

## SIGHTINGS OCTOBER 2023

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BIRDS	
Red-throated Diver	10 past Howick on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Great-northern Diver	1 past Howick on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Little Grebe	1 at Branton Ponds on 17 <sup>th</sup>
Great-crested Grebe	1 at Fenham Flats on 15 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Branton Ponds on 16 <sup>th</sup> with 2 on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Sooty Shearwater	1 past Howick on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Little Egret	1 at Branton Ponds on 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 on 15 <sup>th</sup> 5 at Hedgeley Lakes on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Grey Heron	1 at Ingram on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Mute Swan	3 south over Glanton on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Whooper Swan	1 at Druridge Pools on 3 <sup>rd</sup> 11 at Craster on 11 <sup>th</sup> 40 over Budle Bay on 12 <sup>th</sup> 3+ over Glanton on 14 <sup>th</sup> 20 at Craster on 14 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 15 <sup>th</sup> and on 21 <sup>st</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup>
Red-breasted Goose	1 at Budle Bay on 12 <sup>th</sup>
Brent Goose	300 over Craster on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Barnacle Goose	50 at Low Newton scrape on 8 <sup>th</sup> 3000 at Budle Bay on 12 <sup>th</sup> 553 at Fenham Flats on 15 <sup>th</sup> including 1 leucistic/albino bird.
Wigeon	16875 at Fenham Flats on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Pintail	3 at Hedgeley Lakes on 21 <sup>st</sup> 1 at Branton Ponds on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Pochard	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 15 <sup>th</sup> and again on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Goosander	1 at Branton Ponds on 17 <sup>th</sup>
Shoveler	2 at Hedgeley Lakes on 21 <sup>st</sup> 2 at Branton Ponds on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Scaup	1 at Fenham Flats on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Velvet Scoter	1 past Craster on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Common Scoter	50 past Craster on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Red Kite	1 at Ratcheugh on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Marsh Harrier	1 at Druridge Pools on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Hen Harrier	1 at Cresswell Pond on 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1 in College Valley on 12 <sup>th</sup> 1 on Holy Island on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Peregrine	1 at Holy Island on 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1 on Holy Island on 12 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Merlin	1 on Holy Island on 1 <sup>st</sup> with 1 on 9 <sup>th</sup> and another on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Sparrowhawk	3 on Holy Island on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Goshawk	2 in College Valley on 12 <sup>th</sup>
Grey Partridge	9 near Powburn on 12 <sup>th</sup>
Jack Snipe	1 on Holy Island on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Woodcock	2 on Holy Island on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Ruff	1 on Holy Island on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Black-tailed Godwit	2 at Fenham Flats on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Green Sandpiper	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 15 <sup>th</sup> and again on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Spotted Redshank	1 on Holy Island on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Grey Phalarope	8 at Newbiggin on 20 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Howick on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Arctic Skua	1 past Howick on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Pomarine Skua	1 past Newbiggin on 20 <sup>th</sup>
Great Skua	2 past Newbiggin on 20 <sup>th</sup>
Mediterranean Gull	1 at Newbiggin on 20 <sup>th</sup>
Lesser Black-backed Gull	139 at Branton Ponds on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Little Gull	60+ at Newbiggin on 20 <sup>th</sup> 5 at Howick on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Sabines Gull	1 past Howick on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Woodpigeon	83 south over Glanton on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Barn Owl	1 at Branton Ponds on 3 <sup>rd</sup>

Short-eared Owl	1 at Craster on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Long-eared Owl	1 in College Valley on 12 <sup>th</sup>
Kingfisher	1 at Branton Ponds on 17 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Ingram on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Skylark	40+ on Chatton Moor on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Swallow	4 at Felton on 16 <sup>th</sup> 4 at Howick on 17 <sup>th</sup> 2 over Craster on 25 <sup>th</sup>
Grey Wagtail	1 at Felton Sewerage Works on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Waxwing	1 at Glanton on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Dipper	1 at Ingram on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Black Redstart	2 on Holy Island on 19 <sup>th</sup> and 1 on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Siberian Stonechat	1 at Howick on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Wheatear	3 at Howick on 12 <sup>th</sup>
Ring Ouzel	1 at Glanton on 7 <sup>th</sup> 1 over Branton Ponds on 14 <sup>th</sup> 1 on Holy Island on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Redwing	1000's at Craster on 7 <sup>th</sup> 50+ in Branton on 7 <sup>th</sup> 1240+ over Glanton on 8 <sup>th</sup> 250 at Hepburn Woods on 8 <sup>th</sup> 100+ on Holy Island on 19 <sup>th</sup> many over Glanton on 21 <sup>st</sup> Hundreds on Holy Island on 21 <sup>st</sup> 6 at Howick on 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1600 over Hedgeley Lakes on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Fieldfare	Many over Glanton on 21 <sup>st</sup> Hundreds on Holy Island on 21 <sup>st</sup> 4500 over Hedgeley Lakes on 28 <sup>th</sup> 20+ at Shepherds Law on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Blackbird	100's of probably Continental birds on Holy Island on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Blackcap	3 on Holy Island on 21 <sup>st</sup> 3 at Craster on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Lesser Whitethroat	1 probably of the form blythi on Holy Island on 9 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Branton on 17 <sup>th</sup>
Arctic Warbler	1 on Holy Island on 9 <sup>th</sup> and again on 12 <sup>th</sup>
Radde's Warbler	1 on Holy Island on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Chiffchaff	1 in Glanton on 30 <sup>th</sup>
Yellow-browed Warbler	2 on Holy Island on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Goldcrest	1 in an Alnwick garden on 25 <sup>th</sup>
Firecrest	1 at Howick on 19 <sup>th</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Willow Tit	1 at Branton Ponds on 15 <sup>th</sup> and again on 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1 at Craster on 25 <sup>th</sup>
Pied Flycatcher	1 on Holy Island on 12 <sup>th</sup>
Great Grey Shrike	2 on Holy Island on 19 <sup>th</sup> and on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Jay	2 at Felton on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Raven	1 over Branton on 16 <sup>th</sup> 1 over Howick on 19 <sup>th</sup> 1 over Glanton on 30 <sup>th</sup> 2 over Shepherds Law on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Brambling	1 at Glanton on 8 <sup>th</sup> 2 on Holy Island on 19 <sup>th</sup> 1 in a Felton garden on 21 <sup>st</sup> 60+ at Howick on 21 <sup>st</sup> 10+ near Eglingham on 21 <sup>st</sup> 32+ at Glanton Pyke on 21 <sup>st</sup> and 8+ on 28 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Howick on 23 <sup>rd</sup> 4 in Glanton on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Twite	2 at Cocklawburn Beach on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Hawfinch	1 in Alnwick on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Crossbill	15 over Glanton on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Snow Bunting	1 at Holy Island on 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1 at Alnmouth on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>INVERTEBRATES</b>	
Common Hawker	4 at Holy Island on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Southern Hawker	1 at Branton Ponds on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Painted Lady	1 at Howick on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Comma	2 at Branton Ponds on 3 <sup>rd</sup> 3 at Howick on 14 <sup>th</sup> 1 in Branton on 15 <sup>th</sup> and 2 on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Red Admiral	105+ at Howick on 14 <sup>th</sup> 4+ at Fenham Flats on 15 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Branton Ponds on 17 <sup>th</sup> many at Craster on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Peacock	1 at Glanton on 15 <sup>th</sup> which was intimidating a dog.
Hummingbird Hawkmoth	1 at Howick on 22 <sup>nd</sup>

2 Spot Ladybird	1 at Branton Ponds on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Great Diving Beetle	1 at Branton Ponds on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>MAMMALS</b>	
Grey Squirrel	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 15 <sup>th</sup> 3 at Branton Ponds on 16 <sup>th</sup>
Badger	1 at Dunstan on 8 <sup>th</sup>
Stoat	1 at Branton Ponds on 17 <sup>th</sup>
Polecat	1 Polecat type mustelid near Ingram on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>REPTILES</b>	
Adder	1 at Branton Ponds on 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 31 <sup>st</sup>
<b>FUNGI</b>	
Striated Earthstar	At Howick on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Snowy Waxcap	At Branton Ponds on 22 <sup>nd</sup> at Shepherds Law on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Meadow Waxcap	At Branton Ponds on 22 <sup>nd</sup> at Shepherds Law on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Parrot Waxcap	At Shepherds Law on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Waxcap sp	5 different species at Craster on 10 <sup>th</sup>
Wood Hedgehog	In Beanley Woods on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Fly Agaric	In Beanley Woods on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Sulphur Tuft	In Beanley Woods on 31 <sup>st</sup>
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