

## SIGHTINGS MARCH 2019

BIRDS	
Red-throated Diver	2 on Coquet Estuary on 17 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Holy Island on 30 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Seaton Point on 21 <sup>st</sup> 1 at Druridge Bay on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Great-crested Grebe	1 at Branton on 1 <sup>st</sup> and a pair displaying on 12 <sup>th</sup>
Little Grebe	1 at Branton Ponds on 4 <sup>th</sup> 4 at Howick Pool on 11 <sup>th</sup> and 6 on 20 <sup>th</sup>
Great-white Egret	1 at Druridge Pools on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Little Egret	1 at Branton Ponds on 12 <sup>th</sup> and again on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Grey Heron	8 at Howick Pool on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Mute Swan	2 at Howick Pool on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Whooper Swan	13 at Branton Ponds on 21 <sup>st</sup> 20 at Hedgeley Lakes on 24 <sup>th</sup> 31 at Branton Ponds on 27 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Newton Links on 26 <sup>th</sup> 70+ at Druridge Bay on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Pink-footed Goose	160 at Budle Bay on 5 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup>
Barnacle Goose	200 at Harpers Heugh on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Pintail	1 at Branton Ponds on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Green-winged Teal	1 at Druridge Pools on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Goosander	1 at Lesbury on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Gadwall	2 at Monks House Pool on 5 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Newton Pool on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Red-breasted Merganser	1 at Alnmouth on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Common Scoter	4 at Bamburgh on 5 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Seahouses Harbour on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Common Buzzard	2 at Allernburn Lea on 18 <sup>th</sup> 4 at Howick Pool on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Red Kite	1 over Allernburn Lea on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Sparrowhawk	1 at Hipsburn on 16 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Alnwick on 7 <sup>th</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Kestrel	1 at Waterside House on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Coot	1 at Howick Pool on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Purple Sandpiper	120 at Bamburgh on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Green Sandpiper	2 at Hedgeley Lakes on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Bar-tailed Godwit	20 at Boulmer on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Black-tailed Godwit	11 on Coquet Estuary on 17 <sup>th</sup>
Curlew	110 at Branton Ponds on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Glaucous Gull	1 at Budle Bay on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Common Gull	90 at Branton Ponds on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Sandwich Tern	1 at Stag Rocks on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Barn Owl	2 at Seaton Point on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Kingfisher	2 at Branton Ponds all month
Swallow	1 at West Fleetham on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Sand Martin	1 at Branton Ponds on 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 on 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 13 on 27 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Newton Scrape on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Grey Wagtail	3 at Branton Ponds on 10 <sup>th</sup> 2 on River Aln on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Pied Wagtail	6 at Branton Ponds on 10 <sup>th</sup> of which 1 was of the nominate race Alba Alba(White Wagtail)
Dipper	2 at Lesbury on 30 <sup>th</sup> 1 on River Aln on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Wheatear	1 at Alnwick Moor on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Fieldfare	2 over Branton on 19 <sup>th</sup> 30+ near Hedgeley Hall on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Redwing	20+ near Hedgeley Hall on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Song Thrush	1 at Alnwick on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Blackcap	1 at Alnwick on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Chiffchaff	1 at Branton Ponds on 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 3 on 9 <sup>th</sup> and 6 on 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1 at Alnmouth on 19 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Newton Pool on 26 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Alnwick on 29 <sup>th</sup> 5 at Lemmington Hall on 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1 at Howick Pool on 20 <sup>th</sup>
Goldcrest	1 at Alnwick on 5 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup>
Nuthatch	2 at Alnwick on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Treecreeper	1 at Alnwick on 25 <sup>th</sup>

Starling	2000 at Yearle on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Raven	1 over Brandon on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Jay	2 at Branton Ponds on 12 <sup>th</sup>
Hawfinch	1 at Alnwick on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Goldfinch	8 at Alnwick on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Greenfinch	2 at Alnwick on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Bullfinch	1 at Cragside on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Brambling	20+ at Besom Barn on 22 <sup>nd</sup> and up to 200 on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Common(Mealy) Redpoll	1 at Hepburn Woods on 17 <sup>th</sup>
Common Crossbill	13 at Beanley Woods on 23 <sup>rd</sup> 10 at Howick Hall on 20 <sup>th</sup>
Lesser Redpoll	5 at Lemmington Hall on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Siskin	1 at Hipsburn on 12 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Alnwick on 23 <sup>rd</sup> 25 at Lemmington Hall all month
<b>MAMMALS</b>	
Roe Deer	3 at Branton Ponds on 12 <sup>th</sup>
Brown Hare	4 at Branton Ponds on 22 <sup>nd</sup> 10+ at Brandon on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>REPTILES</b>	
Adder	10 at Branton Ponds on 3 <sup>rd</sup> with 8 on 17 <sup>th</sup>
Slow Worm	1 at Branton on 17 <sup>th</sup> and a second one on 21 <sup>st</sup>
<b>AMPHIBIANS</b>	
Common Frog	Several plus frogspawn near Eglingham on 3 <sup>rd</sup> frogspawn at Hepburn Wood on 17 <sup>th</sup>
<b>PLANTS</b>	
Coltsfoot	At Branton Ponds on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Marsh Marigold	At Branton Ponds on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Primrose	At Hepburn Woods on 17 <sup>th</sup>
Cowslip	At Branton Ponds on 30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>INVERTEBRATES</b>	
Tree Bumblebee	1 at Branton on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Buff-tailed Bumblebee	Several at Branton Ponds on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Peacock	2 at Branton on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Small Tortoiseshell	1 at Branton on 20 <sup>th</sup>
Hebrew Character	1 at Branton on 19 <sup>th</sup>
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