

## SIGHTINGS OCTOBER 2020

### BIRDS

Red-throated Diver	1 off Holy Island on 11 <sup>th</sup> 27 past Cullernose on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Little Grebe	2 at Howick Pool on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Manx Shearwater	3 past Cullernose on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Great-white Egret	1 at Branton Ponds on 25 <sup>th</sup>
Little Egret	1 at Branton Ponds on 7 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 9 <sup>th</sup> 4 at Branton Ponds on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Cormorant	10 at Branton Ponds on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Whooper Swan	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 9 <sup>th</sup> 6 over Branton on 16 <sup>th</sup> 10 at Seaton Point on 16 <sup>th</sup> 5 at Branton Ponds on 31 <sup>st</sup> 10 at Howick Hall on 8 <sup>th</sup> 7 at Dunstanburgh on 23 <sup>rd</sup> 15 at Low Newton on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Barnacle Goose	Some at Fenham Flats on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Pink-footed Goose	160+ over Branton Ponds on 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2000 at Seaton Point on 16 <sup>th</sup> 1500 over Howick Hall on 30 <sup>th</sup> many at Fenham Flats on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Bean Goose	3 of the race fabalis at Fenham le Moor on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Greylag Goose	780 at Branton Ponds on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Bar-headed Goose	2 at Low Newton on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Shoveler	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 15 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Branton Ponds on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Wigeon	100+ at Branton Ponds on 3 <sup>rd</sup> 24,400 at Fenham le Moor on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Goosander	18 at Branton Ponds on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Hen Harrier	1 seen in the area on 1 <sup>st</sup> 1 near Beal on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Common Buzzard	2 at Howick Hall on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Kestrel	2 at Branton Ponds on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Goshawk	1 over Branton Ponds on 8 <sup>th</sup> and a second bird on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Merlin	2 on Holy Island on 11 <sup>th</sup> and 1 on 15 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Long Nanny on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Peregrine	1 near Doddington on 5 <sup>th</sup> 1 over Branton Ponds on 8 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Seaton Point on 16 <sup>th</sup> 1 on Holy Island on 25 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Smeafield on 7 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup>
Hobby	2 on Holy Island on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Grey Partridge	3 at Branton on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Woodcock	2 at Howick on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Jack Snipe	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Sanderling	44+ at Seaton Point on 25 <sup>th</sup>
Ruff	4 at Low Newton on 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Purple Sandpiper	2 at Seaton Point on 25 <sup>th</sup> 12 at Craster on 16 <sup>th</sup>
Green Sandpiper	1 at Branton Ponds on 6 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Hedgeley Lakes on 15 <sup>th</sup> and again on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Pomarine Skua	1 past Cullernose on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Great Skua	2 past Cullernose on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1 at Low Newton on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Little Auk	1 past Cullernose on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Turtle Dove	1 on Holy Island on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Barn Owl	1 at Branton on 27 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Craster on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Tawny Owl	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Short-eared Owl	1 on Holy Island on 4 <sup>th</sup> and a second on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Long-eared Owl	1 on Holy Island on 16 <sup>th</sup>
Kingfisher	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 18 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Howick Pool on 19 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Howick Burn Mouth on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Hoopoe	1 at Lynemouth on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Red-flanked Bluetail	1 on Holy Island on 4 <sup>th</sup> and again on 5 <sup>th</sup> with another bird on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Grey Wagtail	1 at Smeafield on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Dipper	1 singing at Hedgeley Lakes on 15 <sup>th</sup> and 2 on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Desert Wheatear	1 at Seaton Point on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Wheatear	1 on Holy Island on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Stonechat	8 on Holy Island on 5 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Hedgeley Lakes on 20 <sup>th</sup>
Black Redstart	1 on Holy Island on 5 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Boulmer on 25 <sup>th</sup>
Redstart	7 on Holy Island on 4 <sup>th</sup> and 1 on 11 <sup>th</sup>

Redwing	100+ on Holy Island on 3 <sup>rd</sup> and hundreds on 4 <sup>th</sup> 8 at Wooperton on 7 <sup>th</sup> 70+ over Branton Ponds on 31 <sup>st</sup> 30 at Howick Hall on 6 <sup>th</sup> and 25 on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Fieldfare	2 near Longframlington on 7 <sup>th</sup> 220+ over Branton Ponds on 31 <sup>st</sup> 50 at Craster on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Barred Warbler	1 on Holy Island on 5 <sup>th</sup> and another on 16 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup>
Blackcap	12 on Holy Island on 4 <sup>th</sup> 6 at Howick Hall on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Lesser Whitethroat	1 on Holy Island on 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1 at Howick Hall on 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Chiffchaff	2 at Hedgeley Lakes on 13 <sup>th</sup> 10 at Howick Hall on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Dusky Warbler	1 on Holy Island on 16 <sup>th</sup>
Yellow-browed Warbler	1 on Holy Island on 2 <sup>nd</sup> with 2 on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Pallas Warbler	1 on Holy Island on 16 <sup>th</sup> and a second bird on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Goldcrest	Hundreds on Holy Island on 4 <sup>th</sup> 60 at Howick Hall on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Willow Tit	1 at Craster on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Long-tailed Tit	30+ at Craster on 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Red-breasted Flycatcher	1 on Holy Island on 3 <sup>rd</sup> and another bird on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Pied Flycatcher	1 on Holy Island on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Spotted Flycatcher	2 on Holy Island on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Treecreeper	1 on Holy Island on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Brown Shrike	1 on Holy Island on 15 <sup>th</sup> and again on 16 <sup>th</sup> and on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Great Grey Shrike	1 at Boulmer on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Lesser Grey Shrike	1 on Holy Island on 4 <sup>th</sup> and again on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Magpie	4 at Glanton on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Raven	2 near Shepherds Law on 10 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Hedgeley Lakes on 18 <sup>th</sup> 3 at Howick Hall on 8 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Middleton on 9 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Dunstanburgh on 8 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup>
Starling	A murmuration of several thousand on Holy Island on 16 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup>
Rose-coloured Starling	1 on Holy Island on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Tree Sparrow	60+ near Branton on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Brambling	2 on Holy Island on 4 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 18 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Howick Hall on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Crossbill	9+ at Seaton Point on 16 <sup>th</sup> 12 at North Bellshill Farm on 17 <sup>th</sup> 11 at Hedgeley Lakes on 19 <sup>th</sup> 10+ over Boulmer on 25 <sup>th</sup>
Twite	6+ at Seaton Point on 16 <sup>th</sup> 20+ near Elwick on 30 <sup>th</sup> 100+ at Long Nanny on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Lesser Redpoll	35 near Longframlington on 7 <sup>th</sup> 40 at Howick Hall on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Lapland Bunting	1 on Holy Island on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Snow Bunting	1 at Holy Island on 15 <sup>th</sup> and another on 26 <sup>th</sup>
<b>INVERTEBRATES</b>	
Hummingbird Hawk-moth	1 at Seahouses on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Convolvulus Hawk-moth	1 at Howick on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Speckled Wood	1 at Howick Hall on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Southern Hawker	1 at Howick Pool on 19 <sup>th</sup>
<b>FISH</b>	
Salmon\Sea Trout	1 of about 10lb seen near Hedgeley on 18 <sup>th</sup>
<b>MAMMALS</b>	
Weasel	1 at Fenham le Moor on 18 <sup>th</sup> 1 near Lilburn on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Stoat	1 at Smeafield on 4 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup>
Muntjac Deer	1 near Kirknewton on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Grey Seal	1 in Craster Harbour on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Harbour Porpoise	2 at Craster on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Bottle-nosed Dolphin	20+ off Craster all month.
<b>RAINFALL</b>	100mm
<b>OBSERVERS</b>	C Brewster, I&K Davison, G Dodds, M&J Drage, A Hall, P&A Hanmer, K Long, S Reay, J Rutter, S Sexton, D Taylor.