

	SIGHTINGS OCTOBER 2011
BIRDS	
Red-throated Diver	3 at Annstead on 9 th and 6 at Ross Back Sands on the 16 th
Black-throated Diver	1 at Annstead on the 9 th
Great Northern Diver	1 at Annstead on the 9 th
Little Grebe	2 at Branton Ponds on the 7 th
Great Crested Grebe	Up to 4 all month at Branton Ponds
Manx Shearwater	1 at Annstead on the 9 th
Whooper Swan	3 at Branton Ponds on the 7 th and 11 th also 7 at Swarland on the 15 th
Pink-footed Goose	Monks House Pool on 1 st and 350 at East Chevington on the 26 th
Barnacle Goose	Up to 10 at Monks House Pool on the 1 st and 9 th . Also 240 at Fenham Flats on the 16 th and 218 at East Chevington on the 26 th
Snow Goose	2 at Monks House Pool on the 1 st
Greylag Goose	40 at Monks House Pool on the 1 st
Ross's Goose	2 at Monks House Pool on the 9 th
Shelduck	245 at Budle Bay on the 16 th
Shoveler	Up to 14 all month at Monks House Pool
Goldeneye	7 at Branton Ponds on the 12 th
Goosander	22 at Branton Ponds on the 17 th
Pochard	2 at Branton Ponds on the 17 th
Lesser Scaup	1 at Marden Quarry all month, a rare visitor from North America and was still present at time of writing
Pintail	2 at East Chevington on the 26 th
Sparrowhawk	1 at Swarland on the 10 th and 18 th
Buzzard	1 at Newton on the Moor on the 13 th and 1 at Swarland on the 15 th
Merlin	1 on Holy Island on the 16 th , 26 th and 30 th
Peregrine	1 at Fenham Flats on the 16 th
Hen Harrier	1 at Annstead on the 9 th and 1 on Holy Island on the 30 th
Oystercatcher	840 at Guile Point on the 16 th
Golden Plover	250 at Monks House Pool on the 9 th and 650 at East Chevington on the 26 th
Knot	50 at Stag Rocks on the 1 st and 150 at East Chevington on the 26 th
Snipe	7 at Monks House Pool on the 27 th
Bar-tailed Godwit	520 at Guile Point on the 16 th
Black-tailed Godwit	4 on the 1 st and 6 on the 9 th both Monks House Pool also 1 at Budle Bay on the 16 th
Sanderling	270 at Fenham Flats on the 16 th
Little Stint	4 at Low Newton on the 20 th
Ruff	2 at East Chevington on the 26 th
Little Egret	4 at Beal Point on the 3 rd
Long-tailed Skua	1 (juvenile) at Stag Rocks on the 1 st
Arctic Skua	2 at Holy Island on the 3 rd and 1 on the 26 th also 1 at Cresswell 25 th
Pomarine Skua	1 at Stag Rocks on the 23 rd
Lesser Black-backed Gull	32 at Branton Ponds on the 2 nd
Little Gull	6 at Stag Rocks on the 23 rd
Mediterranean Gull	1 (1 st winter bird) at Monks House Pool on the 23 rd
Herring Gull	130 at Swarland on the 28 th
Common Gull	40 at Swarland on the 5 th
Sandwich Tern	2 at Stag Rocks on the 23 rd
Arctic Tern	1 at Stag Rocks on the 23 rd
Turtle Dove	1 (heard) Branton Ponds on the 11 th
Kingfisher	1 at Branton Ponds all month
Great Spotted Woodpecker	3 at Swarland on the 28 th
Sand Martin	6 at Branton Ponds on the 4 th

Swallow	6 at Branton Ponds on the 7 th , 20 at Powburn on the 5 th and 1 at Newton on the Moor on the 5 th
Grey Wagtail	1 in Hulne Park on the 28 th
Dipper	1 in Hulne Park on the 28 th
Fieldfare	50 over Branton on the 20 th and 6 at Smeafield on the 5 th
Redwing	3 at Holy Island on the 3 rd and 1 at Branton on the 6 th
Blackcap	1 on Holy Island on the 3 rd and 6 on the 26 th also 5 at Cresswell Pond on the 25 th
Chiffchaff	4 on Holy Island on the 26 th
Yellow-browed Warbler	2 on Holy Island on the 3 rd and 1 on the 26 th also 1 at Cresswell Pond on the 25 th and 1 at St Mary's Island on the 26 th
Goldcrest	Many on Holy Island on the 3 rd
Firecrest	1 at St Mary's on the 24 th
Long-tailed Tit	12 at Branton Ponds on the 10 th and 15 at Swarland on the 18 th
Nuthatch	1 singing at Swarland all month
Treecreeper	1 at Swarland on the 14 th
Hooded Crow	1 at Elwick on the 16 th
Rook	80 at Swarland on the 18 th
Jackdaw	40 at Swarland on the 9 th
Jay	1 at Felton on the 20 th
Tree Sparrow	Singing at Swarland in the first half of the month
Brambling	1 on Holy Island on the 3 rd and 3 on the 26 th .
Siskin	1 at Swarland on the 31 st
Twite	120 at Bamburgh GC on the 27 th
Crossbill	25 at Thrunton Woods on the 27 th
Lapland Bunting	1 on Holy Island on the 16 th , 11 on the 26 th and 1 on the 30 th
MAMMALS	
Porpoise	2 off Stag Rocks on the 1 st
Stoat	1 at Branton on the 13 th and 1 at Felton on the 4 th
Badger	1 at Chillingham Park on the 14 th .
Red Squirrel	1 at Branton on the 6 th and several in Swarland all month
Grey Squirrel	1 at Old Swarland on the 14 th
INVERTEBRATES	
Peacock	Singles in Swarland on the 1 st and 15 th
Red Admiral	Up to 6 all month in Swarland
Small Tortoiseshell	Singles in Swarland up to the 24 th
Large White	Singles in Swarland on the 9 th and 11 th
Silver-Y	1 in Swarland on the 1 st
Red Green Carpet	1 in Swarland on the 1 st
Yellow Line Quaker	1 in Swarland on the 1 st
Merveille du Jour	1 in Swarland on the 1 st
November Moth	1 in Swarland on the 1 st
RAINFALL	45.5mm
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