

## SIGHTINGS MARCH 2021

### BIRDS

Great-crested Grebe	1 at Branton Ponds on 14 <sup>th</sup> and 2 on 17 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Hedgeley Lakes on 20 <sup>th</sup>
Little Grebe	4 at Howick on 21 <sup>st</sup> 1 at Howick on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Great-white Egret	1 in Pow Burn on 1 <sup>st</sup> 1 at Castron on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Little Egret	3 at Hedgeley Lakes on 1 <sup>st</sup> and 1 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1 at Branton Ponds on 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1 at Castron on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Mute Swan	Pair at Monks House Pool on 6 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup>
Whooper Swan	3 at Branton Ponds on 4 <sup>th</sup> 30+ flying west of Branton on 21 <sup>st</sup> 11 at Branton Ponds on 22 <sup>nd</sup> 159 over South Middleton area on 23 <sup>rd</sup> 150 over Howick on 20 <sup>th</sup> 10-12 over Bamburgh on 23 <sup>rd</sup> 26 over Branton Ponds on 30 <sup>th</sup> 17 at Black Lough on 31 <sup>st</sup> 17 at Branton Ponds on 31 <sup>st</sup> 8 at Craster on 17 <sup>th</sup> 12 over Thrunton Woods on 22 <sup>nd</sup> 29 at Budle Bay on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Pink-footed Goose	30+ at Branton Ponds on 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1000 at Tughall Mill on 22 <sup>nd</sup> 400 at Doddington on 22 <sup>nd</sup> 900 at Budle Bay on 27 <sup>th</sup> 1200 at Harpers Heugh on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Brent Goose	37 at Holy Island on 27 <sup>th</sup>
White-fronted Goose	1( of the form flavirostris) at Branton Ponds on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Bar-headed Goose	1 at Branton Ponds on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Eider	44 between North Sunderland and Seahouses on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Shoveler	3 at Monks House Pool on 6 <sup>th</sup> and 2 pairs on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Gadwall	6 at Castron on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Goldeneye	22 at Branton Ponds on 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2 at Castron on 18 <sup>th</sup> pair at Monks house Pool on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Pintail	3 at Hedgeley Lakes on 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> and 4 on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Goosander	2 at Felton Bridge on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Red-breasted Merganser	1 at Holy Island on 21 <sup>st</sup> 1 at Stag Rock on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Common Buzzard	10 over Beanley Wood on 30 <sup>th</sup> 1-2 at Yearle all month,
Golden Eagle	1 (3cy) at Redesdale on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Sparrowhawk	1 at Alnwick Moor on 29 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Yearle on 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup>
Goshawk	2 in Alnwick area.
Kestrel	1 pair at Chatton on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Grey Partridge	2 pairs at Howick on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Water Rail	1 at Branton Ponds on 18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup>
Woodcock	2 at Ulgham on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Common Snipe	1 at Alnwick Moor on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Oystercatcher	50+ at Branton Ponds on 14 <sup>th</sup> 45 at Castron on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Avocet	2 at Low Newton on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Lapwing	32+ displaying in South Middleton area on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Little-ringed Plover	Seen in Powburn area on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Ringed Plover	3 at Hedgeley Lakes on 5 <sup>th</sup> and 2 on 13 <sup>th</sup> 6 at Castron on 18 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Hedgeley Lakes on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Golden Plover	1 near South Middleton on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Grey Plover	20 at Howick Haven on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Dunlin	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Common Snipe	5 drumming near South Middleton on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Redshank	2 at Hedgeley Lakes on 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 near South Middleton on 23 <sup>rd</sup> 5 at Castron on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Green Sandpiper	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> with 2 still on 13 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Purple Sandpiper	20 at Craster on 16 <sup>th</sup> 40+ at Stag Rock on 6 <sup>th</sup> and 90 on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Curlew	59 at Hedgeley Lakes on 1 <sup>st</sup> 6+ near South Middleton on 23 <sup>rd</sup> 35 at Monks House Pool on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Common Gull	80+ at Branton Ponds on 9 <sup>th</sup> and 500 on 23 <sup>rd</sup>

Glaucous Gull	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Herring Gull	250+ at Branton Ponds on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Lesser Black-backed Gull	23 at Branton Ponds on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Sandwich Tern	1 at Stag Rock on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Stock Dove	1 at Howick Hall on 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1 at Earle Hill on 17 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup>
Tawny Owl	1 at Branton Ponds on 9 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Felton on 4 <sup>th</sup> 1 calling all month at Yearle,
Barn Owl	1 in Branton on 8 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Branton Ponds on 18 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Whittingham Grange on 15 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Boulmer on 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1 at Malcolms Cross, Alnwick on 30 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Alnwick Moor on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Short-eared Owl	1 at Alnwick Moor on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Kingfisher	1 at Powburn on 21 <sup>st</sup> 1 at Dunstanburgh on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Great-spotted Woodpecker	Pair at Yearle all month,
Skylark	5 at Howick on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Swallow	1 near Titlington Mount on 30 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Branton Ponds on 31 <sup>st</sup> 1 near Hartburn on 31 <sup>st</sup> 2 at Stag Rock on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Sand Martin	1 at Branton Ponds on 19 <sup>th</sup> and 12 on 23 <sup>rd</sup> then 50+ on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Meadow Pipit	40+ at Branton Ponds on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Pied Wagtail	1 (alba) at Craster on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Grey Wagtail	1 at Branton Ponds on 6 <sup>th</sup> and 2 on 30 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Howick on 21 <sup>st</sup> 1 at Powburn on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Dipper	2 at Rothbury Townfoot on 18 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Felton Bridge on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Wheatear	1 near Hedgeley Hall on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Stonechat	6 at Beanley Moor on 20 <sup>th</sup>
Ring Ouzel	4-5 in Hawsen Burn,
Mistle Thrush	1 at Yearle on 17 <sup>th</sup>
Fieldfare	62 at Hedgeley Lakes on 31 <sup>st</sup> 8 at Felton on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Redwing	6 at Branton Ponds on 27 <sup>th</sup> 26 at Yearle on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Ring Ouzel	1 in College Valley on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Blackcap	2 at Spindlestone on 30 <sup>th</sup> 1 in Alnwick all month.
Chiffchaff	1+ at Branton Ponds on 11 <sup>th</sup> and 2 on 13 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 20 <sup>th</sup> 1 near Longframlington on 27 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Lemmington Hall on 28 <sup>th</sup> 5 at Howick on 28 <sup>th</sup> 3 at Craster on 17 <sup>th</sup> 1 in Alnwick from 29 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup>
Willow Warbler	1 near Bellshill on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Willow Tit	1 at Ingram on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Nuthatch	5 at Howick on 6 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Craster on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Treecreeper	1 in Alnwick on 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1 in Thrunton Woods on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Hooded Crow	1 still at Howick.
Greenfinch	1-2 at Yearle on 25 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup>
Goldfinch	4 at Yearle all month,
Common Crossbill	4 in Thrunton Woods on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Siskin	Up to 5 all month in Alnwick, 4 at Yearle all month,
Tree Sparrow	1 at Yearle on 25 <sup>th</sup>
Yellowhammer	30 at Howick on 9 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Yearle on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>INVERTEBRATES</b>	
Agonopterix heracliana	Several at Branton on 7 <sup>th</sup>
March Moth	1 at Branton on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Hebrew Character	1 at Branton on 17 <sup>th</sup>
Small Tortoiseshell	1 in Branton on 21 <sup>st</sup> 1 at Howick on 20 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Lemmington Hall on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Peacock butterfly	1 at Beanley Woods on 20 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Lemmington Hall on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Tawny-mining Bee	2 at Lemmington Hall on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Tree Bumblebee	1 at Howick on 20 <sup>th</sup>
Common Carder	1 near Titlington Mount on 30 <sup>th</sup>

Common Pond Skater	1 at Felton on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Tiger Beetle	1 on Beanley Moor on 20 <sup>th</sup>
<b>MAMMALS</b>	
Red Deer	1 near Brandon Ford on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Roe Deer	10 near Branton on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Brown Hare	2 boxing at Glanton on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Bottle-nosed Dolphin	2 at Craster on 1 <sup>st</sup> and 8 on 28 <sup>th</sup> 25 at Dunstanburgh on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Harbour Porpoise	3 at Howick Haven on 6 <sup>th</sup>
<b>REPTILES</b>	
Adder	6 at Branton Ponds on 12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 by end of month.
<b>AMPHIBIANS</b>	
Common Toad	100+ at Branton Ponds on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Common Frog	Frogspawn in Alnwick on 30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>PLANTS</b>	
Coltsfoot	At Branton Ponds on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Cowslip	At Branton Ponds on 30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>OBSERVERS</b>	
	G&R Bell, W Brown, I&K Davison, T&J Dean, G Dodds, M&J Drage, P&A Hanmer, P Jobson, A Keeble, A Ord, J Rutter, S Sexton.