

BIRD RECORDS APRIL 2018

Whooper Swan	18 at Branton Ponds on 4/5 th (I&KD), 19 in High Buston area on 4 th (JPL).
Shoveler	9 at Monk's House Pool on 11 th (JDL,JPL).
Common Scoter	4 at Stag Rocks on 14 th (GB).
Black Scoter	1 off Holy island on 8 th & 12 th (I&KD).
Goldeneye	2 pairs displaying on Monk's House Pool on 11 th (JPL).
Goosander	11 at Horncliffe on 9 th (JDL).
Red-throated Diver	1 off Holy Island on 7 th (I&KD), 1 at Stag Rocks on 14 th (GB).
Red Kite	1 near Ewart on 3 rd (GS).
Avocet	2 at Monk's House Pool on 24 th (GB).
Little Ringed Plover	3 at Hedgeley Ponds on 21 st (I&KD).
Common Sandpiper	1 at Branton Ponds on 9 th & 4 at Hedgeley Ponds on 21 st (I&KD).
Green Sandpiper	2 on River Glen on 8 th (GS).
Jack Snipe	1 at Holy Island on 12 th (I&KD).
Sandwich Tern	6 at Holy Island on 7 th was earliest date (I&KD).
Cuckoo	2 at Holystone on 28 th (I&KD).
Long-eared Owl	1 at Holy Island on 8 th (I&KD).
Green Woodpecker	1 at Yearle all month (SV&AJM).
Merlin	1 at Holy Island on 12 th (I&KD).
Peregrine	1 pair at Fenham Le Moor on 11 th (JDL) & 1 at Branton Ponds on 21 st (I&KD).
Raven	1 at Beanley Moor on 14 th & 2 near Edlingham on 23 rd (I&KD).
Sand Martin	6 at Branton Ponds on 6 th (I&KD), 400 over Tweed at Wark on 17 th (JDL).
Swallow	1 at Holy Island on 8 th & 2 at Branton Ponds on 11 th (I&KD), 3 at Langleeford on 16 th (SV&AJM).
House Martin	5 at Branton Ponds on 11 th were the first records (I&KD).
Willow Warbler	1 at Branton Ponds on 10 th & 4 on 13 th (I&KD).
Blackcap	1 at Branton Ponds on 7 th & 6+ on 15 th (I&KD).
Garden Warbler	1 at Branton Ponds on 23 rd (I&KD).
Sedge Warbler	1 at Branton Ponds on 21 st (I&KD).
Ring Ouzel	1 at Holy Island on 8 th (I&KD), 1 in Harthope Valley on 17 th & 3 by 22 nd (SV&AJM).
Fieldfare	120+ over Branton on 5 th (I&KD).
Redstart	1 at Howick Hall on 21 st (MV).
Wheatear	2 at Holy Island on 7 th (I&KD), 2 at Goatscrag on 19 th (SVM), 1 at Alnwick Moor on 21 st (I&KD), 1 in Harthope Valley on 22 nd (SV&AJM).
Yellow Wagtail	2 at Low Newton Scrape on 14 th & 1 at Hedgeley Ponds on 18 th (I&KD).
Rock Pipit	3 at Fenham Flats on 15 th (JDL).
Osprey	although just outside our area, 1 was at Yetholm Loch on 5 th (JDL).

Observers Graham Bell (GB), Ian & Keith Davison (I & KD), James D Lough (JDL), John P Lumby (JPL), Stewart & Alison McCormick (SV&AJM), Geoff Sample (GS), Michael Veitch (MV).

May Records: please submit no later than 28th May to the Recorder, John Lumby, Shearwater, 2 St Cuthbert Close, North Sunderland, Seahouses, NE68 7WG. [TEL:01665-720654](tel:01665-720654) j.lumby@yahoo.co.uk.