

## BIRD RECORDS FEBRUARY 2016

<b>Whooper Swan</b>	44 near Birling Carrs on 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 35 on 4 <sup>th</sup> (TH), 46 over Horncliffe on 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2 on 5 <sup>th</sup> then 35 on 12 <sup>th</sup> with 4 on 19 <sup>th</sup> & 2 on 24 <sup>th</sup> (JDL), c.20 near Wark on 25 <sup>th</sup> (SV&AJM).
<b>Pink-footed Goose</b>	200 at Doddington on 9 <sup>th</sup> (GB), 375 at Fenham Flats on 21 <sup>st</sup> (I&KD), 500 over Low Newton on 24 <sup>th</sup> (JPL,FS), 200 over Branton on 27 <sup>th</sup> (I&KD) were largest flocks.
<b>Barnacle Goose</b>	100 at Harper's Heugh on 22 <sup>nd</sup> (SM), 15 on 23 <sup>rd</sup> (GB).
<b>Pintail</b>	4 at Fenham Le Moor on 9 <sup>th</sup> (JDL), 1 pair off Berwick on Tweed on 25 <sup>th</sup> (GB).
<b>Shoveler</b>	6 at Monk's House Pool on 16 <sup>th</sup> to end of month (GB,JPL,JDL).
<b>Pochard</b>	2 at Branton Ponds on 2 <sup>nd</sup> (I&KD).
<b>Long-tailed Duck</b>	28 at Stag Rocks on 4 <sup>th</sup> (TH), 1 on 9 <sup>th</sup> 2 on 16 <sup>th</sup> & 7 on 23 <sup>rd</sup> (GB), 12 on 22 <sup>nd</sup> (SM), 3 at Ross Back Sands on 17 <sup>th</sup> (AD), 1 at Guile Point on 21 <sup>st</sup> (I&KD).
<b>Common Scoter</b>	55 off Stag Rocks on 4 <sup>th</sup> (TH), 52 on 23 <sup>rd</sup> (GB).
<b>Black Scoter</b>	1 off Stag Rocks on 4 <sup>th</sup> (TH).
<b>Goldeneye</b>	5 at Branton Ponds on 2 <sup>nd</sup> (I&KD), 4/6 at Horncliffe from 5 <sup>th</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup> (JDL), 14 in Beadnell Bay on 24 <sup>th</sup> (JPL,FS), 40 off Berwick on Tweed on 25 <sup>th</sup> (GB).
<b>Red-breasted Merganser</b>	1 at Horncliffe on 18 <sup>th</sup> (JDL) on River Tweed was unusual.
<b>Goosander</b>	6 at Horncliffe on 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 13 on 5 <sup>th</sup> with a maximum of 17 on 19 <sup>th</sup> (JDL).
<b>Red-throated Diver</b>	3 off Stag Rocks on 4 <sup>th</sup> (TH), 5 on 9 <sup>th</sup> (JDL), 1 at Guile Point on 21 <sup>st</sup> (I&KD), 1 off Low Newton on 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> (SM, JPL, FS), 5 off Berwick on Tweed on 25 <sup>th</sup> (GB,JDL).
<b>Black-throated Diver</b>	1 off Low Newton on 24 <sup>th</sup> (JPL,FS).
<b>Great Northern Diver</b>	2 off Stag Rocks on 4 <sup>th</sup> (TH), 1 in Beadnell Bay on 24 <sup>th</sup> (JPL,FS).
<b>Little Egret</b>	1 at Budle Bay on 4 <sup>th</sup> (JDL), 1 on 16 <sup>th</sup> (GB), 3 on 25 <sup>th</sup> (JPL), 1 at Horncliffe on 5 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> (JDL), 2 at Fenham Flats on 21 <sup>st</sup> (I&KD).
<b>Red-necked Grebe</b>	1 at Fenham Le Moor on 9 <sup>th</sup> (JDL).
<b>Merlin</b>	1 at Guile Point on 21 <sup>st</sup> (I&KD).
<b>Peregrine</b>	1 at Horncliffe on 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 10/11 <sup>th</sup> & 18/19 <sup>th</sup> (JDL).
<b>Knot</b>	1140 at Fenham Flats on 9 <sup>th</sup> & 810 on 21 <sup>st</sup> (JDL,I&KD).
<b>Sanderling</b>	119 at Fenham Flats on 21 <sup>st</sup> (I&KD), 80 at Berwick on 24 <sup>th</sup> (JDL), 20 at Low Newton on 24 <sup>th</sup> (FS, JPL).
<b>Green Sandpiper</b>	2 at Hedgeley Ponds on 18 <sup>th</sup> & 1 on 27 <sup>th</sup> (I&KD), 1 at Horncliffe on 24 <sup>th</sup> (JDL).
<b>Woodcock</b>	1 at Bamburgh on 24 <sup>th</sup> (SM).
<b>Glaucous Gull</b>	1 at Branton Ponds on 27 <sup>th</sup> (I&KD).
<b>Barn Owl</b>	Monk's House & Seahouses on 3 <sup>rd</sup> (JPL), 1 at Yearle on 5/18 <sup>th</sup> (SVM,GB), 1 at Rennington on 7 <sup>th</sup> (GF), 2 at Low Newton on 8 <sup>th</sup> (KP), 1 at Mindrum on 5 <sup>th</sup> (JDL), 1 at Dunstan on 11 <sup>th</sup> & 1 at Rothbury on 21 <sup>st</sup> (SM), 1 at Turvelaws on 24 <sup>th</sup> (EH), 1 in Harthope Valley on 24 <sup>th</sup> (G&RB), 1 at Causey Park & Chathill on 25 <sup>th</sup> also 1 at North Sunderland on 26 <sup>th</sup> (GF), 1 at Branton all month, 1 at Townfoot on 20 <sup>th</sup> & 1 at Battle Bridge on 26 <sup>th</sup> (I&KD).
<b>Kingfisher</b>	1 at Horncliffe on 19 <sup>th</sup> (JDL).
<b>Hooded Crow</b>	1 near Chatton on 21 <sup>st</sup> (DF) with Carrion Crows.
<b>Blackcap</b>	1 at Lowick on 10 <sup>th</sup> (AD).
<b>Stonechat</b>	1 pair at Berwick on 25 <sup>th</sup> (GB).
<b>Siskin</b>	4 at Spindlestone Wood on 4 <sup>th</sup> (JDL).
<b>Brambling</b>	1 at Yearle on 3/6 <sup>th</sup> (GB).
<b>Twite</b>	3/4 at Fenham Le Moor on 9 <sup>th</sup> (JDL).
<b>Lesser Redpoll</b>	5 at Branton Ponds on 3 <sup>rd</sup> (I&KD), 15 at Birling Carrs on 4 <sup>th</sup> (TH).
<b>Common Redpoll</b>	1 at Birling Carrs on 3 <sup>rd</sup> (TH).
<b>Arctic Redpoll</b>	1 at Birling Carrs on 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> (TH).
<b>Common Crossbill</b>	2 pairs at Hepburn Wood on 25 <sup>th</sup> (EH).

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