

SIGHTINGS JANUARY 2020

BIRDS	
Red-throated Diver	3 off Ross Back Sands on 4 th 8 off Cheswick/Cocklawburn on 5 th
Black-throated Diver	1 off Ross Back Sands on 4 th 2 off Cheswick/Cocklawburn on 5 th and 2 on 19 th
Great-northern Diver	1 at East Chevington on 17 th
Little Grebe	3 at Hedgeley Lakes on 12 th and again on 19 th
Slavonian Grebe	12 off Ross Back Sands on 4 th 2 off Stag Rock on 4 th
Cormorant	6 at Branton Ponds on 11 th 1 at Branton Ponds on 31 st possibly of the race sinensis.
Little Egret	2 at Branton Ponds on 1 st and 3 on 5 th 1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 19 th
Whooper Swan	30 at Low Newton on 6 th and 24 on 31 st
Pink-footed Goose	2000 at Doddington on 12 th
Brent Goose	500 at Budle Bay on 23 rd
Taiga Bean Goose	1 at Cocklawburn on 2 nd
Shelduck	2 at Branton Ponds on 1 st 2000 at Fenham le Moor on 12 th
Gadwall	A pair at Branton Ponds on 19 th
Shoveler	2 at Hedgeley Lakes on 16 th and again on 19 th
Pochard	2 at Branton Ponds on 1 st and again on 31 st
Pintail	20 at Fenham le Moor on 5 th
Long-tailed Duck	25+ off Ross Back Sands on 4 th 14 at Fenham le Moor on 12 th 2 off Stag Rock on 23 rd
Black Scoter	1 off Cocklawburn on 5 th
Common Scoter	200 off Ross Back Sands on 4 th 430 at Cocklawburn on 2 nd and 250 on 5 th
Velvet Scoter	1 off Cocklawburn on 5 th
Goosander	8 at Branton Ponds on 16 th and 12 on 19 th
Red-breasted Merganser	20+ off Ross Back sands on 4 th
Smew	1 at Widdrington Moor Lake on 4 th and 8 th
Scaup	3 at Widdrington Moor Lake on 4 th
Common Buzzard	3 at Yearle on 19 th
Sparrowhawk	1 at Yearle on 15 th and 25 th
Peregrine	1 at Holy Island on 3 rd
Merlin	1 at Lilburn on 4 th
Grey Partridge	9 at Beal Point on 5 th
Common Crane	1 at Middleton on 21 st and 25 th
Lapwing	1000 at Hedgeley Lakes on 19 th
Turnstone	46 at Fenham le Moor on 12 th
Oystercatcher	40 at Fenham le Moor on 12 th 1 at Branton Ponds on 19 th and 5 on 31 st
Knot	50+ at Fenham Flats on 4 th
Sanderling	30+ at Fenham Flats on 4 th
Purple Sandpiper	20 at Stag Rock on 4 th
Curlew	30 at Hedgeley Lakes on 12 th
Ruff	1 at Fenham le Moor on 12 th
Little Auk	1 off Cocklawburn on 5 th
Stock Dove	1 singing at Yearle on 22 nd
Tawny Owl	4+ at Branton on 1 st
Kingfisher	1 at Branton Ponds on 1 st 1 at Cresswell Pond on 14 th
Grey Wagtail	1 at Boulmer on 21 st
Waxwing	1 at Wooler on 21 st
Dipper	2 at Felton Bridge on 25 th
Black Redstart	1 at Boulmer on 21 st and 25 th
Fieldfare	200+ at Beanley Woods on 26 th
Chiffchaff	2 at Craster on 20 th 1 at Boulmer on 25 th
Goldcrest	3 at Branton Ponds on 1 st

Willow Tit	1 at Craster on 1 st
Long-tailed Tit	4-6 at Yearle all month, 10 at Fowberry Newhall on 28 th
Nuthatch	1 at Yearle on 27 th
Raven	1 at Holy Island on 21 st
Jay	1 at Yearle on 9 th
Crossbill	6 at Beanley Woods on 26 th
Bullfinch	2 pairs at Branton Ponds on 19 th
Goldfinch	8 beside River Breamish on 9 th
Siskin	90 beside River Breamish on 9 th 50 at Branton Ponds on 9 th
Twite	15 at Ross Back Sands on 4 th 2 at Fenham le Moor on 12 th 30 at Druridge Bay on 14 th
Lesser Redpoll	2 beside River Breamish on 9 th
Tree Sparrow	10 at Fowberry Newhall on 29 th
Snow Bunting	6 at Dunstanburgh on 29 th
MAMMALS	
Otter	1 on River Breamish on 2 nd and 2 near Hedgeley on 22 nd
Brown Hare	1 at Branton Ponds on 9 th
Harbour Porpoise	1 at Howick on 5 th 5 at Cullernose on 22 nd
Bottlenosed Dolphin	6 at Craster on 22 nd
PLANTS	
Lesser Celandine	In flower at Newton Lowsteads on 4 th
FUNGI	
Yellow Brain	In Crawley Dene on 19 th
Ice Hair	In Crawley Dene on 19 th , it is thought this strange phenomenon is most often associated with the fungi Exidiopsis effusa.
RAINFALL	18 mm
OBSERVERS	G&R Bell, V Boulton, I&K Davison, G Dodds, M&J Drage, A Keeble, S Reay.