

BIRD RECORDS APRIL 2014

Whooper Swan	1 at Harper's Heugh on 25 th .
Pink-footed Goose	1750 at Doddington on 10 th (GB), 2 at Branton Ponds on 27 th .
Greylag Goose	500 at Budle Bay on 2 nd (GB), c.20 at Low Newton Pool/Flash all month.
Barnacle Goose	15 flying south at Low Newton on 29 th .
Gadwall	3 at Branton Ponds on 19 th .
Tufted Duck	1 pair at Monk's House Pool all month.
Shoveler	3 at Branton Ponds on 4 th , 3 pairs at Monk's House Pool all month, 1 pair at Holy Island on 25 th .
Long-tailed Duck	12 at Holy Island on 25 th .
Common Scoter	Several 1000's at Stag Rocks all month, c.15 in Beadnell Bay all month & 2 at Branton Ponds on 27 th .
Goldeneye	3 at Low Newton Pool on 1 st , 13 at Branton Ponds on 22 nd .
Red-breasted Merganser	3 at Stag Rocks on 1 st & 5 pairs in Budle Bay all month, 10 off Budle Point on 16 th .
Red-throated Diver	1 off Annstead on 15 th , 1 off Budle Point on 16 th , 1 at Stag Rocks all month.
Peregrine	1 pair are nesting in our area.
Water Rail	2 at Branton Ponds on 5 th .
Coot	4 pairs at Monk's House Pool all month.
Little Ringed Plover	1 at Branton Ponds on 8 th & 24 th .
Dotterel	1 female flying north very low at Long Nanny on 28 th .
Sanderling	c.90 at Beadnell Bay most of month.
Ruff	3 at Low Newton Flash on 15 th .
Whimbrel	1 at Boulmer on 22 nd .
Greenshank	1 at Branton Ponds on 28 th .
Common Sandpiper	1 near Twizell on 13 th , 1 at Branton Ponds on 17 th .
Arctic Skua	1 at Budle Bay on 16 th .
Black-headed Gull	468 at Branton Ponds on 19 th .
Sandwich Tern	4 at Beadnell on 3 rd , 4 at Stag Rocks on 8 th , 3 at Snipe point on 16 th & 15 at Guile Point on 20 th .
Tawny Owl	At least 3 pairs nesting near Powburn.
Swift	1 at Beadnell on 30 th .
Sand Martin	2 at Hedgeley on 5 th & 50+ at Branton Ponds on 22 nd , 24 at Tillmouth on 10 th & 6 in Harthope Valley on 11 th .
Swallow	1 at Branton Ponds on 3 rd , 1 at Etal on 10 th , 5 at Twizell on 13 th .
House Martin	1 in Harthope Valley on 11 th , 1 at Branton on 17 th & 2 returning to nest at Beadnell on 23 rd , were very late.
Tree Pipit	several at Thrunton Wood on 26 th .
Redstart	1 at Hedgeley on 20 th .
Whinchat	1 male at Tughall on 28 th .
Wheatear	1 at Harthope Valley on 4 th , 1 at Goatscrag Hill on 11 th , 2 at Newton Point on 15 th , 17 at Amble on 27 th , 3 at Holy Island on 30 th .
Ring Ouzel	7 at Harthope Valley on 4 th .
Grasshopper Warbler	1 at Budle Bay on 16 th , 1 at Low Newton on 25 th .
Sedge Warbler	several at Low Newton on 25 th & at Branton Ponds on 27 th .
Lesser Whitethroat	2 at Low Newton on 25 th .
Whitethroat	1 at Ford Woodhouse on 28 th & 2 at Yearle on 29 th , 2 at Branton Ponds on 30 th .
Garden Warbler	1 at Branton Ponds on 24 th & 3 on 27 th .
Blackcap	1 at Branton Ponds on 4 th , 1 at Yearle on 5 th , several at Tillmouth on 10 th , were the first.
Chiffchaff	1 at Newton Pool on 1 st & several at Tillmouth on 10 th , were also the first.
Willow Warbler	1 at Branton Ponds on 5 th was earliest, several at Tillmouth on 10 th .
Raven	2 at Holy Island on 11 th .
Common Crossbill	15 at Thrunton Woods on 26 th .
Snow Bunting	3 at Long Nanny on 1 st .