

BIRD RECORDS APRIL 2016

Whooper Swan	2 at Branton Ponds on 13/14 th (I&KD).
Pink-footed Goose	500 at Budle Bay on 5 th (GB).
Brent Goose	8 at Fenham Le Moor on 4 th & 43 on 16 th (JDL), 12 at Beal on 7 th (GB).
Common Scoter	20 off Stag Rocks on 6 th (JDL).
Velvet Scoter	1 at Stag Rocks on 6 th (JDL).
Goldeneye	19 at Branton Ponds on 17 th (I&KD).
Smew	1 female briefly at Tughall Pool on 20 th (JPL,DM), was probably the Killingworth bird.
Goosander	21 at Horncliffe on 27 th was highest total (JDL).
Red-throated Diver	1 off Annstead on 5 th (GB).
Little Egret	1 at Branton Ponds on 1 st (I&KD), 1 at Budle Bay on 5 th (GB).
Osprey	1 at Branton Ponds on 6 th (I&KD), 1 on the Tweed at Wark on 11 th (N&EA) & 1 at Old Bewick on 16 th (I&KD).
Merlin	1 near Fowberry on 7 th & 1 near Elwick on 14 th (JPL).
Little Ringed Plover	2 at Hedgeley Ponds on 10 th (A&MGo), 6 on River Breamish on 17 th (I&KD).
Purple Sandpiper	70 at Stag Rocks on 1 st (GB) & 45 on 6 th (JDL), 150 at Annstead on 5 th (GB).
Common Sandpiper	3 at Branton Ponds on 14 th (I&KD).
Green Sandpiper	2 at Hedgeley Ponds on 6 th (I&KD).
Razorbill	50 at Needles Eye on 26 th (SVM).
Sandwich Tern	10 at Stag Rocks on 6 th (JDL), 24 at Goswick on 19 th (EH), 6 at Holy Island on 24 th (I&KD).
Lesser Black-backed Gull	61 at Branton Ponds on 7 th (I&KD).
Iceland Gull	1 at Branton Ponds on 7 th was a 1 st winter (I&KD).
Stock Dove	2 at Twizell Woods on 7 th (SVM).
Cuckoo	1 heard at Eglingham on 13 th (TH).
Barn Owl	2 at Eglingham on 2 nd , 1 at Wooler on 4 th , 1 at Doddington on 6 th (RB).
Long-eared Owl	1 at Horncliffe on 23 rd (JDL).
Wryneck	1 in an Alnmouth garden on 21 st (IB).
Raven	1 at Branton Ponds on 21 st (I&KD).
Willow Tit	1 at Branton Ponds on 11 th (I&KD).
Sand Martin	5 at Branton ponds on 1 st many on 6 th (I&KD), 10 at Hedgeley ponds on 3 rd & 20 on 6 th (MC), 26 at Hedgeley on 4 th (GB), 20 along River Tweed on 7 th (SVM) & 100 on 11 th (JPL).
Swallow	1 at Seahouses on 4 th (JG), 1 at Horncliffe on 7 th (JDL), numerous at Branton on 24 th (I&KD).
House Martin	1 at Branton on 18 th (I&KD), several at Lowick on 19 th (EH).
Chiffchaff	1 at Spindleston on 6 th (JDL), many at Branton Ponds on 14 rd (I&KD).
Willow Warbler	1 at Branton Ponds on 5 th several by the 14 th (I&KD).
Blackcap	1 at Branton Ponds on 4 th (I&KD) & 1 on 17 th (SV&AJM), 1 at Howick on 21 st (SM).
Whitethroat	1 at Branton Ponds on 24 th (I&KD).
Sedge Warbler	2 at Branton on 27 th (I&KD).
Ring Ouzel	1 at Hawsen Burn on 14 th (SV&AJM), 1 near Ford on 20 th (SVM), 4 at Yearle on 29 th (G&RB), 2 at Carey Burn (KP) & 1 at Holburn Moss (AD) both on 30 th .
Black Redstart	1 flew past at Lowick on 7 th (EH).
Redstart	1 at Shepherds Law on 26 th (I&KD), 1 at Berwick on 29 th P&MN).
Fieldfare	80 at Ellingham on 1 st (JG), 200 at Lowick on 9 th (EH), 100 at Botany on 17 th (I&KD).
Redwing	12 at " on 1 st (JG).
Wheatear	1 at Harthope on 3 rd (SM), 1 at Coquetdale on 7 th & 1 at Lowick on 9 th (EH), 1 at Wark on 7 th (JPL), 6 at Beal on 7 th (GB), 1 at Cocklawburn on 9 th (GW), 3 at Harthope Valley on 14 th (SV&AJM).
Yellow Wagtail	1 at Hedgeley on 20 th (I&KD), 1 at Monk's House on 21 st (JPL).
Brambling	2 at Spindleston on 5 th (FS) & 1 on 6 th (JDL), 1 at Yearle on 15 th (SV&AJM).
Siskin	10 at Yearle all month (SV&AJM), 4 at East Ord until 16 th (GW).
Lesser Redpoll	1 at Spindleston on 14 th (FS). 1 at Yearle on 15 th (SV&AJM).