

SIGHTINGS DECEMBER 2020

BIRDS

Red-throated Diver	17 past Boulmer on 6 th 8 past Longhoughton Steel on 6 th
Little Grebe	5 at Howick on 20 th and 6 on 29 th
Great-crested Grebe	1 at Branton Ponds on 5 th
Little Egret	2 at Hedgeley Lakes on 2 nd 3 at Branton Ponds on 16 th and 2 on 26 th 3 at Holy Island causeway on 18 th
Grey Heron	1 at Howick on 29 th 1 at Stag Rocks on 21 st
Mute Swan	Up to 3 at Howick from 20 th to 29 th
Brent Goose	Many at Holy Island causeway on 18 th
Pink-footed Goose	2000 at Doddington on 16 th
Mallard	98 at Branton Ponds on 28 th
Shoveler	2 at Branton Ponds on 5 th and 1 on 20 th 40 at Budle Bay on 21 st 1 at Monks House Pool on 21 st
Teal	26 at Howick on 20 th and 29 th 16 at Monks House Pool on 21 st
Wigeon	225 at Branton Ponds on 5 th
Gadwall	5 at Monks House Pool on 21 st
Tufted Duck	18 Branton Ponds on 14 th 6 at Howick on 29 th 1 at Monks House Pool on 21 st
Goldeneye	5 at Branton Ponds on 14 th and 10 on 28 th
Pochard	1 at Branton Ponds on 14 th
Common Scoter	1 off Stag Rocks on 21 st
Long-tailed Duck	1 past Longhoughton Steel on 6 th
Red-breasted Merganser	2 off Stag Rocks on 21 st
Common Buzzard	1-2 at Yearle all month
Kestrel	2 at Chatton on 21 st 1 at Yearle on 21 st
Sparrowhawk	1 at Yearle on 6 th , 11 th and 30 th
Peregrine	2 at Doddington on 16 th
Grey Partridge	2 at Howick on 16 th
Coot	70 at Branton Ponds on 28 th
Golden Plover	72 at Longhoughton Steel on 6 th
Grey Plover	8 at Seaton Point on 13 th
Dunlin	244 at Boulmer on 6 th
Knot	8 at Longhoughton Steel on 6 th 15 at Seaton Point on 13 th
Turnstone	15 at Stag Rocks on 21 st
Oystercatcher	2 at Branton Ponds on 20 th 9 at Stag Rocks on 21 st
Bar-tailed Godwit	18 at Boulmer on 6 th 200 at Holy Island causeway on 18 th
Curlew	83+ at Longhoughton Steel on 6 th 39 at Branton Ponds on 5 th
Redshank	2 at Hedgeley Lakes on 2 nd 30 at Stag Rocks on 21 st
Green Sandpiper	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 2 nd and 1 on 31 st
Purple Sandpiper	1 at Boulmer on 6 th 2 at Longhoughton Steel on 6 th 13 at Seaton Point on 13 th 120 at Stag Rocks on 21 st
Grey Phalarope	1 at Cullernose on 5 th
Herring Gull	400+ at Branton Ponds on 20 th
Collared Dove	16 at Branton on 25 th
Barn Owl	1 at Howick on 19 th
Kingfisher	1 at Branton Ponds on 25 th 1 at Seaton Point on 13 th
Great-spotted Woodpecker	2 at Yearle all month
Water Pipit	2 at Druridge Pools on 8 th
Grey Wagtail	1 at Warkworth on 16 th
Long-tailed Tit	16 at Howick on 20 th 15 at Yearle on 11 th
Marsh Tit	3 at East Linden on 18 th
Willow Tit	1 at Branton Ponds on 5 th 3 at East Linden on 18 th

Treecreeper	1 at Branton Ponds on 5 th
Tree Sparrow	1 at Yearle on 6 th
Lesser Redpoll	12 at Branton Ponds on 20 th
Common Redpoll	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 2 nd
Twite	45 at Guile Point on 19 th
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Earth Tongue	In the Fawdon Hills on 12 th
MAMMALS	
Dolphin sp	Several off Howick on 15 th
Bottle-nosed Dolphin	10 off Howick on 15 th
Stoat	1 in full ermine near Branton on 28 th
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