

SIGHTINGS FEBRUARY 2023

BIRDS

Great-northern Diver	3 at Howick on 26 th
Red-throated Diver	6 off Stag Rocks on 13 th 23 at Howick on 26 th
Great-crested Grebe	17 at Birling Carrs on 12 th 1 at Branton Ponds on 23 rd 3 at Widdrington Moor Lake on 15 th
Red-necked Grebe	1 off Stag Rocks on 6 th and 13 th
Slavonian Grebe	5 off Ross Sands on 6 th 1 off Stag Rocks on 13 th
Manx Shearwater	1 at Howick on 26 th
Gannet	40+ at Howick on 26 th
Great-white Egret	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 6 th
Little Egret	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 19 th and again on 23 rd
Whooper Swan	13 at Branton Ponds on 10 th 62 at Birling Carrs on 12 th 5 at Chevington Moor on 2 nd 18 at Low Newton on 3 rd and 21 on 15 th 20 at Shortridge Hall on 28 th
Pochard	13 at Bothal Pond on 2 nd
Pintail	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 8 th and again on 19 th
Shelduck	2 pairs at Branton Ponds on 3 rd
Green-winged Teal	1 at Colt Crag Reservoir on 5 th
Long-tailed Duck	3 off Ross Sands on 6 th 8 off Stag Rocks on 13 th
Velvet Scoter	1 at Howick on 26 th
Common Scoter	400+ off Stag Rocks on 13 th 4 at Birling Carrs on 12 th 35 at Howick on 26 th
Black Scoter	1 off Stag Rocks on 13 th
Goosander	4 at Felton on 12 th
Red-breasted Merganser	2 at Alnmouth on 12 th
Peregrine	1 over Glanton on 16 th 1 at Cresswell Pond on 21 st
Kestrel	2 at Lemmington Hall on 25 th
Marsh Harrier	1 at East Chevington on 4 th 1 at Widdrington Moor Lake on 15 th
Hen Harrier	2 at Widdrington Moor Lake on 15 th
Common Buzzard	12+ near Eglington on 2 nd
Goshawk	1 over Hedgeley Lakes on 26 th sparring with a Raven.
Grey Partridge	2 at Birling Carrs on 12 th
Water Rail	1 at Alnmouth on 12 th
Avocet	4 at Cresswell Pond on 21 st
Oystercatcher	33 at Branton Ponds on 14 th
Ringed Plover	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 8 th and 4 on 23 rd 18 at Alnmouth on 12 th
Grey Plover	20 at Boulmer on 5 th
Lapwing	200+ at Alnmouth on 12 th
Purple Sandpiper	8 at Craster Harbour on 24 th
Redshank	1 at Hedgeley Lakes on 19 th
Spotted Redshank	1 at Bothal Pond on 2 nd
Curlew	24 at Branton Ponds on 3 rd 1 on territory at Glanton on 18 th
Black-tailed Godwit	1 at Alnmouth on 12 th 1 at Fenham Flats on 18 th
Mediterranean Gull	1 at Alnmouth on 12 th 1 at Howick Burn Mouth on 19 th
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1 at Glanton on 20 th
Barn Owl	2 near Rothbury on 6 th
Kingfisher	1 at Felton on 12 th 1 at Branton Ponds on 19 th
Water Pipit	1 at Fenham Flats on 18 th
Waxwing	3 at Glanton on 9 th
Dipper	2 at Felton on 12 th 2 on River Breamish on 26 th

Marsh Tit	1 near Longframlington on 27 th
Willow Tit	1 at Birling Carrs on 12 th 1 at Branton Ponds on 20 th 1 at East Linden on 26 th 1 at Howick on 19 th
Treecreeper	1 at The Braid, Amble on 6 th
Raven	2 near Eglington on 2 nd 2 near Shepherds Law on 6 th 1 at Harwood Forest on 7 th 1 over Branton Ponds on 12 th 4 briefly over Glanton on 20 th 4 near Beanley on 23 rd 9 briefly at Middleton Craggs on 23 rd 2 over Branton on 24 th 1 over Hedgeley Lakes on 26 th sparring with a Goshawk. 1 at Howick on 19 th
Crossbill	3 at Colt Crag Reservoir on 5 th 2 at Shepherds Law on 6 th 25+ at Harwood Forest on 7 th
Brambling	1 at Felton on 4 th
Lesser Redpoll	2 at East Linden on 26 th
Linnet	220+ near Shepherds Law on 6 th 100+ at Birling Carrs on 12 th
Twite	40+ at Holy Island on 11 th
Snow Bunting	11 at Chibburn Mouth on 28 th
INSECTS	
Acleris cristana	1 at Howick on 12 th
Dotted Border	3 at Howick on 12 th
Pale Brindled Beauty	8 at Howick on 12 th
Chestnut	18 at Howick on 12 th
Buff-tailed Bumblebee	1 at Branton Ponds on 21 st
PLANTS	
Mistletoe	Near Warkworth on 12 th
MAMMALS	
Otter	1 at Branton Ponds on 6 th and 19 th 1 at East Chevington on 4 th
Harbour Porpoise	1 at Dunstanburgh on 1 st 1 at Craster on 16 th 1 at Howick on 26 th
Bottle-nosed Dolphin	6 at Stag Rocks on 6 th
Stoat	1 at Dunstanburgh on 3 rd 1 in ermine at Cockhall near Eglington on 16 th
REPTILES	
Adder	2 at Branton on 3 rd the earliest there by 5 days. 3 at Branton on 11 th
OBSERVERS	M Carr, I&K Davison, T Dean, G Dodds, M&J Drage, K Griffin, P&A Hanmer, A Keeble, J Rutter, S Sexton.