

## SIGHTINGS MARCH 2011

### BIRDS

Red-throated Diver	2 off Ross Back Sands (20th) and 1 at Stag Rock (24th)
Great Crested Grebe	2 at Big Waters (15th), 2 at Branton Ponds (19th) and 1 at East Chevington (19th)
Red-necked Grebe	3 at Ross Back Sands (20th)
Slavonian Grebe	6 at Ross Back Sands (20th) and 3 at Stag Rock (24th)
Black-necked Grebe	1 at Beadnell dunes (3rd)
Whooper Swan	60 at Ross Back Sands (6th), 35 at Branton Ponds (8th), 37 at Linton Lane (11th) and 1 at River Breamish (4th)
Ross's Goose	1 at Doddington 31st
Pinkfoot Goose	50 at Cresswell (27th)
American Wigeon	1 at Cresswell Pond (27th)
Pintail	3 at Druridge Pools (27th)
Pochard	1 at Hedgeley Ponds (4th)
Wigeon	150 at Beadnell dunes (3rd)
Shoveler	2 at Branton Ponds (31st)
Long-tailed Duck	5 at Stag Rock (24th)
Common Scoter	70 at Holy Island (13th), 150 (20th) and 100 (24th) at Stag Rock
Goldeneye	55 at Holy Island (13th)
Red-breasted Merganser	2 at Druridge (1st)
Peregrine	1 at Branton Ponds (1st), 1 at Cresswell (21st) and 1 at Harehope (21st)
Bittern	1 at Cresswell (5th)
Ring Plover	2 at Hedgeley Ponds (22nd) and 24 at Beadnell (3rd)
Golden Plover	40 at Swarland (24th)
Woodcock	1 at Widdrington Station (27th)
Curlew	200 at Long Nanny (3rd)
Green Sandpiper	1 on (4th & 19th) at River Breamish
Kingfisher	1 at Branton Ponds (12th)
Green Woodpecker	1 at Bigwaters (15th), 1 at Widdrington Station (12th) and 1 at East Lilburn (19th)
Great Spotted Woodpecker	2 at Widdrington Station all month and 2 at Swarland (2nd)
Skylark	15 at Branton (12th)
Sand Martin	1 at Branton Ponds (28th), 1 at East Chevington (19th)
Grey Wagtail	1 at Alnwick (5th) and 2 in the Carey Burn (26th)
Dipper	1 at Powburn 24th feeding a fledgling
Waxwing	48 (19th) and 40 (21st) at Ashington
Chiffchaff	1 at Branton Ponds (22nd), 1 at Druridge 23rd and 1 at Bamburgh (24th)
Treecreeper	Many in Alnwick (5th) and 1 at Old Bewick (12th)
Hooded Crow	1 at Cresswell (12th)
Raven	2 at Branton (8th) and 1 in Carey Burn (26th)
Marsh Tit	2 at Widdrington Station (23rd) and 1 at Swarland (1st)
Brambling	1 at Hauxley (21st) and 1 at Swarland (13th)
Lesser Redpoll	1 at Harehope (15th)
<b>MAMMALS</b>	
Stoat	In ermine at Branton Ponds (8th) and Newton Lowsteads (7th)
Roe Deer	2 at Newton Lowsteads (11th)
Hedgehog	1 at Branton (25th)
Red Squirrel	1 at Widdrington Station (25th) and 1 at Hedgeley (30th)
Otter	1 at Hauxley (23rd)

## **PLANTS**

Coltsfoot

Branton Ponds (9th)

Primrose

Carey Burn (26th) and East Lilburn (19th)

Barren Strawberry

East Lilburn (19th)

Sweet Violet

East Lilburn 19th

## **INVERTEBRATES**

Peacock butterfly

1 at Branton Ponds (21st0)

Tortoiseshell

2 at Branton Ponds (21st0)

Comma

1 at Powburn (21st)

## **REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS**

Adder

3 (7th) and 7 (19th) at Branton Ponds

Toad

100's at Branton Ponds (26th) {spawning}

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