

## SIGHTINGS DECEMBER 2018

| BIRDS                |  |
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| White-billed Diver   | 1 off Stag Rocks on 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |
| Great-northern Diver | 4 at Cheswick on 2 <sup>nd</sup>   |
| Red-throated Diver   | 17+ at Cheswick on 2 <sup>nd</sup>   |
| Little Grebe         | 2 at Felton Bridge on 30 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Slavonian Grebe      | 7 at Fenham Flats on 9 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Little Egret         | 1 at Branton Ponds on 9 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Monks House Pool on 4 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Grey Heron           | 2 at Howick Pool on 25 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Whooper Swan         | 25 at Cheswick on 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 at Fenham Flats on 9 <sup>th</sup> 13 at Budle Bay on 4 <sup>th</sup> 17 at Hartburn on 20 <sup>th</sup>       |
| Greylag Goose        | 1000 at Newton Pool on 4 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Barnacle Goose       | 2000 at Harpers Heugh on 4 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Bean Goose (Taiga)   | 4 at Newham on 30 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Scaup                | 4 at Fenham Flats on 9 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Goldeneye            | 30 at Howick Burn-mouth on 25 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Pintail              | 1 at Branton Ponds on 21 <sup>st</sup>   |
| Shoveler             | 1 at Branton Ponds on 3 <sup>rd</sup> and again on 21 <sup>st</sup> 30 at Budle Bay on 31 <sup>st</sup>  |
| Pochard              | 1 at Branton Ponds on 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 2 on 3 <sup>rd</sup>   |
| Gadwall              | 21 at Hedgeley Lakes on 9 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Eider                | 10 at Howick Burn-mouth on 25 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Goosander            | 17 at Branton Ponds on 9 <sup>th</sup> 1 on River Wansbeck at Morpeth on 19 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Sparrowhawk          | 1 at Yearle on 11 <sup>th</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup>   |
| Merlin               | 1 near Elsdon on 29 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Yearle on 15 <sup>th</sup> 1 near Wooperton on 19 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Peregrine            | 1 near Blawearie on 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1 in Harwood Forest on 27 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Jack Snipe           | 1 at Branton Ponds on 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1 near Blawearie on 22 <sup>nd</sup>   |
| Common Snipe         | 21+ at Branton Ponds on 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |
| Purple Sandpiper     | 150+ at Stag Rocks on 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |
| Green Sandpiper      | 1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 3 <sup>rd</sup> and again on 4 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Ruff                 | 1 at Newton Scrape on 6 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Curlew               | 32 at Hedgeley Lakes on 4 <sup>th</sup> and 22 on 9 <sup>th</sup> 600 at Smeafield on 11 <sup>th</sup> 40 at Howick Burn-mouth on 25 <sup>th</sup> |
| Black-tailed Godwit  | 2 at Fenham Flats on 9 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Redshank             | 1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 4 <sup>th</sup> and again on 9 <sup>th</sup> 4 at Howick Burn-mouth on 25 <sup>th</sup>                                     |
| Oystercatcher        | 30 at Howick Burn-mouth on 25 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Bonaparte's Gull     | 1 off Bamburgh on 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |
| Stock Dove           | 1 at Branton Ponds on 9 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Woodpigeon           | 500+ in Hulne Park on 6 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Barn Owl             | 1 at Branton Ponds all month 1 in Branton on 7 <sup>th</sup> 1 near Percy's Cross on 30 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Short-eared Owl      | Several on Holy Island all month   |
| Kingfisher           | 1+ at Branton Ponds all month  |
| Dipper               | 1 at Felton Bridge on 30 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Waxwing              | 1 at Felton on 10 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Stonechat            | 2 at Howick Burn-mouth on 25 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Mistle Thrush        | 6 at Smeafield on 24 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Blackbird            | 14 at Smeafield on 1 <sup>st</sup>   |
| Redwing              | 70 at Smeafield on 5 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Chiffchaff           | 1 at Branton Ponds on 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |
| Great Tit            | 12 at Howick Pool on 25 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Long-tailed Tit      | 18 at Lemmington Hall on 26 <sup>th</sup> 16 at Howick Pool on 25 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Marsh Tit            | 2 at East Linden on 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |
| Willow Tit           | 1 at Branton Ponds on 17 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Craster on 24 <sup>th</sup>  |

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| Nuthatch             | 1 at Yearle on 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |
| Raven                | 2 near Blawearie on 22 <sup>nd</sup>  |
| Red-backed Shrike    | 1 at Newbiggin on 3 <sup>rd</sup>   |
| Common Crossbill     | 27 in Harwood Forest on 27 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Linnet               | 50 at Felton on 30 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Snow Bunting         | 1 at Cheswick on 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |
| <b>MAMMALS</b>       |   |
| Grey Squirrel        | 1 at Lemmington Bank on 4 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Pipistrelle sp       | 1 in Branton on 6 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Roe Deer             | 1 at Battle Bridge on 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1 in dunes south of Bamburgh on 24 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Fallow Deer          | 9 in Hulne Park on 6 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Stoat                | 1 in partial ermine at Branton Ponds on 15 <sup>th</sup> and 1 in full ermine on 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1 at Snipe House on 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Fox                  | 1 south of Bamburgh Castle on 24 <sup>th</sup>  |
| <b>FUNGI</b>         |   |
| Moor Club            | In Hulne Park on 6 <sup>th</sup>  |
| <b>INVERTEBRATES</b> |   |
| Mottled Umber        | 2 at Branton on 11 <sup>th</sup>  |
| <b>RAINFALL</b>      | 41 mm   |
| <b>OBSERVERS</b>     | G&R Bell, I&K Davison, S Dawson, G Dodds, P Hanmer, A Keeble,<br>M McMahon, S Reay, J Rutter, S Sexton.                               |