

## BIRD RECORDS DECEMBER 2018

<b>Whooper Swan</b>	13 at Budle Bay on 4 <sup>th</sup> (GB).
<b>Pink-footed Goose</b>	c.400 Flying around Seahouses area all month (JPL).
<b>Greylag Goose</b>	1000 at Newton Pool on 4 <sup>th</sup> (GB).
<b>Barnacle Goose</b>	c.2000 at Harper's Heugh on 4 <sup>th</sup> (GB).
<b>Gadwall</b>	21 at Hedgeley Ponds on 9 <sup>th</sup> (I&KD).
<b>Pintail</b>	1 at Branton Ponds on 21 <sup>st</sup> (I&KD).
<b>Shoveler</b>	1 at Branton Ponds on 21 <sup>st</sup> (I&KD), 8 at Monk's House Pool on 31 <sup>st</sup> (JPL).
<b>Pochard</b>	2 at Branton Ponds on 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 1 on 9 <sup>th</sup> (I&KD).
<b>Common Scoter</b>	5 off Stag Rocks on 31 <sup>st</sup> (JPL).
<b>Red-breasted Merganser</b>	1 off Beadnell Harbour on 31 <sup>st</sup> (JPL).
<b>Goosander</b>	17 at Branton Ponds on 9 <sup>th</sup> (I&KD).
<b>White-billed Diver</b>	1 off Stag Rocks on 2 <sup>nd</sup> (I&KD,JPL).
<b>Little Egret</b>	1 at Monk's House Pool on 4 <sup>th</sup> (GB), 1 at Branton Ponds on 9 <sup>th</sup> (I&KD).
<b>Slavonian Grebe</b>	2 off Stag Rocks on 31 <sup>st</sup> (JPL).
<b>Sparrowhawk</b>	1 at Yearle on 11 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> (G&RB), 1 at Spindelstone Wood on 31 <sup>st</sup> (JPL).
<b>Curlew</b>	22 at Hedgeley Ponds on 9 <sup>th</sup> (I&KD), 60 at Belford on 17 <sup>th</sup> (CD).
<b>Bar-tailed Godwit</b>	several at Budle Bay on 31 <sup>st</sup> 1 being in full breeding plumage, unusual (JPL).
<b>Purple Sandpiper</b>	150 at Stag Rocks on 2 <sup>nd</sup> was highest total (I&KD, JPL).
<b>Jack Snipe</b>	1 near Blawearie on 22 <sup>nd</sup> (I&KD).
<b>Bonaparte's Gull</b>	1 at Bamburgh on 2 <sup>nd</sup> (I&KD).
<b>Mediterranean Gull</b>	1 at Low Newton Scrape on 30 <sup>th</sup> (JPL).
<b>Stock Dove</b>	1 at Branton Ponds on 8 <sup>th</sup> (I&KD).
<b>Merlin</b>	1 at Yearle on 15 <sup>th</sup> (GB), 1 at Wooperton on 19 <sup>th</sup> (RB).
<b>Peregrine</b>	1 near Blawearie on 22 <sup>nd</sup> (I&KD), 1 at Newton Point on 22 <sup>nd</sup> (A&MG).
<b>Raven</b>	2 at Blawearie on 22 <sup>nd</sup> (I&KD).
<b>Willow Tit</b>	1 at Branton Ponds on 17 <sup>th</sup> (I&KD).
<b>Nuthatch</b>	1 at Yearle on 2 <sup>nd</sup> (GB).
<b>Treecreeper</b>	1 at Spindelstone Wood on 31 <sup>st</sup> (JPL).
<b>Goldfinch</b>	50 at North Sunderland all month (JPL).
<b>Siskin</b>	30 at Waren Mill on 31 <sup>st</sup> (JPL).

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