

BIRD RECORDS MARCH 2017

Whooper Swan	2 at Horncliffe from 1 st /10 th & c.150 at Beal on 13 th (JDL), 22 over Branton Ponds on 10 th & 24 on 18 th (I&KD), 1 at Monk's House Pool on 21 st (GB).
Pink-footed Goose	300 at Fenham le Moor on 5 th (JDL), 4 at Branton Ponds on 19 th & 5 on 26 th (I&KD).
Barnacle Goose	400 at Budle Bay on 6 th (JG).
Brent Goose	80 at Fenham le Moor on 6 th & 19 on 9 th (JDL).
Shelduck	3/4 at Monk's House Pool all month (JPL).
Mandarin Duck	1 male at Branton Ponds on 9 th (I&KD).
Wigeon	500 at Budle Bay on 6 th (JG).
Pintail	1 pair at Fenham Le Moor on 9 th (JDL).
Shoveler	2 males at Monk's House Pool most of month (JPL).
Tufted Duck	5/6 at Monk's House Pool all month (JPL).
Scaup	1 male at Horncliffe on 1 st /8 th (JDL).
Long-tailed Duck	90+ off Stag Rocks on 4 th (I&KD) & 1 on 6 th & 2 on 9 th (JDL).
Goldeneye	7 at Horncliffe on 1 st 5 on 4 th 3 on 5 th then 1 from 12 th to 21 st (JDL).
Red-throated Diver	1 off Stag Rocks on 4 th & 6 th (I&KD,JDL), 3 on 9 th (JDL).
Great Northern Diver	1 off Stag Rocks on 4 th (I&KD).
Bittern	1 found recently dead at Ford West Woods had flown into power lines (JJ).
Little Egret	4 at Fenham Flats on 13 th (JDL), 1 at Akeld Steads on 14 th (JJ).
Red-necked Grebe	1 at Stag Rocks on 4 th (JDL).
Slavonian Grebe	2 at Stag Rocks on 4 th (I&KD) & 1 on 9 th (JDL).
Water Rail	1 at Branton Ponds all month (I&KD).
Black-tailed Godwit	2 at Holy Island on 21 st (GB).
Little Stint	1 at Fenham le Moor on 4 th (I&KD).
Green Sandpiper	2 at Branton & Hedgeley Ponds on 26 th (I&KD).
Woodcock	1 at Chesters on 31 st (EH).
Sandwich Tern	2 at Ross Back Sands on 30 th (PS).
Little Owl	1 near Paxton on 14 th (CL).
Short-eared Owl	1 at Holy Island on 27 th (PS).
Green Woodpecker	1 at Hepburn on 18 th (I&KD).
Merlin	1 at Holy Island on 27 th (PS).
Raven	2 over Hedgeley on 18 th (I&KD).
Sand Martin	2 over Branton Ponds on 30 th (I&KD), 1 at Cornhill on 31 st (JJ).
House Martin	1 at Football Hole on 31 st (PS).
Chiffchaff	1 at Branton Ponds on 11 th was earliest (I&KD), 1 at Horncliffe on 15 th (MW). .
Willow Warbler	1 at Branton Ponds on 31 st (I&KD).
Blackcap	1 at Kentstone on 28 th (PB).
Fieldfare	100 at Beanley Moor on 25 th & 50+ at Branton on 26 th (I&KD), 50 at Yearle on 27 th (G&RB), 100 at Ingram on 31 st (P&MN).
Wheatear	2 at Embleton Bay on 31 st (PS).
Tree Sparrow	18 at North Sunderland all month (JG).
Meadow Pipit	c.30 in a flock at Langleeford on 30 th (SVM).
Brambling	2 at Yearle on 30 th (SV&AJM).
Bullfinch	5 at Branton Ponds on 2 nd (I&KD).