

## BIRD RECORDS DECEMBER 2015

This list now follows the sequence of the British List as published in 2013 by the BOURC; it has been adopted by the county records committee, and therefore would all observers please use the same.

<b>Bewick's Swan</b>	4 over Horncliffe on 24 <sup>th</sup> (JDL).
<b>Whooper Swan</b>	9 over Horncliffe on 9 <sup>th</sup> , 6 on 11 <sup>th</sup> & 19 on 19 <sup>th</sup> (JDL), 5 at Beal on 29 <sup>th</sup> (SV&AJM).
<b>Pink-footed Goose</b>	1100 flying south at Fenham LE Moor on 18 <sup>th</sup> (JDL), 1800 at Doddington on 19 <sup>th</sup> (SVM).
<b>Greylag Goose</b>	750 at Budle Bay on 22 <sup>nd</sup> (GB).
<b>Barnacle Goose</b>	1000 at Budle Bay on 1 <sup>st</sup> & 1500 on 15 <sup>th</sup> (GB).
<b>Brent Goose</b>	1500 at Fenham Flats all month.
<b>Shelduck</b>	1 at Branton Ponds on 22 <sup>nd</sup> (I&KD).
<b>Gadwall</b>	11 at Hedgeley Ponds on 15 <sup>th</sup> (I&KD).
<b>Long-tailed Duck</b>	1 off Guile Point on 13 <sup>th</sup> (I&KD), 10 off Holy Island on 29 <sup>th</sup> (SV&AJM).
<b>Common Scoter</b>	3 off Stag Rocks on 1 <sup>st</sup> & 5 on 22 <sup>nd</sup> (GB), 30 off Holy Island on 29 <sup>th</sup> (SV&AJM).
<b>Goldeneye</b>	7 at Horncliffe on 4 <sup>th</sup> & 8 on 8 <sup>th</sup> (JDL), 11 at Branton Ponds & 3 at Hedgeley Ponds on 16 <sup>th</sup> (GB).
<b>Red-breasted Merganser</b>	3 off Holy Island on 15 <sup>th</sup> 2 at Stag Rocks on 22 <sup>nd</sup> (GB), 5 pairs at Guile Point on 27 <sup>th</sup> (EH).
<b>Goosander</b>	9 at Horncliffe on 4 <sup>th</sup> , 22 on 8 <sup>th</sup> & 28 on 19 <sup>th</sup> (JDL), 5 at Branton Ponds on 16 <sup>th</sup> (G&RB).
<b>Red-throated Diver</b>	1 off Stag Rocks on 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 1 on 27 <sup>th</sup> (GB,I&KD).
<b>Fulmar</b>	2 off Stag Rocks on 18 <sup>th</sup> (JDL).
<b>Little Egret</b>	1 at Horncliffe on 8 <sup>th</sup> (JDL), 3 at Fenham Flats on 13 <sup>th</sup> (I&KD), 1 at Budle Bay on 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 2 on 29 <sup>th</sup> (GB), 1 at Branton Ponds on 29 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup> (I&KD).
<b>Slavonian Grebe</b>	1 at Guile Point on 13 <sup>th</sup> (I&KD).
<b>Goshawk</b>	1 over Branton Ponds on 29 <sup>th</sup> (I&KD).
<b>Merlin</b>	2 at Fenham Flats on 13 <sup>th</sup> & 1 at Branton Middlesteads on 21 <sup>st</sup> (I&KD).
<b>Peregrine</b>	1 at Horncliffe on 8 <sup>th</sup> & 1 on 19 <sup>th</sup> (JDL), 1 at Fenham Flats on 13 <sup>th</sup> (I&KD), 1 at Stag Rocks on 18 <sup>th</sup> (JDL).
<b>Water Rail</b>	1 at Branton Ponds on 31 <sup>st</sup> (I&KD).
<b>Golden Plover</b>	several large groups throughout our area all month (JPL).
<b>Purple Sandpiper</b>	90 at Stag Rocks on 18 <sup>th</sup> (JDL).
<b>Green Sandpiper</b>	1 at Hedgeley Ponds on 15 <sup>th</sup> (I&KD).
<b>Little Gull</b>	1 at Branton Ponds on 15 <sup>th</sup> a 1 <sup>st</sup> winter bird (I&KD).
<b>Stock Dove</b>	1 at Yearle on 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> (G&RB).
<b>Barn Owl</b>	1 at Lowick & 1 at Ancroft on 10 <sup>th</sup> (EH), 1 at Branton Ponds on 28 <sup>th</sup> (I&KD).
<b>Little Owl</b>	1 at Elwick on 13 <sup>th</sup> (I&KD).
<b>Tawny Owl</b>	3 near Hedgeley on 14 <sup>th</sup> & 1 at Branton on 28 <sup>th</sup> (I&KD), 2 at Yearle on 27 <sup>th</sup> (SVM).
<b>Long-eared Owl</b>	1 near Wooler on 11 <sup>th</sup> (SVM, RB).
<b>Kingfisher</b>	1 at Branton Ponds all month (I&KD).
<b>Long-tailed Tit</b>	12 at Howick on 20 <sup>th</sup> (P&AH).
<b>Tree Creeper</b>	2 at Howick on 20 <sup>th</sup> (P&AH).
<b>Siskin</b>	50 at Branton Ponds on 16 <sup>th</sup> & 50 at Harthope Valley on 18 <sup>th</sup> (RB).
<b>Twite</b>	30 at Fenham Le Moor on 18 <sup>th</sup> (JDL).
<b>Bullfinch</b>	5 at Yearle from 10 <sup>th</sup> (SV&AJM), 1 at Carey Burn on 18 <sup>th</sup> (RB).
<b>Hawfinch</b>	1 at Seahouses on 7 <sup>th</sup> (JPL).
<b>Snow Bunting</b>	3 at Holy Island on 27 <sup>th</sup> (I&KD).
<b>Yellowhammer</b>	6 at Branton on 21 <sup>st</sup> & 40+ on 29 <sup>th</sup> (I&KD).

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