

## SIGHTINGS MAY 2023

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BIRDS	
Great-crested Grebe	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Little Egret	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Barnacle Goose	120+ over Branton on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Egyptian Goose	1 at Hauxley on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Bar-headed Goose	2 at Hauxley on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Mandarin	1 at Hedgeley on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Marsh Harrier	1 at East Chevington on 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup>
Merlin	1 at Beanley Moor on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Water Rail	1 at Branton Ponds on 25 <sup>th</sup>
Avocet	15 at Cresswell Pond on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Grey-headed Lapwing	1 at Low Newton on 1 <sup>st</sup> , a first for Britain.
Turnstone	35+ at Boulmer on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Sanderling	50+ at Boulmer on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Ringed Plover	40+ at Boulmer on 7 <sup>th</sup> 2 at a site in North Northumberland on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Little-ringed Plover	1 at a site in North Northumberland on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Temminck's Stint	2 at Low Newton Scrape on 17 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup>
Little Stint	1 at Budle Bay on 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1 at Low Newton Scrape on 25 <sup>th</sup>
Greenshank	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 14 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Low Newton Scrape on 25 <sup>th</sup>
Black-tailed Godwit	5 at Cresswell Pond on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Common Sandpiper	5+ at Hedgeley Lakes on 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1 at Druridge Pools on 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1 at Boulmer on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Broad-billed Sandpiper	1 at Budle Bay on 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Whimbrel	10 at Druridge Pools on 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1 at Boulmer on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Wood Sandpiper	4 at Red Row flash on 4 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Ringed Plover	5 at Hedgeley Lakes on 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Dunlin	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Barn Owl	1 at Branton on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Tawny Owl	2 at Branton on 11 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Hedgeley Hall on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Long-eared Owl	1 at Alnmouth Dunes on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Cuckoo	2 at Shepherds Law on 3 <sup>rd</sup> 3 at Branton on 11 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Titlington Mount on 13 <sup>th</sup> 1 near Reaveley on 14 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Branton Ponds on 15 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Holystone Woods on 17 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Beanley Moor on 21 <sup>st</sup> 6 at Alnwick Moor on 14 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Ford Moss on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Swift	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2+ at Wooler on 9 <sup>th</sup> 3 at Branton Ponds on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Tree Pipit	1 at Holystone Woods on 17 <sup>th</sup> 1 near Fawdon on 19 <sup>th</sup>
Yellow Wagtail	2 at Low Newton Scrape on 17 <sup>th</sup>
Redstart	4+ at Holystone Woods on 17 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Branton on 18 <sup>th</sup> 1 near Fawdon on 19 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Holystone Woods on 26 <sup>th</sup>
Wheatear	1 at East Chevington on 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3+ at Boulmer on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Whinchat	Several near Fawdon on 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup>
Stonechat	Several near Fawdon on 20 <sup>th</sup>
Ring Ouzel	1 at East Chevington on 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Fieldfare	2 at Boulmer on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Garden Warbler	2 at Branton Ponds on 14 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Alnwick Moor on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Lesser Whitethroat	1 at Low Newton on 1 <sup>st</sup> 1 at Howick on 6 <sup>th</sup> 3 at Boulmer on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Common Whitethroat	2 near Branton on 1 <sup>st</sup> 8+ at Boulmer on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Grasshopper Warbler	1 near Branton Middlesteads on 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1 at East Chevington on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Cetti's Warbler	2 at East Chevington on 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 at East Chevington on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Reed Warbler	Several at East Chevington on 24 <sup>th</sup>

Spotted Flycatcher	1 at Boulmer on 7 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Linhope on 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Red-backed Shrike	1 at Seaton Point on 7 <sup>th</sup>
Raven	7 over Bewick Moor on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Common Crossbill	3 at Alwick Moor on 14 <sup>th</sup>
<b>REPTILES</b>	
Adder	4 at Branton Ponds on 14 <sup>th</sup>
<b>INVERTEBRATES</b>	
Small Tortoiseshell	3 at Branton on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Peacock	2 at Branton on 1 <sup>st</sup>
Wall	2 at Cresswell Pond on 24 <sup>th</sup>
Orange Tip	Several at Howick on 6 <sup>th</sup> 1 at Branton Ponds on 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10+ by 11 <sup>th</sup>
Holly Blue	1 at Howick on 6 <sup>th</sup> and several throughout month.
Small Copper	2 at Beanley Moor on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Green Hairstreak	1 at Shepherds Law on 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Green Longhorn Moth	At Alwick Moor on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Small Magpie	1 at Branton on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Emperor Moth	1 at Wooler on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Brown Silver-line	2 at Beanley Moor on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Common Heath	Several on Beanley Moor on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Elephant Hawk-moth	1 at Felton on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Red and Black Frog hopper	Several at Branton on 14 <sup>th</sup>
Oieceoptoma thoracicum	2 at Branton Ponds on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Solomon's Seal Sawfly	1 at Branton on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Hairy-footed Flower Bee	1 at Branton on 5 <sup>th</sup>
Four-spotted Chaser	1 at Beanley Moor on 21 <sup>st</sup>
Large Red Damselfly	1 at Branton Ponds on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Blue-tailed Damselfly	Several at Branton Ponds on 27 <sup>th</sup>
Common Blue Damselfly	1 at Branton on 14 <sup>th</sup> and many by 29 <sup>th</sup>
<b>PLANTS</b>	
Birds-nest Orchid	18 spikes near Callaly on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Broad-leaved Helleborine	11 developing spikes at Branton Ponds on 15 <sup>th</sup>
Northern Marsh Orchid	1 spike at East Chevington on 24 <sup>th</sup> several at Homebase carpark Alwick on 31 <sup>st</sup>
Globeflower	A patch near Longframlington on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Spring Vetch	At Branton Ponds on 16 <sup>th</sup>
Petty Whin	3 clumps at Beanley Moor on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Heath Milkwort	At Beanley Moor on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Wood Anemone	At Beanley Moor on 13 <sup>th</sup>
Chickweed Wintergreen	At Beanley Moor on 13 <sup>th</sup> at Oxen Woods on 14 <sup>th</sup> at Ford Moss on 29 <sup>th</sup>
Rustyback Fern	Near Craster on 11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>MAMMALS</b>	
Noctule Bat	4 over Branton on 11 <sup>th</sup>
Bottle-nosed Dolphin	A large pod off the Farnes on 18 <sup>th</sup>
<b>OBSERVERS</b>	I&K Davison, J Dean, G Dodds, A Hall, A Keeble, A Ord, J Rutter, S Sexton, AWG group outing.