BIRD RECORDS APRIL 2013

2 near Monk's House Pool on 17th. **Whooper Swan**

Gadwall 4 at Branton Ponds on 25th. 64 at Branton Ponds on 30th. **Tufted Duck**

4 at Annstead on 14th, 4 at Stag Rocks all month. **Long-tailed Duck** 120 at Stag Rocks on 9^{th} , c.15 in Beadnell Bay all month. **Common Scoter**

1 at Stag Rocks on 9th. Velvet Scoter

17 at Branton Ponds on 1st, 14 off Annstead on 13th. Goldeneye

1 pair at Alnwick on 21st. Goosander

4 off Holy Island on 18^{th} , 1 off Annstead on 22^{nd} . **Black-throated Diver**

1 at Fenham Flats on 14th & 25th. **Little Egret**

1 at Beadnell on 8th. Merlin

1 perched at Tughall on 2nd, 1 at Lucker on 10th, 1 at Fenham Flats on 14th. Peregrine

2 at Branton Ponds on 11th. **Water Rail**

6 at Holy Island Lough from 18/29th, 2 at Monk's House Pool all month. Coot

7 flew over Shipley Lane on 22nd. **Common Crane**

2 at Holy Island on 23rd. **Little Ringed Plover** 1 at Elwick Pool on 23rd . Ruff

2 at Monk's house Pool on 9th, 1 at Budle Bay on 21st, 1 at Holy Island on 23rd, **Black-tailed Godwit**

20 at Newton Scrape on 30th.

4 at Howick from 23rd/30th, 3 at Fenham Flats on 25th. Whimbrel

1 at Branton Ponds on 11th & 4 by the 30th, 1 at Alnwick on 21st. **Common Sandpiper**

2 off Holy Island on 29th. **Arctic Skua**

1 at Branton Ponds on 10th was a 2nd winter bird. **Iceland Gull**

Along coast all month, maximum 110 off Holy Island on 29th. Sandwich Tern

Several at Stag Rocks, Annstead & Beadnell on 17th, 1 at Branton Ponds on 30th. **Arctic Tern**

1 at Doddington on 11^{th.} **Barn Owl** 1 at Alnwick Moor on 24th. **Short-eared Owl** 3 at Branton on 26th. Swift

1 at Branton Ponds all month, 1 at Alnwick on 21st. Kingfisher

20 at Branton Ponds on 13th, 15 at Howick on 19th were among first. **Sand Martin** 2 at Branton Ponds on 13th & 1 at Burton & Seahouses etc on 14th. **Swallow** 1 at Branton on 13th & 2 returned to nest at Beadnell on 14th, were first. **House Martin**

5 at Thrunton Wood on 27th. **Tree Pipit**

1 at Branton Ponds on 18^{th} , 2 at Annstead from $19/26^{th}$. **Yellow Wagtail**

80 at Bamburgh on 17th, 16 of the **White** race at Annstead on 19/26th. Pied/White Wagtail

1 male at North Sunderland on 2nd. **Black Redstart**

1 at Lowick on 20th, 1 at Alnwick on 21st, 1 male at Holy Island on 22nd, Redstart

1 at Thrunton Wood on 27th.

Wheatear

3 at Dunstanburgh on 11th, 2 at Seahouses on 18th. 1 at Harthope Valley on 13th & 2 pairs by 20th, 1 pair on 28th. **Ring Ouzel**

1 at Branton Ponds on 22nd, 1 at Low Newton on 30th. **Sedge Warbler**

1 at Branton Ponds on 28th. Whitethroat 1 at Newton Pool on 29th. **Garden Warbler**

2 at Yearle on $16/17^{th}$, 4 at Alnwick on 17^{th} ,1 at North Sunderland on 19^{th} Blackcap

1 at Howick on 7th, 3 at Branton Ponds on 9th were the first. Chiffchaff

Several at Branton Ponds on 16th were earliest. Willow Warbler

1 at East Bolton on 17th. **Pied Flycatcher**

3 still at Alnwick all month, 4 at Wooler on 17th, 7 at Yearle on 25th. **Brambling**

24 at Alnwick on 15th, 8 at Wooler & 24 at Yearle all month. Siskin