

## SIGHTINGS NOVEMBER 2022

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<b>BIRDS</b>	
Red-throated Diver	1 off Stag Rocks on 14 <sup>th</sup> 15+ at Cheswick on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Black-throated Diver	1 past Cheswick on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Great-crested Grebe	2 at Branton all month, 2 at Cheswick on 13 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Fenham Flats on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Sooty Shearwater	3 past Seaton Point on 17 <sup>th</sup>
Great-white Egret	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Whooper Swan	17 over Glanton on 2 <sup>nd</sup> 8 at Branton Ponds on 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2 at Hedgeley Lakes on 12 <sup>th</sup> 25 over Howick on 5 <sup>th</sup> 14 at Newton Pool on 26 <sup>th</sup> 15 at Dunstanburgh on 29 <sup>th</sup>
White-fronted Goose	1 at Low Newton on 24 <sup>th</sup> 8 at Newton Scrape on 26 <sup>th</sup> 8 over Branton Ponds on 28 <sup>th</sup> all were of the Russian form (albifrons)
Brent Goose	2 past Seaton Point on 17 <sup>th</sup>
Bar-headed Goose	1 at Low Newton on 16 <sup>th</sup>
Ruddy Shelduck	1 at High Newton on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Shoveler	3 at Branton Ponds on 12 <sup>th</sup> and again on 20 <sup>th</sup>
Goldeneye	19 past Seaton Point on 18 <sup>th</sup> 11 at Branton Ponds on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Wigeon	332 at Branton Ponds on 12 <sup>th</sup>
Scaup	1 past Seaton Point on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Goosander	3 past Seaton Point on 18 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Felton Bridge on 9 <sup>th</sup> and 1 on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Velvet Scoter	7 at Cheswick on 6 <sup>th</sup> and 3+ on 13 <sup>th</sup> 6 past Seaton Point on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Black Scoter	1 at Cheswick on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Common Scoter	250+ at Cheswick on 13 <sup>th</sup> 137 past Seaton Point on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Long-tailed Duck	3 at Seaton Point on 17 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Branton Ponds all month.
Gadwall	52 at Branton Ponds on 8 <sup>th</sup> and 89 on 12 <sup>th</sup>
Marbled Duck	1 probable escape on Holy Island on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Hen Harrier	1 at Fenham Flats on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Goshawk	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Sparrowhawk	3 at Branton Ponds on 12 <sup>th</sup>
Merlin	2 on Holy Island on 14 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Howick on 6 <sup>th</sup>
Water Rail	2 at Branton Ponds on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Woodcock	1 at Seaton Point on 20 <sup>th</sup>
Snipe	9 at Branton Ponds on 12 <sup>th</sup>
Lapwing	200+ at Boulmer on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Grey Plover	15 at Seaton Point on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Golden Plover	120 at Black Hagg on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Green Sandpiper	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 12 <sup>th</sup>
Purple Sandpiper	3 at Seaton Point on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Black-tailed Godwit	4 at Boulmer on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Pomarine Skua	3 past Seaton Point on 17 <sup>th</sup>
Arctic Skua	2 past Seaton Point on 17 <sup>th</sup>
Kittiwake	1300 past Seaton Point on 17 <sup>th</sup>
Bonapartes Gull	1 at Stag Rocks on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Little Auk	24 past Seaton Point on 17 <sup>th</sup> and 3 on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Puffin	1 at Cheswick on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Barn Owl	1 at Roseden on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Kingfisher	1 at Amble on 6 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Bewick Wood Pond on 9 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Hedgeley on 24 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Brandon Ford on 27 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Felton Bridge on 30 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Low Newton on 8 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Longhoughton Steel on 20 <sup>th</sup>
Swallow	1 at Low Newton on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Pied Wheatear	1 at Whitley Bay from 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Grey Wagtail	2 at Branton Ponds on 10 <sup>th</sup>

Waxwing	1 near Alnmouth on 20 <sup>th</sup>
Dipper	1 at Felton Bridge on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Black Redstart	2 on Holy Island on 14 <sup>th</sup> and 1 on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Fieldfare	100 over Howick on 7 <sup>th</sup> 218 over Glanton on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Blackcap	1 at Craster on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Hume's Warbler	1 at Low Newton on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Chiffchaff	1 at Branton Ponds on 12 <sup>th</sup> and again on 24 <sup>th</sup> with 2 on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Willow Tit	1 at Craster all month.
Raven	2 over Reaveley on 25 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Holy Island on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Siskin	40+ at Branton Ponds on 8 <sup>th</sup> 30 at Seaton Point on 20 <sup>th</sup>
Lesser Redpoll	8+ at Branton Ponds on 8 <sup>th</sup> 16 at Howick on 4 <sup>th</sup>
Snow Bunting	15 at Holy Island on 14 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Howick on 14 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Seaton Point on 18 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Dunstanburgh on 29 <sup>th</sup>
<b>INVERTEBRATES</b>	
Red Admiral	1 at Hedgeley on 12 <sup>th</sup>
Small Tortoiseshell	1 at Howick on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Peacock	1 at Howick on 6 <sup>th</sup>
<b>MAMMALS</b>	
Hedgehog	1 at Glanton on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Red Squirrel	4 at Spindlesstone on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Otter	3 on Waren Burn on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Bottle-nosed Dolphin	4 off Craster on 10 <sup>th</sup> 10 off Howick on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Harbour Porpoise	2 off Craster on 29 <sup>th</sup>
<b>FUNGI</b>	
Macro Mushroom	At Howick.
<b>OBSERVERS</b>	C Baker-Cresswell, I&K Davison, G Dodds, M&J Drage, G Dunn, K Griffin, A Keeble, J Rutter, S Sexton.

## MEMBERSHIP

We thought members would like to know where we stand on membership. We weren't at all certain what effect Covid would have on our membership and in 2019, before all the chaos, we had 130 members.

To our surprise and pleasure we have seen that total increase so that currently we have 149 members. Obviously we have lost a few, for various reasons, but we have gained many. So, a warm welcome and thanks to all who have joined during these last difficult three years.

As a committee our pleasure comes largely from the feeling that if people want to be members we must be offering things that make them want to be part of the Group. Our Newsletters clearly must be part of that attraction and we should be very keen to see as many members contributing articles (long or short; regular or occasional) as possible. There has been a good increase in the number of members sending things in in recent years and we'd like to maintain that momentum. You can send photos or articles to Richard at [rjpoppleton@outlook.com](mailto:rjpoppleton@outlook.com) or Greystone Cottage, Titlington Mount, Alnmick NE66 2EA.