

## SIGHTINGS APRIL 2022

### BIRDS

Red-throated Diver	1 off Cullernose on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Little Egret	1 at Branton Ponds on 13 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Whooper Swan	2 off Rumbling Kern on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Greylag	A pair with 5 young at Branton Ponds on 20 <sup>th</sup>
Shelduck	7 at Branton Ponds on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Shoveler	2 at Branton Ponds on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Red-breasted Merganser	1 off Rumbling Kern on 9 <sup>th</sup> 8 off Stag Rocks on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Common Scoter	50 off Stag Rocks on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Long-tailed Duck	1 off Holy Island on 17 <sup>th</sup>
Osprey	1 at Fenham le Moor on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Common Buzzard	5 at Howick on 25 <sup>th</sup>
Peregrine	1 at Hauxley on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Avocet	4 at Low Newton on 11 <sup>th</sup> and 8 by 15 <sup>th</sup>
Little-ringed Plover	4 at Hedgeley Lakes on 14 <sup>th</sup> and 3 on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Purple Sandpiper	15+ at Rumbling Kern on 9 <sup>th</sup> 20 at Dunstanburgh on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Green Sandpiper	1 on Cawledge Burn on 10 <sup>th</sup>
Ruff	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Whimbrel	1 on Holy Island on 13 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Newton Scrape on 21 <sup>st</sup> 2 at Craster on 16 <sup>th</sup>
Black-tailed Godwit	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Green Sandpiper	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 1 on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Common Sandpiper	2 at Hedgeley Lakes on 13 <sup>th</sup> and 3 on 14 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Branton Ponds on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Great Skua	1 off Cullernose on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Iceland Gull	1 at Branton Ponds on 3 <sup>rd</sup> and again on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Sandwich Tern	1 off Holy Island on 13 <sup>th</sup> and 2 on 17 <sup>th</sup> 5 off Rumbling Kern on 9 <sup>th</sup> 18 off Low Newton on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Stock Dove	2 at Besom Barn on 2 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Hauxley on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Cuckoo	1 in Harthope Valley on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Tawny Owl	1 in Alnwick on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Barn Owl	1 on Alnwick Moor on 14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup>
Swallow	2 at Hedgeley Lakes on 13 <sup>th</sup> and 1 on 15 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Chatton on 21 <sup>st</sup>
House Martin	1 at Branton Ponds on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Sand Martin	20+ at Hedgeley Lakes on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Tree Pipit	1 at Low Newton on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Yellow Wagtail	1 at Low Newton on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Redstart	3 at Hedgeley Lakes on 15 <sup>th</sup> and 1 on 17 <sup>th</sup> 2 near Shepherds Law on 19 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Ford Moss on 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1 on Alnwick Moors on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Stonechat	4 on Holy Island on 17 <sup>th</sup>
Wheatear	9 at Holy Island on 13 <sup>th</sup> 4 at Glanton on 15 <sup>th</sup> 20 on Holy Island on 17 <sup>th</sup> 1 near Shepherds Law on 19 <sup>th</sup> 5 at Howick on 25 <sup>th</sup> 1 on Alnwick Moor on 17 <sup>th</sup> 4 at Craster on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Fieldfare	400+ at Branton on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Redwing	23 on Holy Island on 13 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Holy Island on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Ring Ouzel	2 in College Valley on 15 <sup>th</sup> 1 in Hawsen Burn on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Sedge Warbler	1 at Branton Ponds on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Garden Warbler	1 at Branton Ponds on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Blackcap	5 at Branton Ponds on 13 <sup>th</sup> 1 in Alnwick on 17 <sup>th</sup>
Common Whitethroat	1 near Hedgeley on 25 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Branton Ponds on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Chiffchaff	1 at Alnwick on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Willow Warbler	6 at Branton Ponds on 13 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Goldcrest	1 at Alnwick on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Willow Tit	1 at Branton Ponds on 9 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Craster on 13 <sup>th</sup>

Marsh Tit	2 near Morpeth on 20 <sup>th</sup> 1 in Swarland Wood on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Treecreeper	1 at Spindlestone on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Raven	1 over Branton on 27 <sup>th</sup> 2 over Hawsen Burn on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Jay	1 at Spindlestone on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Great-grey Shrike	1 on Alnwick Moor on 14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Dunstanburgh on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Bullfinch	A pair in Alnwick on 17 <sup>th</sup>
Lesser Redpoll	Several at Titlington Mount at start of month.
Brambling	2 at Titlington Mount on 5 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Howick on 17 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Spindlestone on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Siskin	2 at Alnwick on 17 <sup>th</sup>
<b>REPTILES</b>	
Adder	4 at Branton Ponds on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Slow Worm	1 at Branton Ponds on 24 <sup>th</sup> 1 in Harthope Valley on 29 <sup>th</sup>
<b>MAMMALS</b>	
Bottle-nosed Dolphin	4 off Howick on 17 <sup>th</sup>
Brown Hare	1 very small Leveret in a Branton Garden on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Roe Deer	2 in Hawsen Burn on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Red Squirrel	1 at Spindlestone on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Hedgehog	1 in Felton on 7 <sup>th</sup>
<b>PLANTS</b>	
Moschatel	A small patch at Hedgeley on 17 <sup>th</sup> some near Shepherds Law on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Goldilocks Buttercup	In Felton on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Bird Cherry	In flower at Branton Ponds on 18 <sup>th</sup>
<b>FUNGI</b>	
St George's Mushroom	In Felton Meadows on 28 <sup>th</sup>
<b>INVERTEBRATES</b>	
Green Hairstreak	7 at Ford Moss on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Orange Tip	1 at Branton Ponds on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Green-veined White	5 at Branton Ponds on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Speckled Wood	Many at Branton Ponds on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Emperor Moth	3 on Alnwick Moors on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Mountain Bumblebee	On Alnwick Moors on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Red-tailed Cuckoo Bee	On Alnwick Moors on 24 <sup>th</sup>
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