenile) at Newton Point (9 th)
Kingfisher	2 on the River Breamish (11 th), 1 (18 th & 25 th) and 3 (27 th) at Branton Ponds
Wryneck	1 on Holy Island (26 th) and (29 th)
Sand Martin	20+ at Branton Ponds (13 th)
Swallow	15 at Branton Ponds (13 th); at Swarland – a few local breeders present daily until 23 rd , passage groups 23 (1 st), 20 (11 th), 20 (14 th), 40 (18 th), 10 (23 rd), 4 flying south (29 th)
House Martin	3 at Branton Ponds (13 th); at Swarland – morning gatherings of 15 -120 during first 3 weeks of month with largest 200 (19 th), party of 5 flying south (23 rd)
Wren	1 (30 th) Swarland
Wheatear	6 at the Football Hole (2 nd)
Redstart	1 at Low Newton (24 th) and many on Holy Island (26 th)
Blackbird	Many at Harehope Hillhead (25 th)
Song Thrush	100's on Holy Island (26 th), 5 at Harehope Hillhead (25 th)
Mistle Thrush	2 at Harehope Hillhead (25 th)
Fieldfare	15 on Holy Island (29 th)
Redwing	Several on Holy Island (26 th), 3 at Harehope Hillend (28 th)
Blackcap	Several around Branton Ponds all month, 1 at Harehope Hillhead (24 th)
Lesser Whitethroat	2 at Holy Island (22 nd)
Chiffchaff	1 at Belford (5 th)
Arctic Warbler	1 at Holy Island (26 th)
Yellow-browed Warbler	1 at Holy Island (26 th and 29 th)
Goldcrest	100's on Holy Island (26 th)
Coal Tit	Very numerous by the end of the month with up to 10 around one feeder at times - Swarland
Red-breasted Flycatcher	1 (1 st winter) on Holy Island (23 rd)
Spotted Flycatcher	1 at Low Newton (24 th), several on Holy Island (29 th)
Pied Flycatcher	1 at Low Newton (24 th), several on Holy Island (26 th)
Nuthatch	2 at Belford (5 th)
Starling	500+ at Smeafield (4 th)
Tree Sparrow	Singles (27 th , 28 th) Swarland
Raven	4 at Eglingham (6 th)
Lesser Redpoll	5 at Branton Ponds (28 th)

Siskin	11 (17 th), singles more or less daily Swarland
Brambling	1 at Beal (26 th), 1 on Holy Island (29 th), 1 at Branton Ponds (29 th)
Chaffinch	200 in fields beside the Elwick/Smeafield road
Crossbill	1 at East Lilburn (27 th)
MAMMALS	
Red Squirrel	1 in Branton (4 th), 1 at Eglington (9 th), 1 in Branton (23 rd), 1 at Branton Ponds (24 th), 1 at Yearle (24 th), 1 in Eglington (28 th – it ran over the observers foot), 2 at Belford (5 th)
Water Shrew	1 on Holy Island (23 rd) – on the vicar's lawn
Porpoise	2 off Ross Back Sands (16 th)
Roe Deer	6 on Holy Island (29 th)
Weasel	1 carrying a mouse at Warkworth Birling Links (29 th)
INVERTEBRATES	
Southern Hawker	1 at Gleadscleugh (4 th), 2 at Branton Ponds (11 th)
Brown Hawker	1 at Low Newton (9 th)
Common Darter	Several at Druridge Pools (30 th)
Comma	1 at Yearle (18 th & 19 th), 1 in Swarland (15 th , 16 th , 19 th)
Peacock	2 (4 th) and 3 (19 th) at Yearle, singles most days during 2 nd half of month Swarland
Wall Brown	1 at Yearle (4 th), 1 at Low Newton Scrape (17 th)
Small Copper	2 at Yearle (4 th)
Small Heath	1 at Yearle (4 th)
Red Admiral	2 at Yearle (4 th), singles most days during 2 nd half of month Swarland
Small White	Mostly singles early in the month, max 5 (4 th) Swarland
Large White	1 at Yearle (4 th), few singles during 1 st week at Swarland
Small Tortoiseshell	Single up to 4 th and in last week Swarland
Silver-Y moth	Several singles throughout month
Fox Moth	1 caterpillar on Simonside (22 nd)
Smooth Newt	2 found under a rockery stone -Swarland
PLANTS	
Grass of Parnassus	Large numbers on Holy Island (22 nd)
Trailing St Johns Wort	On Old Bewick Moor (18 th)
Golden-rod	On Old Bewick Moor (18 th)
RAINFALL	69.1mm
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