

SIGHTINGS APRIL 2023

BIRDS	
Great-crested Grebe	2 at Branton Ponds all month,
Little Egret	3 at Branton Ponds on 7 th and 1 on 18 th
Spoonbill	1 at Cresswell Pond on 6 th
Whooper Swan	19 at Branton Ponds on 8 th
Greylag Goose	Pair with 4 goslings at Branton Ponds on 28 th
Mandarin	Pair at Wingates on 27 th
Shoveler	1 at Branton Ponds on 1 st and 3 on 3 rd 6 at Hedgeley Lakes on 12 th and 3 on 13 th
Garganey	1 at Low Newton on 13 th , 14 th and 20 th
Grey Partridge	1 at Branton Ponds on 18 th and 24 th
Osprey	1 at Branton Ponds on 23 rd 1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 30 th
Red Kite	1 over Linhope on 4 th
Sparrowhawk	1 at Felton Bridge on 3 rd
Avocet	Maximum of 18 at Low Newton on 27 th
Little-ringed Plover	1 at a site in North Northumberland on 13 th
Golden Plover	300+ at Holy Island on 8 th
Black-tailed Godwit	2 at Low Newton scrape on 27 th
Whimbrel	1 at Newton Point on 20 th 1 at Longhoughton Steel on 26 th
Greenshank	1 at Low Newton on 22 nd
Common Sandpiper	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 3 rd 1 at Ingram on 20 th 4 at Branton Ponds on 27 th 2 at Hulne Park on 18 th
Green Sandpiper	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 2 nd
Lesser Black-backed Gull	71 at Branton Ponds on 27 th
Sandwich Tern	2 at Druridge Bay on 6 th 12+ off Newton Point on 20 th
Barn Owl	1 at Low Newton on 6 th
Tawny Owl	1 at Branton Ponds on 18 th 1 at Craster on 11 th 1 at Doxford on 11 th
House Martin	4 at Low Newton on 22 nd 10+ at Branton Ponds on 23 rd
Sand Martin	30+ at Branton Ponds on 9 th 10 at Felton Bridge on 3 rd
Swallow	1 at Cresswell Pond on 6 th 1 at Branton Ponds on 6 th and 4 on 9 th 2 over West Fleetham on 10 th 1 at Falloden on 11 th 1 in Ellingham on 11 th
Yellow Wagtail	1 at Low Newton on 14 th 2 at Low Neweton on 22 nd
Dipper	1 at Felton Bridge on 3 rd
Wheatear	5 at Craster on 20 th at Cocklawburn on 21 st 2 near Craster on 23 rd 11 at Holy Island on 30 th
Redstart	1 at Burradon Windy side on 16 th 1 at Glanton on 17 th 1 near Shepherds Law on 18 th 1 near Fawdon on 23 rd 1 near Cullernose on 23 rd 1 near Longframlington on 26 th
Ring Ouzel	3 in Harthope Valley on 16 th 1 at Alnwick Moor on 25 th
Fieldfare	25 over Branton Ponds on 4 th and 50+ on 7 th 8 at Fawdon on 23 rd 200+ at Hulne Park on 27 th
Mistle Thrush	1 semi-leucistic bird at Ingram on 23 rd
Garden Warbler	1 at Branton Ponds on 11 th and again on 18 th 1 at Holy Island on 30 th
Blackcap	1 at Branton Ponds on 7 th and 3 on 8 th 5 at Ford Moss on 17 th
Lesser Whitethroat	1 near Craster on 23 rd 1 at Holy Island on 30 th
Common Whitethroat	1 at Newton Pools on 27 th
Sedge Warbler	4 at Branton Ponds on 27 th
Willow Warbler	1 at Branton Ponds on 9 th and several on 18 th 1 at Brough Law on 20 th 5 at Holy Island on 30 th
Willow Tit	1 at Cullernose on 23 rd

Firecrest	1 at Low Newton on 4 th
Long-tailed Tit	20 at Lemmington Hall on 17 th
Hooded Crow	1 at Longhoughton Steel on 26 th
Raven	1 at Holy Island on 30 th
Siskin	10 at Lemmington Hall on 7 th
MAMMALS	
Bat sp	1 at Howick on 2 nd during day.
Stoat	1 carrying its young at Branton Ponds on 7 th and 1 on 15 th
Weasel	1 at Craster on 9 th and 22 nd
Red Squirrel	1 at Lilburn on 19 th
Grey Squirrel	1 at Branton on 26 th
Brown Hare	1 leveret in Branton Garden on 28 th
Bottle-nosed Dolphin	8 off Craster on 26 th
REPTILES	
Adder	3 at Branton Ponds on 2 nd and 11 on 8 th
Common Lizard	1 near Shepherds Law on 18 th
INVERTEBRATES	
Red-tailed Bumblebee	1 at Branton Ponds on 2 nd 1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 2 nd
Common Carder	1 at Branton Ponds on 12 th
Bilberry Bumblebee	1 at Brizlee on 16 th
Tree Bumblebee	1 in Branton on 17 th
Early Bumblebee	2 in Branton on 17 th
Garden Bumblebee	Several in Branton on 17 th
Tawny Mining Bee	1 at Branton on 3 rd and 17 th
Dark-edged Bee-fly	1 at Branton on 3 rd
Peacock	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 2 nd 3 at Ford Moss on 17 th 6+ at Branton Ponds on 18 th 6+ at Howick on 11 th
Small Tortoiseshell	1 at Branton Ponds on 18 th
Speckled Wood	1 at Branton Ponds on 18 th 2 at Howick on 11 th
Orange Tip	2 at Branton Ponds on 18 th
Green-veined White	1 at Branton Ponds on 26 th
Hummingbird Hawkmoth	1 at Craster on 2 nd
7 spot Ladybird	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 15 th
PLANTS	
Cowslip	At Branton Ponds on 1 st
Primrose	At Branton Ponds on 2 nd
Moschatel	Near Shepherds Law on 18 th in Swarland Wood on 23 rd
Wood Anemone	At Ford Moss on 17 th
Wood Sorrel	At Ford Moss on 17 th
SLIME MOULDS	
False Puffball	At Branton Ponds and Hedgeley Lakes on 10 th
OBSERVERS	
P Burns, I&K Davison, T&J Dean, G Dodds, M&J Drage, H Finney, M Hall, P&A Hanmer, A Keeble, J Rutter, S Sexton, K Wharf, M Whittingham, P Wilson.	