

BIRD RECORDS MARCH 2016

Whooper Swan	5 at Harper's Heugh on 3 rd & 4 on 13 th (JPL), 80 at Wark on 10 th & 57 on 14 th (JDL), 58 over Branton Ponds & 19 over Beal on 12 th & 6 at the ponds on 14 th (I&KD), 2 at Turvelaws on 13 th (GB), 6 at Fenham Le Moor on 17 th (JDL), 7 near High Buston from 16/19 th with 45 Mute Swan (JPL,AGu,P&MN,GR), 7 over North Sunderland on 26 th (JPL).
Tundra Bean Goose	1 at Harper's Heugh on 5 th (I&KD).
Pink-footed Goose	110 at Harper's Heugh on 5 th (I&KD), 400 at Budle Bay on 8 th (GB) & 10 th (JPL) & 800 on 31 st (GB), 400 at Elwick on 7 th (JDL) with 2500 near Milfield on 19 th being highest total (G&RB).
White-fronted Goose	3 at Harper's Heugh on 5 th (I&KD).
Barnacle Goose	18 at Harper's Heugh on 5 th (I&KD), 8 on 13 th (JPL) 8 at Budle Bay on 31 st (GB).
Brent Goose	1000 at Budle Bay on 8 th (GB) & 10 th (JPL).
Pintail	30+ at Fenham Flats on 5 th (I&KD).
Shoveler	6 at Monk's House Pool on 3 rd & several to end of month (JPL).
Pochard	1 pair at Branton Ponds on 4 th (I&KD).
Long-tailed Duck	6 at Stag Rocks on 2 nd (JPL) & 5 on 8 th (GB), 12 off Cheswick Beach on 12 th (I&KD).
Common Scoter	55 off Stag Rocks on 7/8 th (JDL,GB).
Velvet Scoter	1 off Stag Rocks on 2 nd (JPL).
Goldeneye	13 at Hornccliffe on 15 th (JDL), was largest group.
Red-breasted Merganser	23 at Budle Bay on 22 nd total being unusual (GB).
Red-throated Diver	2 off Stag Rocks on 7 th (JDL), 3 on 8 th (GB), 2 off Berwick on 11 th (JDL), 2 off Guile Point on 13 th
Black-throated Diver	1 off Guile Point on 13 th (I&KD). (I&KD).
Little Egret	1 at Brandon Ford on 3 rd , 2 at Beal on 12 th (I&KD) & 2 at Fenham Flats on 7 th (JDL) & 13 th (I&KD) with 3 on 21 st (JDL), 1 at Budle Bay all month (JPL,GB), 1 at Bamburgh on 22 nd (PS).
Slavonian Grebe	2 at Stag Rocks on 8 th & 8 on 22 nd (GB).
Merlin	1 near High Buston on 16 th (JPL, AGu).
Peregrine	1 at Hornccliffe on 3 rd (JDL), 1 at West Loanend on 20 th (NNBC).
Water Rail	1 at Branton Ponds on 28 th (I&KD).
Golden Plover	350 at Fenham Le Moor on 17 th (JDL).
Black-tailed Godwit	1 at Fenham Flats on 13 th (I&KD).
Purple Sandpiper	60 at Stag Rocks on 7 th (JDL) & 60 at Seahouses on 8 th (SM).
Green Sandpiper	3 at Hedgeley Ponds on 6 th (I&KD).
Jack Snipe	1 flushed at Fenham Flats on 21 st (JDL).
Mediterranean Gull	1 at Branton Ponds on 15 th & 24 th (I&KD).
Iceland Gull	1 at Branton Ponds on 6 th was a 1 st winter (I&KD).
Sandwich Tern	2 at Bamburgh beach on 29 th (PS).
Short-eared Owl	1 at Fenham Le Moor on 17 th (JDL).
Kingfisher	1 at Hornccliffe on 8 th & 15 th (JDL), 1 at Branton Ponds on 28 th (I&KD).
Golden Oriole	1 female or 1 st summer male at edge of Blue Lodge Cattery garden near Shilbottle on 25 th (KK).
Raven	1 at Cuthbert's Cave on 29 th (SM).
Willow Tit	1 at Branton Ponds on 11 th (I&KD).
Shore Lark	1 male at Alnmouth Dunes from 10/16 th (AGo, JPL, AGu, P&MN).
Sand Martin	3 just north of our area on the 28 th are worth a mention! (JDL).
Swallow	1 at Brandon on 27 th (I&KD).
Chiffchaff	1 at Branton Ponds on 23 rd (I&KD), 1 at Heatherslaw on 25 th (JJ) & 5 at the Ponds on 28 th (I&KD), 1 at Harthope Valley on 29 th (SVM).
Blackcap	1 at North Sunderland on 8 th (NR).
Ring Ouzel	1 male in side valley of the Harthope on 29 th (SVM)
Fieldfare	70 at Elwick on 7 th (JDL), 150 at Doddington on 19 th (G&RB), 100 at Branton on 25 th (I&KD)
Stonechat	1 pair at Low Newton on 16 th (JPL, AGu, P&MN), 2 at Beanley Moor on 25 th (JPL).
Siskin	6 at Blue Lodge Cattery near Shilbottle on 27 th (JPL,KK), 3 at College Valley on 30 th (PS), 8 at Yearle from 27 th - 31 st (SV& AJM).
Common Crossbill	1 at Beanley Wood on 25 th (I&KD).