

SIGHTINGS SEPTEMBER 2018

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BIRDS	
Red-throated Diver	2 at Boulmer on 16th and 7 on 23rd
Great-crested Grebe	2 at Branton Ponds on all month
Manx Shearwater	9 at Boulmer on 16th and 23 on 23rd 1 at Craster on 28th
Cormorant	A flock of 13 over Alnwick on 15th
Little Egret	2 at Budle Bay on 4th and 11th 9 at Holy Island on 22nd 1 at Craster on 11th
Grey Heron	7 at Monks House Pool on 11th 2 in College Valley on 16th
Canada Goose	22 at Budle Bay on 20th
Greylag Goose	300+ at Branton Ponds on 2nd 100 at Budle Bay on 4th
Pink-footed Goose	11 over Branton on 15th 1000 at Budle Bay on 25th
Barnacle Goose	150 at Holy Island on 22nd 3000 at Fenham Flats on 26th 32 north over Howick Village on 29th 100's north at Newton Point on 28th
Shoveler	30 at Budle Bay on 20th
Mandarin	1 at Branton Ponds on 15th and still there on 23rd
Wigeon	4 at Branton Ponds on 2nd 30+ at Branton Ponds on 13th
Goosander	6 at Branton Ponds on 1st and 13 on 15th
Gadwall	2 pairs at Branton Ponds on 2nd and 8 pairs on 30th
Goldeneye	1 at Branton Ponds on 2nd
Peregrine	1 at Boulmer on 9th
Kestrel	1 in College Valley on 16th 1 in Alnwick on 8th
Sparrowhawk	1 in College Valley on 16th 1 at Howick Pool on 29th
Common Buzzard	1 at Alnwick on 26th
Grey Partridge	1 at Howick Village on 29th
Coot	40+ at Branton Ponds on 13th
Snipe	10 at Branton Ponds on 18th
Golden Plover	1400 on Holy Island causeway on 17th
Lapwing	300+ at Branton Ponds on 2nd
Dunlin	3 at Branton Ponds on 2nd
Ruff	2 at Monks House Pool on 4th
Green Sandpiper	1 at Branton Ponds on 16th 1 at Ingram on 18th
Black-tailed Godwit	110 at Monks House Pool on 4th
Greenshank	2 at Holy Island on 13th 2 at Budle Bay on 13th
Whimbrel	12 at Smeafield on 17th
Great Skua	1 at Craster on 4th
Arctic Skua	1 at Boulmer on 16th and 2 on 23rd
Pomarine Skua	2 at Boulmer on 16th and 1 on 23rd
Lesser Black-backed Gull	262 at Branton Ponds on 1st and 148 on 23rd
Sandwich Tern	1 on Holy Island causeway on 17th
Barn Owl	1 north of Alnwick on 26th
Little Owl	1 at Lemmington Bank
Long-eared Owl	1 on Holy Island on 15th
Short-eared Owl	1 on Holy Island on 15th
Kingfisher	2+ at Branton Ponds all month 1 at Brandon Ford on 2nd
Yellow Wagtail	1 juvenile at Branton Ponds on 5th 2 at Boulmer on 9th
Pied Wagtail	16+ at Branton Ponds on 5th
Dipper	1 in Harthope Valley on 18th
Wheatear	4 on Holy Island on 15th 1 at Howick Village on 29th 4 at Craster on 27th
Blackbird	An influx at Yearle on 27th
Song Thrush	5 at Howick Hall on 28th
Mistle Thrush	11 at Howick Hall on 15th 10 at Howick Hall on 28th
Common Whitethroat	1 at Howick Hall on 15th

Chiffchaff	1 at Howick Hall on 1st ,5 on 8th and 3 on 15th 1 at Yearle on 8th 6 at Howick Hall on 28th
Blackcap	5 at Howick Hall on 15th and 6 on 28th
Goldcrest	10 at Howick Pool on 29th
Long-tailed Tit	16 at Howick Pool on 29th
Spotted Flycatcher	1 at Craster on 7th
Coal Tit	14 at Smeafield on 14th
Treecreeper	1 at Yearle on 20th
Raven	1 at Newton Tors on 22nd 3 over Glanton on 23rd 2 in Harthope Valley on 18th
Jay	1 at Yearle on 15th 1 in College Valley on 16th
Crossbill	2 at Beanley Woods on 2nd
FUNGI	
Yellow Fieldcap	At Branton Ponds on 12th
Giant Puffball	Several at Branton Ponds on 12th
Shaggy Inkcap	At Branton Ponds on 24th
Scarlet Waxcap	At Shepherds Law on 22nd
Meadow Waxcap	At Shepherds Law on 22nd
Butter Waxcap	At Shepherds Law on 22nd
Golden Waxcap	A small group on Holy Island on 15th
Hollow Bolete	At Beanley Woods on 22nd
Wood Hedgehog	At Beanley Woods on 22nd
Yellow Club	At Beanley Woods on 22nd
Yellow Stagshorn	At Beanley Woods on 22nd
Dog Vomit Slime Mould	At Branton Ponds on 18th
INVERTEBRATES	
Southern Hawker	4 at Branton Ponds on 2nd 1 at Lemmington Hall on 28th
Migrant Hawker	1 at Druridge Pools on 18th 4 at Howick Pool on 29th
Common Hawker	4 at Howick Pool on 29th
Common Darter	1 at Branton Ponds on 12th 1 at Beanley Woods on 23rd 30 at Howick Pool on 29th
Common Blue Damselfly	1 at Branton Ponds on 15th
Comma	1 at Branton Ponds on 26th 1 at Yearle on 30th
Red Admiral	15+ at Branton Ponds on 12th 2 at Yearle on 8th with 3 on 18th and 1 on 30th 7 at Smeafield on 11th and 12+ on 12th
Peacock	4 at Yearle on and 1 on 18th
Wall Brown	4 at Smeafield on 2nd
Painted Lady	2 at Smeafield on 2nd and 3 on 11th
Speckled Wood	6+ at Branton Ponds on 2nd with 20+ on 13th 2 at Smeafield on 9th and 4 on 24th several in Alnwick all month
Small Copper	1 at Beanley Moor on 2nd 1 at Branton Ponds on 2nd 1 at Yearle on 15th
Common Blue	1 at Branton Ponds on 15th
Small Tortoiseshell	Up to 6 at Yearle between 2nd and 26th 1 at Smeafield on 24th
Black Rustic	1 at Branton on 2nd
Canary-shouldered Thorn	4 at Branton on 1st
Red-green Carpet	4 at Branton on 1st
Feathered Gothic	1 at Branton on 1st
Brown-spot Pinion	39 at Branton on 1st
Poplar Hawk-moth	2 at Branton on 1st
Hummingbird Hawk-moth	1 at Branton on 27th
PLANTS	
Grass of Parnassus	Lots on Holy Island on 16th
MAMMALS	
Harbour Porpoise	1 off Boulmer on 23rd 2 at Craster on 6th
Bottlenose Dolphin	2 at Craster on 18th

Grey Squirrel	1 at Yearle on 25th 1 in Alnwick on 30th 1 at Brizlee Woods on 18th 1 at Craster on 18th
Red Squirrel	1 at Branton Ponds all month
Roe Deer	3 at Wooler G C on 14th
REPTILES	
Slow Worm	1 on Beanley Moor on 23rd
RAINFALL	71 mm
OBSERVERS	W Banks, G&R Bell, I&K Davison, G&J Dodds, M&J Drage, A&M Goodall, P&A Hanmer, P Jobson, S Reay, J Wilson, AWG outing.

SQUIRREL SIGHTINGS

Quite often Keith and Ian Davison get details of squirrel sightings from members to include in our Newsletter sightings pages. In practice it would be much more useful if these sightings of both Red and Grey Squirrels were sent to one of the local squirrel groups.

The nearest group to Alnwick is the Lower Coquetdale Group and by far the best way to report squirrels to them is by opening up their website: www.lcreds.org.uk. Find and click the <Report a Sighting> tab on the right hand side at the top of the main page. What comes up is then a brief sightings form and a map alongside.

If you fill in the details on the form you can either quote the location as a place (e.g. central Alnwick garden) or much better zoom the map and move the cursor to the place you saw the animal, which is then shown at the bottom of the screen as GPS co-ordinates in Latitude and Longitude readings. The map gives them to umpteen places of decimals, but we would suggest that you just quote them to three decimal places – so, for example, Lat 55.398 Long -1.784. Then click on the <Submit Sighting> tab and it's done.

