

SIGHTINGS APRIL 2021

BIRDS	
Red-throated Diver	1 at Stag Rocks on 2 nd
Great-crested Grebe	2 at Branton Ponds on 17 th
Little Grebe	3 at Howick on 2 nd
Little Egret	2 at Hedgeley Lakes on 7 th
Whooper Swan	2 at Alnmouth on 11 th
Pink-footed Goose	1500+ at Budle Bay on 2 nd 5 at Branton Ponds on 3 rd 250+ over Longhoughton Steel on 4 th 2 at Branton Ponds on 17 th 300 over Alnwick on 10 th
White-fronted Goose	1(Greenland) at Branton Ponds till 23 rd
Shoveler	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 14 th 22 at Low Newton on 6 th
Mandarin	1 at Castle Island on 13 th
Mallard	Female with 2 ducklings at Branton Ponds on 9 th
Teal	12 at Howick on 2 nd
Wigeon	3 pairs at Branton Ponds on 17 th
Gadwall	3 pairs at Branton Ponds on 17 th
Tufted Duck	14 pairs at Branton Ponds on 17 th
Goldeneye	15 at Branton Ponds on 14 th and 6 on 17 th 2 at Howick Burn Mouth on 2 nd
Shelduck	10 at Branton Ponds on 15 th
Goosander	2 at Branton Ponds on 17 th
Smew	1 at Widdrington Moor Lake on 14 th
Common Eider	3 at Howick Burn Mouth on 2 nd
Osprey	1 at Alnmouth on 11 th
Red Kite	1 south of Alnwick on 8 th
Marsh Harrier	1 at Fenham Flats on 11 th
Common Buzzard	3 at Howick on 2 nd 1 at Alnwick Moor on 11 th 1-2 at Yearle most of month.
Sparrowhawk	1 at Yearle all month. 1 in Alnwick on 10 th
Kestrel	1 at Alnwick Moor on 11 th 1 in Alnwick on 4 th and 10 th
Merlin	1 at Alnwick Moor on 21 st
Grey Partridge	2 at Ford on 25 th
Avocet	4 at Low Newton flash on 23 rd
Oystercatcher	Pair at Branton Ponds on 17 th
Little-ringed Plover	1 at Castle Island on 13 th
Golden Plover	1500+ over Alnwick Moor on 10 th
Grey Plover	5 at Longhoughton Steel on 4 th
Common Sandpiper	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 1 st 1 at Branton Ponds on 5 th and 2 on 10 th 1 at Castle Island on 13 th
Green Sandpiper	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 1 st
Purple Sandpiper	13 at Longhoughton Steel on 4 th
Black-tailed Godwit	4 at Hedgeley Lakes on 1 st and 1 on 18 th
Whimbrel	1 at Dunstanburgh on 20 th 1 at Druridge Pools on 14 th
Greenshank	1 at Castle Island on 13 th
Spotted Redshank	1 at Castle Island on 13 th
Iceland Gull	1 at Branton Ponds on 21 st
Lesser Black-backed Gull	94 at Branton Ponds on 2 nd
Great Black-backed Gull	4 at Holborn Moss on 3 rd
Herring Gull	150 at Holborn Moss on 3 rd
Sandwich Tern	2 at Howick on 5 th 2 in Alnmouth on 4 th
Puffin	2 at Dunstanburgh on 20 th
Cuckoo	1 at Eglington on 11 th
Tawny Owl	1 at Howick on 10 th

Barn Owl	1 at Branton on 7 th 1 at Alnwick Moor on 11 th 1 at Langlee on 16 th 1 at Langleeford on 16 th 2 in Hipsburn on 6 th 2 near Brizlee on 13 th 1 at Rugley on 17 th
Great-spotted Woodpecker	3 at Howick on 2 nd
Skylark	8 at St Cuthberts Cave on 3 rd
Swallow	3 at Howick on 10 th 7 at West Fleetham on 21 st 3 at Howick on 18 th 2 at Yearle on 27 th 1 in Alnmouth on 4 th
Sand Martin	100+ at Branton Ponds on 1 st 200+ at Hedgeley Lakes on 1 st 8 at Howick on 18 th 20 at Brandon Ford on 17 th
House Martin	1 at Branton Ponds on 12 th 1 at Craster on 11 th
Meadow Pipit	100+ at Hedgeley Lakes on 1 st
Red-throated Pipit	1 at Low Newton flash on 23 rd
Pied Wagtail	50+ at Hedgeley Lakes on 1 st 1 nest building at Yearle on 29 th
Yellow Wagtail	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 20 th 1 at Low Newton flash on 23 rd
Grey Wagtail	2 at Felton Bridge on 22 nd
Common Redstart	1 at Branton Ponds on 16 th 1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 18 th 1 at Snableazes on 22 nd
Black Redstart	1 at Longframlington on 24 th 1 at Craster on 16 th
Whinchat	1 at Hawsen Burn on 27 th
Wheatear	1 near Corby Craggs on 17 th 2 at Dunstanburgh on 11 th 1 at Cresswell Pond on 21 st
Fieldfare	200+ over Branton on 1 st 100+ at Roddam Hall on 24 th 50+ near Bolton on 13 th
Ring Ouzel	6 west of Alnwick on 18 th 2 at Hawsen Burn on 27 th and 4-5 later in month.
Redwing	12 in Branton on 4 th
Sedge Warbler	2 at Branton Ponds on 20 th
Common Whitethroat	1 at Bamburgh on 28 th
Blackcap	1 at Branton Ponds on 2 nd and 20+ by end of month, 6 at Howick on 10 th 1 at Yearle on 29 th
Garden Warbler	2 at Branton Ponds on 27 th
Willow Warbler	2 at Branton Ponds on 11 th 2 at Hedgeley Lakes on 6 th 1 at Longhoughton Steel on 4 th 1 at Sandy Bank on 20 th 2 near Rock Mill on 21 st 10 at Holystone on 23 rd
Chiffchaff	10 at Howick on 2 nd 6 at St Cuthberts Cave on 3 rd 8 at Alnwick Moor on 11 th 8 at Holystone on 23 rd 1 at Seahouses on 1 st several at Yearle throughout month. 1 all month in Alnwick.
Goldcrest	12 at Howick on 10 th 2 in Alnwick on 12 th
Long-tailed Tit	8 at Howick on 10 th 1 in Alnwick on 15 th to 21 st
Treecreeper	2 at Howick on 2 nd
Nuthatch	4 at Howick on 2 nd and 10 on 18 th
Jay	5 at Howick on 10 th 1 in Alnwick on 11 th and 16 th
Raven	1 near Chillingham on 24 th
Starling	3 pairs at Yearle on 1 st
Brambling	1 at Howick on 11 th
Lesser Redpoll	60 at Alnwick Moor on 11 th 25 at Holystone on 23 rd
Siskin	5 in Alnwick all month.
Common Crossbill	8 in Beanley Woods on 3 rd
Reed Bunting	1 at Branton Ponds on 17 th
Yellowhammer	31 at Branton on 6 th 8 at St Cuthberts Cave on 3 rd 1 at Yearle on 26 th and 29 th

INVERTEBRATES

Dark-edged Bee-fly	1 at Branton Ponds on 3 rd 1 at Howick on 15 th
Hairy Rove Beetle	1 at Longhoughton Steel on 4 th

Green Tiger Beetle	6 at St Cuthberts Cave on 3 rd
2 spot Ladybird	1 in Branton on 4 th
Common Carder	5 at Howick on 18 th
Tawny-mining Bee	3 at Howick on 18 th
Hairy Footed Flower Bee	12+ at Howick on 16 th 1 at Howick on 18 th
Green-veined White	1 at Branton Ponds on 10 th
Comma	2 at Howick on 15 th
Orange Tip	2 at Ford on 25 th several at Howick on 23 rd 2 at Lemmington Hall on 19 th
Speckled Wood	1 at Branton Ponds on 25 th 1 at Howick on 23 rd
Peacock Butterfly	5 at St Cuthberts Cave on 3 rd 1 in Alnwick on 22 nd
Small Tortoiseshell	1 at St Cuthberts Cave on 3 rd
PLANTS	
Wood Anemone	In Crawley Dene on 4 th
Goldilocks Buttercup	Near Felton on 25 th
Moschatel	Near Shepherds Law
REPTILES	
Common Lizard	1 at Holystone Common on 23 rd
MAMMALS	
Pipistrelle sp	1 at Yearle on 20 th
Stoat	1 at Beanley Woods on 10 th being chased by a Rabbit.
Weasel	1 at High Newton on 13 th
Fox	1 at Dunstanburgh on 14 th
Otter	2 sets of prints in snow at Branton Ponds on 11 th
Hedgehog	1 in Branton on 11 th 1 at Yearle from 20 th to 27 th
Brown Hare	Leveret in a Branton garden on 14 th 1 at Yearle on 8 th and 2 on 29 th
Grey Squirrel	1 in Alnwick on 3 rd
Roe Deer	1 at Yearle on 21 st
OBSERVERS	G&R Bell, W Brown, I&K Davison, S Dawson, G Dodds, M&J Drage, H Gostelow-Drury, P&A Hanmer, P Jobson, A Keeble, M Peacock, J Rutter, S Sexton, R Wills.