

Tower Hamlets wildlife reports 2012

December

28 December 2012, Billingsgate Market: an adult Yellow-legged Gull in the car park (per Rare Bird Alert).

26 December 2012, East India Dock Basin: 7 Shelducks, 25 Teal, 20 Tufted Ducks (Nick Tanner).

26 December 2012, Bow Creek: 39 Teal, 5 Common Sandpipers, 17 Redshanks, 1 Chiffchaff (Nick Tanner).

17 December 2012, East India Dock Basin: 2 immature drake Shovelers, 10 Shelducks, 13+ Tufted Ducks, 15 Teal (John Archer).

16 December 2012, East India Dock Basin: 2 Shovelers, 10 Shelducks, 60 Teal (Nick Tanner).

16 December 2012, Bow Creek: 4 Common Sandpipers, 17 Redshanks, 208 Teal, 3 Chiffchaffs (Nick Tanner).

14 December 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 immature drake Shoveler, 16 Shelducks, 6 Tufted Ducks, 193 Teal (John Archer).

14 December 2012, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 14 Redshanks, 120 Teal (John Archer).

12 December 2012, Bow Creek: a pair of Wigeon, 2 Shelducks, 234 Teal, 3 Common Sandpipers, 6 Redshanks, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

12 December 2012, East India Dock Basin: 2 Shovelers, 6 Gadwall (4 on the Basin, 2 on the Thames), 7 Shelducks, 2 Tufted Ducks, 21 Teal, 1 Fieldfare (John Archer).

12 December 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Fieldfares flew south-west at 8.15am, 1 Chiffchaff (Bob Watts).

10 December 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Chiffchaff, 6+ Goldcrests, 1 female Sparrowhawk (Bob Watts).

9 December 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 4 Lesser Redpolls, 2 Little Grebes, 2 Goldcrests, 2 Chiffchaffs, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 16 Shelducks, 383 Teal, 8 Tufted Ducks, 4 Common Sandpipers, 20 Redshanks, 1 Grey Wagtail (Nick Tanner).

8 December 2012, Sugar Loaf Walk E2: 9 Ring-necked Parakeets visiting a garden feeder (Nick Tanner).

7 December 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Chiffchaff with a tit flock (Bob Watts).

7 December 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Chiffchaff, 2 Mute Swans, 9 Shelducks, 4 Tufted Ducks, 15 Teal (John Archer).

6 December 2012, Canary Wharf: Peregrine over Bank Street (Nick Croft).

6 December 2012, East India Dock Basin: just 8 Tufted Ducks and 1 Shelduck on the Basin, which is almost entirely frozen. Another 7 Shelducks on the Thames and 2 flying over towards Bow Creek (John Archer).

2 December 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 12 Shelducks and 21 Tufted Ducks on the Basin, 217 Teal on the Basin and Creek, 1 Common Sandpiper, 10 Redshanks and 1 Pied Wagtail on the Creek (Nick Tanner).

November

30 November 2012, Mile End Park: 1 Goldcrest (Bob Watts).

30 November 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 male Sparrowhawk, 4 Redwings (Bob Watts).

30 November 2012, East India Dock Basin: 4 Shelducks, 17+ Tufted Ducks, 128 Teal (John Archer).

29 November 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Woodcock flew low south-east at 12.25pm and 20 Fieldfares flew east at 8.15am (Bob Watts).

28 November 2012, Mudchute: 2 Peregrines, 1 Sparrowhawk, 16+ Monk Parakeets, 2+ Ring-necked Parakeets, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 4+ Redwings (John Archer).

27 November 2012, Mile End: 13 Ring-necked Parakeets in Rhondda Grove (Bob Watts).

26 November 2012, East India Dock Basin: a Brambling in the Copse was the first here since 2007 and only the 3rd ever, also 1 Chiffchaff, 2 Shelducks, 12 Tufted Ducks, 244 Teal (John Archer).

26 November 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Grey Wagtail by Scrapyard Meadow pond (Bob Watts).

26 November, Weavers Fields: a flock of 38 Starlings (Bob Watts).

23 November 2012, East India Dock Basin: a Chiffchaff singing in the Copse, 205 Teal, 10 Tufted Ducks, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 Jay (John Archer).

22 November 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a female Peregrine flew south-west at 12.25pm, a female Kestrel in Scrapyard Meadow (present for over 3 weeks), 6+ Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

22 November 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Shelduck, 260 Teal, 9 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

21 November 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: about 6 Goldcrests, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 Jay (Charlie Farrell).

19 November 2012, East India Dock Basin: 15 Tufted Ducks (including the [female with a red nasal saddle](#)), 28 Teal, 1 Canada Goose (John Archer).

18 November 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 3 Greylag Geese and 29 Canada Geese flew in to the Basin at dusk, 116 Teal, 15 Tufted Ducks (including the [female with a nasal saddle](#)), 2 Common Sandpipers, 10 Redshanks (Nick Tanner).

17 November 2012, Globe Road E2: 7+ Ring-necked Parakeets (Nick Tanner).

16 November 2012, Victoria Park: a host of interesting fungi including Clouded Funnel, Common Earthball, Cramp Balls, Deer Shield, Honey Fungus, Bulbous Honey Fungus, Oyster Mushroom, Blueleg Brownie, Pavement Mushroom, Cultivated Mushroom, Redlead Roundhead, Shaggy Scalycap, Smoky Polypore, Southern Bracket and Southern Rosegill (Keir Mottram, John Archer & Marcelo Novillo, preparing for the [Fungus Foray on 18 Nov](#)).



Cramp Balls (left) and Redlead Roundhead (right) at Victoria Park (photos: John Archer)

16 November 2012, Canary Wharf: 1 Woodcock flew east at 3.55pm (Nick Croft).

16 November 2012, Mile End Park: 1 Egyptian Goose flew west over play park (John Archer).

15 November 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Shelduck, 13 Tufted Ducks (including the female with a [Portuguese nasal saddle](#)), 220 Teal, 2 Redwings (John Archer).

15 November 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Redwings, 10+ Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

14 November 2012, East India Dock Basin: 135 Teal, 6 Tufted Ducks (including the [nasal-saddled female](#)), 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

13 November 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Shelduck, 7 Tufted Ducks (including the [female with a nasal saddle](#)), 115 Teal, 12+ Long-tailed Tits, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

13 November 2012, Tent Street E1: 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

12 November 2012, East India Dock Basin: 15 Lesser Redpolls flew north-west and 3 Redwings flew west 8.00-8.30am, also 1 Shelduck, 4 Tufted Ducks (including the female with a [Portuguese nasal saddle](#)), 30 Teal (John Archer).

9 November 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 3+ Reed Buntings by the pond (Terry Lyle).

9 November 2012, East India Dock Basin: a 3rd winter Yellow-legged Gull on the Thames, 113 Teal, 3 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

8 November 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Siskin flew south-west at 8.15 am, 6+ Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

7 November 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 5+ Ring-necked Parakeets (Bob Watts).

6 November 2012, Poplar Dock Marina: 1 Lesser Whitethroat with a tit flock at 10am, a remarkably late record of this summer visitor (Rare Bird Alert).

5 November 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 14 Canada Geese flew in to the Basin at dusk, 182 Teal, 8 Tufted Ducks, 4 Common Sandpipers, 10 Redshanks, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 Pied Wagtail, about 12 Long-tailed Tits (Nick Tanner).

3 November 2012, Victoria Park: 37 species of birds including 5 Greylag Geese, 4 Canada Geese, 5 Egyptian Geese, 2 Mute Swans, 2 Pochards, 4 Tufted Ducks, 2 Little Grebes, 2 Sparrowhawks, 2 Ring-necked Parakeets, 2 Great Spotted Woodpeckers, 1 Jay, 14 Long-tailed Tits, 7 Goldcrests, 2 Mistle Thrushes, 1 Pied Wagtail (David Darrell-Lambert and participants on the Bird Barmy Army walk).



Long-tailed Tit (left) and Goldcrest (right) at Victoria Park (photos: David Darrell-Lambert)

3 November 2012, East India Dock Basin: 99 Teal, 4 Great Black-backed Gulls, 8 Long-tailed Tits, a Cormorant caught a Flounder in the Thames (David Darrell-Lambert).



Cormorant with Flounder off East India Dock Basin (photo: David Darrell-Lambert)

2 November 2012, East India DLR station: 1 Red Admiral, maybe the last butterfly of the year unless we get some more sunny weather? (John Archer).

1 November 2012, Mudchute: 5+ Monk Parakeets, 1 Chiffchaff, lots of Shaggy Ink-cap mushrooms (John Archer).

October

30 October 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: about 80 Woodpigeons and a few Chaffinches flew south-west early morning, 6+ Goldcrests (Bob Watts). Also 1 Red Admiral and 1 Speckled Wood butterflies enjoying the late autumn sun (Ken Greenway).

30 October 2012, Aldgate East: a Short-eared Owl flew west over Back Church Lane at 7.35am, mobbed by crows (Des McKenzie).

29 October 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 13 Chaffinches flew west, a female Kestrel hunting over Scrapyard Meadow in the evening, 1 female Sparrowhawk, 6+ Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

29 October 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Meadow Pipit flew south, 1 Goldcrest, 285 Teal, 6 Tufted Ducks, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

26 October 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 82 Redwings, 51 Woodpigeons and 12 Chaffinches all flew west between 8.00 and 8.25am, 8+ Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

25 October 2012, Mudchute: 4 Jackdaws in the sheep enclosure, 5 Monk Parakeets, 1 Common Gull (Richard Harrison).

25 October 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Peregrine, 185 Teal, 4 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

25 October 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 6+ Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

24 October 2012, Mudchute: 60+ Chaffinches flew east this morning, about 20 Redwings, 1 Goldcrest, 8+ Ring-necked Parakeets, 4+ Monk Parakeets (John Archer).

23 October 2012, East India Dock Basin: a juvenile Wigeon is only the 4th record here since 1998 and the first ever actually on the Basin (the others were on the Thames). Also 1 Little Grebe, 120 Teal, 12 Tufted Ducks, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

22 October 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 10+ Chaffinches flew north, 1 Chiffchaff (Bob Watts).

22 October 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kingfisher, 2 Goldcrests, 1 Blackcap, 1 Chiffchaff, 2 Redwings, 6+ Song Thrushes, 30 Chaffinches, 1 Jay, 1 Grey Wagtail, 30 Teal, 3 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

18 October 2012, Victoria Park: 1 Little Grebe, 50 Pochard, 14 Tufted Ducks, 2 Greylag Geese, 2 Mute Swans, 1 Green Woodpecker, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 6 Ring-necked Parakeets, 2 Chiffchaffs, 4 Goldcrests, about 15 Long-tailed Tits (John Archer).

18 October 2012, East India Dock Basin: the Little Grebe is still present, 175 Teal, 4 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

18 October 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 12 Ring-necked Parakeets flew north-east this morning, 3+ Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

16 October 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 1 Little Grebe on the Basin (the first record this year), 121 Teal, 3 Common Sandpipers, 3 Redshanks (Gary James).

14 October 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 5 Common Sandpipers, 8 Redshanks, 170 Teal, 9 Tufted Ducks, 3 Chiffchaffs (Nick Tanner).

12 October 2012, East India Dock Basin: 151 Teal, 3 Tufted Ducks, 5 Canada Geese, still 3 Migrant Hawker dragonflies (John Archer).

11 October 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Goldcrest in the north-west scrub, 1 Chiffchaff, 4+ Grey Wagtails, 1 Pied Wagtail, 1 Linnet, 1 Song Thrush flew west, 111 Teal, 5 Tufted Ducks, 5 Canada Geese (John Archer).

10 October 2012, Mudchute: 16 Monk Parakeets (John Archer).

9 October 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Redwings flew west, 7 Redpolls flew south 12 Chaffinches, 3 Greenfinches, 22 Woodpigeons, 2 Jays, 1 Pied Wagtail, 1 Grey Wagtail and 1 Meadow Pipit all flew over between 8.05 and 8.40am. Also 1+ Chiffchaff, 3+ Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

9 October 2012, Victoria Park: 36 Pochard, 15 Tufted Ducks, 4 Greylag Geese, 2 Mute Swans (John Archer).

9 October 2012, St George's Gardens: 1 freshly dead Goldcrest (Paul Wilson).

9 October 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Goldcrest in the Copse (very scarce here), 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Swallow flew south, 85 Teal, 5 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

8 October 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 3+ Chiffchaffs, 2 Goldcrests, 2 Jays (Bob Watts).

8 October 2012, St Dunstan's Churchyard: 1 Goldcrest (Bob Watts).

4 October 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 meadow Pipit flew south-west, 1 male Sparrowhawk, 3 Chiffchaffs, 2 Goldcrests, 1 Mistle Thrush (Bob Watts).

4 October 2012, Mile End Stadium: 7 Ring-necked Parakeets flew over (Bob Watts).

3 October 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 3+ Chiffchaffs (Bob Watts).

September

28 September 2012, East India Dock Basin area: 2 Sparrowhawks (female in the Copse, male flew past Anchorage House), 76 Teal, 6 Tufted Ducks, 1 Chiffchaff (John Archer).

27 September 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Peregrine flew SE at 12.30pm, 4 Ring-necked Parakeets (Bob Watts).

27 September 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kestrel, 109 Teal, 5 Tufted Ducks, 2 Mute Swans, 2 Jays (John Archer).

26 September 2012, Victoria Park: 39 Pochard, 10 Tufted Ducks (including 2 small ducklings), 2 Mute Swans, 12 Greylag Geese, 33 Canada Geese, 1 Ring-necked Parakeet (John Archer).

26 September 2012, East India Dock Basin: 105 Teal, 11 Tufted Ducks (including the [female with a nasal saddle](#)), 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 Chiffchaff (John Archer).

25 September 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Blackcap, 2 Goldcrests, 1 House Martin flew south (Bob Watts).

24 September 2012, East India Dock Basin: 20 Common Terns (18 flew upriver, 2 flew downriver), 65 Teal, about 10 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

21 September 2012, East India Dock Basin: a Great Crested Grebe on the Thames was the first site record this year, 2 Great Spotted Woodpeckers, 1 Chiffchaff, 11 Tufted Ducks, 30 Teal (John Archer).

21 September 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 7 Chiffchaffs, 1 Blackcap, 4 Ring-necked Parakeets, 1 Grey Heron (scarce at Cemetery Park) flew over mobbed by 7 Magpies (Bob Watts).

20 September 2012, East India Dock Basin: 17 Sand Martins flew south-east at 12.40pm, 1 Jay, 13 Tufted Ducks (including the [female with a red nasal saddle](#)), 23 Teal, still lots of Migrant Hawker dragonflies (John Archer).

20 September 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Blackcap, 5+ Chiffchaffs (Bob Watts).

19 September 2012, East India Dock Basin: 3 Chiffchaffs (one of them singing), 9 Tufted Ducks (including [both birds with nasal saddles](#)), 33 Teal (John Archer).

19 September 2012, Bow Creek: 1 Kestrel, 4 Common Sandpipers, 1 Chiffchaff (John Archer).

17 September 2012, East India Dock Basin: 10 Tufted Ducks (including the [male and female with nasal saddles](#)), 66 Teal, 2 Mute Swans, a pair of Moorhens with 2 chicks (John Archer).



Female Tufted Duck "Red-1" on East India Dock Basin (photo John Archer)

17 September 2012, Canary Wharf: 2 Swallows flew south (Phil Laurie).

14 September 2012, East India Dock Basin: at least 1 Harbour Porpoise (probably 2) swam up the River Thames at 1.25pm, 51 Teal, 7 Tufted Ducks (including the [male with a red nasal saddle](#)), 1 Chiffchaff (John Archer).

14 September 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 male Kestrel, 2+ Willow Warblers, 1 Chiffchaff, 1 female Blackcap (Bob Watts).

13 September 2012, Mile End Park: a male Kestrel hovering over the canal by the Ecology Park (Bob Watts).

13 September 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Goldcrest (Bob Watts).

13 September 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Chiffchaff, 7 Tufted Ducks (including the [male with a Portuguese nasal saddle](#)), about 50 Teal (John Archer).



Male Tufted Duck "RedU1" at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

13 September 2012, Mile End: 10+ House Sparrows in gardens along Turners Road and Clemence Street (Bob Watts).

12 September 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Wheatear on Orchard Wharf, 5 House Martins overhead (Gary James).

11 September 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Peregrine, 1 male Sparrowhawk, 1 Sedge Warbler, 1 Chiffchaff, 4 Tufted Ducks (including the [male with a Portuguese nasal saddle](#)), 51 Teal (John Archer).

10 September 2012, East India Dock Basin: just 3 Tufted Ducks (including the [male with a red nasal saddle](#)) and 7 Teal, because management work was taking place in the reed beds (John Archer).

8 September 2012, Mile End Park: 1 Emperor Dragonfly, 3 Migrant Hawkets and 2 Common Darters on the Arts Pond (David Darrell-Lambert).

8 September 2012, Mudchute: 1 Siskin, 1 Grey Wagtail (Sean Huggins).

8 September 2012, Victoria Park: 38 species of birds including 6 Greylag Geese, 2 Mute Swans, 1 Mandarin Duck, 2 Pochards, 27 Tufted Ducks, 1 Little Grebe, 1 Kestrel, 2 Sparrowhawks, 2 Stock Doves, 5 Ring-necked Parakeets, 2 Great Spotted Woodpeckers, 3 Jays, 1 Sand Martin, 4 House Martins, 1 Willow Warbler, 3 Chiffchaffs, 1 Lesser Whitethroat, 1 Goldcrest and 8 Mistle Thrushes, also dragon and damselflies including 1 Banded Demoiselle, 1 Blue-tailed Damselfly, about 10 Common Blue Damselflies, about 100 Migrant Hawkets, 5 Emperors and about 100 Common Darters (David Darrell-Lambert and 15 participants on the Bird Barmy Army walk).



Greylag Goose and Migrant Hawkers in Victoria Park (photos: David Darrell-Lambert)

6 September 2012, East India Dock Basin: 15 Tufted Ducks (including the [returning male with a Portuguese nasal saddle](#)), 65 Teal, 1 Sparrowhawk (John Archer).

6 September 2012, Victoria Park: 1 Little Grebe, 3 Pochards, 16 Tufted Ducks (including a brood of 6 well-grown ducklings), 2 Mute Swans, 5 Egyptian Geese, at least 4 broods of young Coots, 1 Green Woodpecker, 3 Great Spotted Woodpeckers, 5+ Ring-necked parakeets, 2 Jays, 1 Chiffchaff, lots of Common Stonewort growing in East Lake (John Archer).



Egyptian Goose family in Victoria Park (photo: John Archer)

5 September 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 male Banded Demoiselle, 1 Jay, 1 male Blackcap, 1 hybrid Canada x Greylag Goose, 10 Canada Geese, 53 Teal, 14 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).



Hybrid Canada x Greylag Goose at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

4 September 2012, wasteland on corner of Saffron Avenue and Oregano Drive: several plants of Vervain in flower, lots of Common Toadflax and Bird's-foot Trefoil, 5+ Common Blue butterflies (John Archer).

4 September 2012, Bow Creek: 1 juvenile Kestrel, 1 juvenile Shelduck, 2 Common Sandpipers, 12 Teal (John Archer).

4 September 2012, East India Dock Basin: 12 Tufted Ducks, 36 Teal, 1 Reed Warbler (John Archer).

3 September 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1+ Willow Warbler, 1+ Chiffchaff, 3+ Blackcaps (Bob Watts).

3 September 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Sparrowhawk, 10 Tufted Ducks, 28 Teal (John Archer).

3 September 2012, Saffron Avenue Pond: 1 male Banded Demoiselle high overhead (the first record from the site), a few Red-eyed Damselflies, 1 Migrant Hawker, 10+ Common Darters (John Archer).

August

31 August, East India Dock Basin: 1 Sedge Warbler, 2 Reed Warblers, 5 Willow Warblers, 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Whitethroat, 36 Teal, 1 Common Gull (Gary James).

29 August, East India Dock Basin: 1 Sparrowhawk, 3 Tufted Ducks, 19 Teal (John Archer).

28 August 2012, Saffron Avenue Pond: 1 male Small Red-eyed Damselfly, 10+ Red-eyed Damselflies including mating pairs, 1 female Blue-tailed Damselfly laying eggs, 10+ Common Darters, 2 male Emperor Dragonflies (John Archer).

28 August 2012, East India Dock Basin: 2 Swifts, 18 Teal, 3 Tufted Ducks, 1 Reed Warbler (John Archer).

27 August 2012, Canary Wharf: a feeding flock of about 20 House Martins (Nick Tanner).

27 August 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Sparrowhawk (Nick Tanner).

26 August 2012, Poplar High Street: 1 Sparrowhawk mobbed by Carrion Crows (Nick Tanner).

26 August 2012, Blackwall DLR station: 2 Peregrines sparring overhead (Nick Tanner).

25 August 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 2 Jersey Tigers, 21 Teal, 4 Tufted Ducks, 4 Common Sandpipers, 1 Ring-necked Parakeet flew north-west, 1 Blackcap, 4 Chiffchaffs, 1 Willow Warbler, 8+ Long-tailed Tits, 2 Linnets (Nick Tanner).



Jersey Tiger beside Bow Creek (photo: Nick Tanner)

25 August 2012, Saffron Avenue Pond: 1 male Small Red-eyed Damselfly, several Red-eyed Damselflies (Nick Tanner).

24 August 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Lime Hawkmoth caterpillar (Ken Greenway).



Lime Hawkmoth caterpillar in Cemetery Park (photo: Ken Greenway)

23 August 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Sparrowhawk, 19 Teal, 2 Tufted Ducks, 1 Reed Warbler (John Archer).

21 August 2012, Saffron Avenue Pond: 1 male Small Red-eyed Damselfly, the first record ever in the borough of this recent colonist of southern England, 2 Red-eyed Damselflies, 1 male Emperor Dragonfly and a female laying eggs, 2 Common Darters (John Archer).

21 August 2012, East India Dock Basin: 2 Migrant Hawker dragonflies, 1 male Emperor Dragonfly, 1 Tufted Duck, 2 Teal (John Archer).

21 August 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: A Jersey Tiger of the form *lutescens*, with yellow rather than red hind wings, trapped in the moth trap overnight and released this morning (Terry Lyle & Ken Greenway).



lutescens Jersey Tiger at Cemetery Park (photo: Ken Greenway)

20 August 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Willow Warbler, 4 Teal (John Archer).

20 August 2012, Canary Wharf: 2 Egyptian Geese on a raft at Heron Quays (Phil Laurie).

18 August 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Jersey Tiger, 12 Teal, 4 Reed Warblers (Gary James).

16 August 2012, Millwall Park: 1 Jersey Tiger, 8+ Monk Parakeets (John Archer).

16 August 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

14 August 2012, Mudchute: 2 Jersey Tigers (Justine Aw).

14 August 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Red Admiral, several Common Darters, several Speckled Woods, 60 Mallards (John Archer).



male Common Darter at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

14 August 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Jersey Tiger (Terry Lyle).

13 August 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Silver-washed Fritillary (Terry Lyle).

13 August 2012, Mudchute: 3 Jersey Tigers (Justine Aw).



Jersey Tiger at Mudchute (photo: Justine Aw)

11 August 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 1 adult Mediterranean Gull flew downriver at 11.30am, 5 Teal, 1 escaped drake Chestnut Teal, 2 Tufted Ducks, 1 Sparrowhawk, 1 Peregrine, 7 Common Sandpipers, 2 Common Terns, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 3 Sand Martins, 2 Swallows, 1 Reed Warbler, 1 Chiffchaff (Gary James & Nick Tanner).

10 August 2012, East India Dock Basin: a male Long-tailed Blue butterfly on the east edge of the Copse at lunchtime (a very rare visitor to Britain and the first in London for about 20 years - [see the news article for more details](#)), also 4 Common Blues, lots of Holly Blues, several Common Darter dragonflies, 1 Sparrowhawk, 1 Willow Warbler, 1 Chiffchaff, 16 Canada Geese (John Archer, Bob Watts, Graeme Spinks et al).



Long-tailed Blue at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

9 August 2012, Poplar Dock Marina: a Sparrowhawk flew west carrying prey (John Archer).

9 August 2012, Mudchute: lots of Strawberry Clover in flower in the big meadow, 4+ Ring-necked Parakeets, 1 Monk Parakeet (John Archer).



Strawberry Clover at Mudchute (photo: John Archer)

9 August 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 male and 1 female Blackcap (Bob Watts).

8 August 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Painted Lady, 6+ Holly Blues, lots of Gatekeepers, 1 Willow Warbler, 1 Chiffchaff and a shoal of small Thin-lipped Grey Mullet (John Archer).

8 August 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Sedge Warbler by Scrapyard Meadow pond, 1 Southern Hawker dragonfly (Bob Watts).

7 August 2012, Poplar High Street: 1 Mullein Wave moth (Nick Tanner).

7 August 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Willow Warbler, 1 House Martin, 2 Sand Martins, 1 Swift (John Archer).

6 August 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Swift over at lunchtime (Bob Watts).

6 August 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 2 Willow Warblers, 1 Chiffchaff, a pair of Sand Martins feeding a second brood, several Reed Warblers feeding young, 1 Swift, 1 Greylag Goose, 5 Canada Geese, 3 Tufted Ducks (Gary James & John Archer).

6 August 2012, Bow Creek: 1 Oystercatcher, 4 Common Sandpipers (Gary James).

6 August 2012, Shadwell: several plants of Strawberry Clover flowering in the lawn of Ring House, on the south side of Cable Street between Sage Street and Twine Court (John Archer).



Strawberry Clover in Ring House lawn (Photo: John Archer)

5 August 2012, Isle of Dogs: 1 Jersey Tiger moth in Asda car park (Nick Tanner).

3 August 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 male Emperor Dragonfly, 1 Tufted Duck, 58 Mallards (the highest count for several months), 5 Canada Geese, 1 singing Reed Warbler (John Archer).

3 August 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 6+ Swifts over at lunchtime (Bob Watts).

3 August 2012, Mile End: 4+ Swifts flew west at 11am (Bob Watts).

2 August 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Woodmouse in Scrapyard Meadow, looking slightly injured (Bob Watts).



Woodmouse in Scrapyard Meadow (photo: Bob Watts)

1 August 2012, East India Dock Basin: 15+ Swifts flew south-west at 12.45pm, 1 Tufted Duck, 5 Canada Geese, 56 Mallards, 1 Sand Martin (John Archer).

July

30 July 2012, Wapping: a Hobby hawking insects over John Orwell Sports Centre at 7.05pm (Robert Butlin).

30 July 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 female Emperor Dragonfly, 5+ Sand Martins, 11 Canada Geese, no Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

30 July 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Sand Martin and 2 House martins flew north at lunchtime (Bob Watts).

27 July 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Canada x Greylag Goose hybrid, 11 Canada Geese, 1 Mute Swan, 7 Tufted Ducks, 3 Common Terns (John Archer).

26 July 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Sedge Warbler, 1 Ring-necked Parakeet, 3 Sand Martins, 1 Whitethroat, 1 Common Tern, 17 Tufted Ducks, 1 Mute Swan, 9 Canada Geese, 1 Blue-tailed Damselfly (Gary James and John Archer).

25 July 2012, Saffron Avenue Pond: 3+ male Emperor Dragonflies patrolling territories and 1 female egg-laying, 50+ Red-eyed Damselflies, 50+ Common Blue Damselflies and 20+ Blue-tailed Damselflies, 1 adult and 1 juvenile Common Terns fishing, Coots with 5 small young - a third brood (John Archer).

25 July 2012, East India Dock Basin: 3 Greylag Geese, 5 Canada Geese, 1 Mute Swan, 15 Tufted Ducks, 1 Common Tern, 2 Sand Martins (John Archer).

25 July 2012, Limehouse: 50+ Carrion Crows on the roof of Victoria Wharf (Paul Hyland).

25 July 2012, Millwall Inner Dock: a pair of Great Crested Grebes nest-building, 3 Tufted Ducks, 2 juvenile Herring Gulls (possibly still not fledged) on a raft (John Archer).

24 July 2012, Mile End Park: 1 Large Skipper, 1 Small Skipper, 10 Essex Skippers, 3 Gatekeepers, 2 Meadow Browns, 8 Large Whites, 3 Small Whites and 2 Green-veined Whites in a 15-minute count submitted to the [Big Butterfly Count](#) (John Archer).

24 July 2012, Regent's Canal: a shoal of 40-50 Bronze Bream in the wide section by the junction with the Hertford Union (John Archer).

24 July 2012, Hertford Union Canal: 2 large Common Carp, 1 Perch (John Archer).

24 July 2012, Victoria Park: 2 female Tufted Ducks with broods of 5 and 2 ducklings, a pair of Egyptian Geese with 4 goslings, a pair of Mute Swans (John Archer).

23 July 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Holly Blue, 1 Gatekeeper, 2 Meadow Browns, 2 Large Skippers, 2 Large Whites, 1 Small White and 6 Green-veined Whites in a 15-minute count submitted to the [Big Butterfly Count](#), 1 Greylag Goose, 4 Canada Geese, 1 Mute Swan, 14 Tufted Ducks, 2 Common Terns, 2 Sand Martins (John Archer).

22 July 2012, Isle of Dogs: 1 Common Sandpiper flew down the Thames by Sir John McDougal Gardens (Sean Huggins).

22 July 2012, Millwall Inner Dock: the drake Tufted Duck with a [Portuguese nasal saddle](#) still present (Sean Huggins).

21 July 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 White-letter Hairstreak butterfly, the first ever seen at the site (Terry Lyle).

20 July 2012, East India Dock Basin: 2 Swifts, 2+ Sand Martins, 15 Tufted Ducks, 1 Mute Swan, 1 singing Blackcap (John Archer).

19 July 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 3 Swifts (Bob Watts).

19 July 2012, Mile End: 10 House Martins and 8 Swifts feeding over the Regent's Canal (Bob Watts).

18 July 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Red Admiral, 1 Meadow Brown, 1 Large White, 4 Small Whites (in a 15-minute count submitted to the [Big Butterfly Count](#)), 2 Common Blue Damselflies, 5+ Sand Martins, 1 Common Tern, a pair of Moorhens with 3 small chicks, 9 Tufted Ducks, 2 singing Blackcaps, 1 Reed Warbler (John Archer).

17 July 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 6 Black-headed Gulls flew north-west early morning, presumably migrating from nesting grounds further down the Thames estuary, also 1 Swift, 4 Goldfinches (Bob Watts).

17 July 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Roesel's Bush-cricket (the first I've heard this year), 1 Swift flew west, 3+ Sand Martins, 1 singing Reed Warbler, 1 Common Tern 1 Mute Swan, 3 Tufted Ducks, just 2 juveniles among about 200 roosting Black-headed Gulls suggests a very poor breeding season (John Archer).

15 July 2012, Ackroyd Drive Green Link: still 2 flowering spikes of Pyramidal Orchid (Terry Lyle).

13 July 2012, Mile End: 5 Ring-necked Parakeets flew over from the direction of cemetery Park (Bob Watts).

12 July 2012, Mudchute: 6+ Azure Damselflies around wildlife pond, lots of butterflies including Large Skipper, Meadow Brown, Speckled Wood and Red Admiral, 1 Ring-necked parakeet, 2+ Monk Parakeets (John Archer).

12 July 2012, Limehouse: 1 Common Tern on the Basin, 4 House Martin nests on Narrow Street (Richard Harrison).

10 July 2012, East India Dock Basin: 29 Tufted Ducks, 8+ Common Terns (all adults), 1 Mute Swan, 1 singing Blackcap, 2 singing Reed Warblers, 1 Sand Martin (John Archer).

9 July 2012, Canary Wharf: a female Black Redstart near South Dock (Phil Laurie).

9 July 2012, East India Dock Basin: an adult male Great Spotted Woodpecker in the Copse, 1 Mute Swan, 22 Tufted Ducks, 1 Sand Martin, 2 singing Reed Warblers, 1 singing Blackcap (John Archer).

8 July 2012, Victoria Park: a pair of Egyptian Geese with 3 goslings, 1 drake Pochard, 22 Greylag Geese including 4 goslings, 20+ Canada Geese, several Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

8 July 2012, Shadwell Basin: 2 Grey Wagtails, a pair of Mute Swans (Annemarie Cooper).

8 July 2012, Wapping Canal: a pair of Mute Swans, several large Carp (Annemarie Cooper).

8 July 2012, Cable Street: a small flock of Long-tailed Tits in birches behind a block of flats just west of St George's church (Annemarie Cooper).

8 July 2012, Westferry: a second-summer Caspian Gull sitting on blue barges on the River Thames from 8.20 to 8.45pm, viewed from the south side of the river (Richard Bonser).

8 July 2012, Limehouse: 3 Oystercatchers flew upriver in heavy rain at 6.35pm (Paul Hyland).

8 July 2012, Millwall Inner Dock: a pair of Mute Swans with 3 half-grown young, a pair of Coots with 2+ young (John Archer).

8 July 2012, West India Quay: a Great Crested grebe on a nest (John Archer).

7 July 2012, Canary Wharf: 30+ Swifts flew south (Nick Tanner).

6 July 2012, East India Dock Basin: a pair of Great Black-backed Gulls consuming a large Eel (which was far too big for them to have carried it, so must have been caught in the Basin), 1 Common Tern, 13 Tufted Ducks, 1 Sand Martin, 1 singing Blackcap (John Archer).

6 July 2012, Wapping Wood: 1 Comma butterfly (John Archer).

6 July 2012, Wapping Canals: 4+ Common Blue Damselflies, a pair of Mute Swans, 1 Moorhen, 6 Tufted Ducks, 28 Mallards (including a brood of 3 small ducklings), 2 Carp, lots of Three-spined Sticklebacks (John Archer).

6 July 2012, Hermitage Basin: 2 Common Blue Damselflies, 1 Pied Wagtail, 6+ House Sparrows, a Coot with a half-grown youngster (John Archer).

6 July 2012, Shadwell Basin: 3 Egyptian Geese, a pair of Mute Swans, 1 Sand Martin but no sign of any Common Terns, which had attempted to nest (John Archer).

5 July 2012, Mudchute: 2+ Azure Damselflies and a baby Common Frog around the wildlife ponds (John Archer).

5 July 2012, East India Dock Basin area: a Whitethroat singing in roadside scrub by East India station and another singing on wasteland west of Virginia Quay, 1 Mute Swan, 16 Tufted Ducks, 3 Sand Martins, 1 singing Blackcap, 1 singing Reed Warbler, 1 Red Admiral. Also 2 Common Terns commuting between the Basin and Saffron Avenue Pond (John Archer).

5 July 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Emperor Dragonfly, 2+ Goldcrests, 4 Swifts (Bob Watts).

4 July 2012, East India Dock Basin: an adult Mediterranean Gull flew upriver at 12.30pm, 17 Tufted Ducks, 1 Mute Swan, 4+ Sand Martins, 1 singing Reed Warbler, 2 Red Admirals, 1 Large White, 2 Small Whites (John Archer).

3 July 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 spikes of Pyramidal Orchid still flowering on Ackroyd Drive Green Link, 2+ Goldcrests calling in Sanctuary Wood (Bob Watts).

2 July 2012, East India Dock Basin: 2 Shelducks, 15 Tufted Ducks, 1+ Common Tern, 1 Sand Martin (John Archer).

June

30 June 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Oystercatcher, 6 Common Terns, 4 Swifts, 3 Sand Martins (Gary James).

30 June 2012, Millwall Docks: the male Tufted Duck with a [Portuguese nasal saddle](#) was present again (Sean Huggins).

29 June 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Pyramidal Orchid, with 2 flowering spikes, has reappeared after several years' absence (Ken Greenway).



Pyramidal Orchid at Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park (photo: Ken Greenway)

29 June 2012, East India Dock Basin: a first-summer Mediterranean Gull and 7+ Common Terns feeding on the River Thames, 2 Shelducks, 13 Tufted Ducks, 2 Sand Martins (John Archer).

28 June 2012, Mile End: 3 Common Terns flew east (Bob Watts).

27 June 2012, Mile End: a Common Tern over Mile End Stadium, 3 Swifts (Bob Watts).

26 June 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Holly Blue butterfly, 3 Shelducks, 15 Tufted Ducks, 3 Common Terns, 2 Sand Martins, 1 singing Blackcap, 1 singing Reed Warbler (John Archer & Jo Dowle).

26 June 2012, Millwall Park: a Nuthatch calling, perhaps the first record from the Isle of Dogs, and presumably the bird seen at East India Dock Basin yesterday (Sean Huggins).

25 June 2012, East India Dock Basin: a juvenile Nuthatch in the Copse is the first ever recorded at the site. Also a juvenile Great Spotted Woodpecker (very unusual here in summer), 9 Shelducks, about 15 Tufted Ducks, 3 Common Terns, 3 Sand Martins, a pair of Reed Warblers feeding young, 1 singing Blackcap, 1 Brimstone butterfly, 1 Red Admiral, 1 male Emperor Dragonfly (Gary James, John Archer & Jo Dowle).

24 June 2012, Victoria Park: a pair of Red-crested Pochards (Matthew Cunningham).

23 June 2012, Isle of Dogs: the male and female Tufted Ducks with red nasal saddles, [previously seen at East India Dock Basin](#), on Millwall Docks, and a Reed Warbler singing in a tiny reed bed by the Thames, near the pumping station (Sean Huggins).

21 June 2012, Saffron Avenue Pond: 3 Common Terns (John Archer).

21 June 2012, East India Dock Basin: 4 Shelducks, 15 Tufted Ducks, 3 Common Terns, 1 Sand Martin, 1 singing Blackcap (John Archer).

20 June 2012, Poplar Dock: 2 Greylag Geese, a pair of Canada Geese with 6 young, 5 Tufted Ducks, 2 Coots on nests, 6 House Sparrows (John Archer).

20 June 2012, Blackwall Basin: at least 5 pairs of Common Terns nesting on a raft with 3 small young, 6 Tufted Ducks, 2 pairs of Coots each with 1 young (John Archer).

20 June 2012, Shadwell Basin: a pair of Common Terns nesting on the raft, 2 Mute Swans, 10 Coots including a pair with 2 young, 3+ Sand Martins, 1 Swift (John Archer).

20 June 2012, Limehouse Basin: 2 pairs of Sand Martins feeding young, 1 singing Grey Wagtail, 1 Common Tern, 8 Tufted Ducks, a pair of Coots with 1 young (John Archer).

20 June 2012, East India Dock Basin: 6 Shelducks, 26 Tufted Ducks, 4+ Common Terns, 3+ Sand Martins, 1 singing Blackcap, 1 singing Reed Warbler (John Archer).

20 June 2012, Saffron Avenue Pond: 1 Common Tern fishing, 1 singing Chaffinch, the pair of Coots still have 4 second brood young (John Archer).

19 June 2012, East India Dock Basin: 4 Shelducks, 17 Tufted Ducks, 2+ Sand Martins, 1 singing Blackcap (John Archer).

18 June 2012, Millwall Park: about 5 Monk Parakeets, about 20 House Sparrows (John Archer).

18 June 2012, East India Dock Basin: 22 Tufted Ducks, 4 Shelducks, 1 Common Tern, 4+ Sand Martins, 1 singing Blackcap, 1+ singing Reed Warbler (John Archer).

17 June 2012, Tower of London: 1 Kestrel perched on the Tower calling, 1 Pied Wagtail (Matt Reed).

16 June 2012, Limehouse Basin: 1 drake Pochard, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 brood of young Coots (Matt Reed).

16 June 2012, Millwall Docks: a pair of Mute Swans with 3 cygnets, 4 Common Terns, 2 pairs of Coots with young and 2 more pairs on nests (Matt Reed).

16 June 2012, West India Docks: a pair of Great Crested Grebes with 3 young, a pair of Canada Geese with 7 goslings, 3 broods of young Coots, a pair of Moorhens with 2 broods of young (Matt Reed).

14 June 2012, East India Dock Basin: 2 Sand Martins (D. Allen).

14 June 2012, Mudchute: 6 Ring-necked parakeets, 1 Kestrel (Richard Harrison).

14 June 2012, Millwall Docks: 3 Common Terns (Richard Harrison).

13 June 2012, East India Dock Basin: 2 adult Mediterranean Gulls, 1 House Martin, 2 Sand Martins (Gary James).

12 June 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Goldcrest calling by Cantrell Field - they may be nesting nearby (Bob Watts).

11 June 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Swallow, 3+ Sand Martins, 3 Common Terns, 22 Tufted Ducks, 1 singing Blackcap, 1 singing Reed Warbler, 1 singing Chaffinch (John Archer).

8 June 2012, East India Dock Basin: 2 pairs of Coots and 2 pairs of Moorhens on nests, but no Common Terns, which seem to have abandoned their nesting attempt. Also 4 Shelducks, 14 Tufted Ducks, 1 singing Reed Warbler and a singing Blackcap, plus a singing Whitethroat on waste ground at the west end of Virginia Quay (John Archer).

7 June 2012, Limehouse Basin: 1 Sand Martin nest-building in a hole in the wall (Richard Harrison).

7 June 2012, Tower of London: 6 Swifts over at 4.15pm (Paul Whiteman).

6 June 2012, Saffron Avenue Pond: 1 Common Tern, 1 singing Reed Warbler (John Archer).

6 June 2012, East India Dock Basin: 4 Shelducks, 12 Tufted Ducks, a pair of Common Terns, 1+ Sand Martin, 1 singing Reed Warbler, 1 singing Blackcap (John Archer).

1 June 2012, wasteland by Saffron Avenue: 1 Common Blue butterfly, a good range of wild flowers including Field Madder, Knotted Hedge-parsley, Long-headed Poppy, Common Birdsfoot-trefoil and Fern-grass (John Archer).

1 June 2012, Saffron Avenue Pond: lots of Red-eyed and Common Blue Damselflies, 1 Common Tern, the pair of Coots now have 4 second brood young (John Archer).



Common Tern at Saffron Avenue Pond (photo: John Archer)

1 June 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Holly Blue butterfly, 2 Common Blue Damselflies, 4 Shelducks, 7 Tufted Ducks, 3 Common Terns, 1 Sand Martin, 1 singing Reed Warbler (John Archer).

May

31 May 2012, East India Dock Basin: 4 Shelducks, 14 Tufted Ducks (including the [male with a Portuguese nasal saddle](#)), 4 Common Terns, 1 singing Blackcap, 1 Reed Warbler (John Archer).

28 May 2012, Saffron Avenue Pond: about 30 Red-eyed Damselflies, 1 singing Reed Warbler (John Archer).

28 May 2012, East India Dock Basin: 2 Common Sandpipers, 6 Shelducks, 11 Tufted Ducks, 2 pairs of Common Terns, 2 Mute Swans, 1 singing Blackcap (John Archer).

25 May 2012, Saffron Avenue Pond: 1 Red-eyed Damselfly, 1 singing Reed Warbler, 1 Common Tern fishing (John Archer).

25 May 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 male Kestrel, 1 Whitethroat still singing in Scrapyard Meadow (Bob Watts).

25 May 2012, East India Dock Basin: 2 Shelducks, 15 Tufted Ducks, 2 Mute Swans, 2 pairs of Common Terns, 1 Sand Martin, 1 singing Blackcap (John Archer).

25 May 2012, Jubilee Park, Canary Wharf: a Song Thrush bathing in the raised pond (Mel Shepherd-Wells).

24 May 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Whitethroat singing in Scrapyard Meadow - a newly arrived migrant which wasn't there yesterday evening, also 2 singing Chiffchaffs, 1 Swift (Bob Watts).

23 May 2012, East India Dock Basin: a Red Kite flew west at 9.50am, 3 Swallows flew north, 1 Brimstone butterfly, 2 Mute Swans, 2 Shelducks, 21 Tufted Ducks (including the [female with a red nasal saddle](#)), a pair of Common Terns, 3 Reed Warblers, 1 singing Blackcap (Gary James & John Archer).

23 May 2012, Saffron Avenue Pond: the pair of Coots have a second brood of 5 small young, as well as the 3 fledged young from the first brood, a pair of Moorhens with 2 small young, 1 Common Tern fishing (John Archer).

21 May 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Swallow flew north, 2 Shelducks, 9 Tufted Ducks, 2 Common Terns, 1 singing Reed Warbler (John Archer).

19 May 2012, Victoria Park: 6 Little Grebes, 2 Great Crested Grebes, 1 Mandarin Duck, 2 Egyptian Geese, 2 Mute Swans, 3 Pochards, 1 Tufted Duck x Pochard hybrid, 7 Tufted Ducks, 5 Greylag Geese, 10 Canada Geese, 2 Sparrowhawks, 7 Stock Doves, 4 Ring-necked Parakeets, about 20 Swifts, 2 Swallows, 3 House Martins, 2 pairs of Mistle Thrushes (David Darrell-Lambert and participants on the Bird Barmy Army walk).

18 May 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 4 Swifts, including a mating pair, which suggests they will nest locally (Bob Watts).

18 May 2012, East India Dock Basin: 3 Shelducks, 4 Tufted Ducks, 2 Common Terns, 1 singing Reed Warbler, 1 singing Whitethroat (John Archer).

17 May 2012, Poplar: 1 Small Dusty Wave moth in Collins House, Poplar High Street and 1 Collared Dove flew north-west over Newby Place (Nick Tanner).

17 May 2012, Limehouse Basin: 1 drake Pochard, 2 Tufted Ducks (Nick Tanner).

17 May 2012, Mile End station: 2 male House Sparrows (Bob Watts).

16 May 2012, Saffron Avenue Pond: 1 singing Sedge Warbler, 1 Grey Wagtail, the pair of Coots still have 3 well-grown young (John Archer).

15 May 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 singing Goldcrest in Sanctuary Wood - unusual here this late in the spring (Bob Watts).

15 May 2012, multiple sites: a Red Kite flew west over East India Dock Basin at 10.35am (Gary James) and was then seen over Canary Wharf at 10.40 (John Archer) and the Tower of London at 10.50 (Paul Whiteman).

14 May 2012, East India Dock Basin: 9 Shelducks, 8 Tufted Ducks, 1 Blackcap (John Archer).

13 May 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 11 Shelducks, 1 Common Sandpiper, a pair of Stock Doves on Leamouth Peninsula, 3 Sand Martins, 3 singing Reed Warblers, 5 Whitethroats, a pair of Linnets (Nick Tanner).

12 May 2012, Newby Place, Poplar: a Ring-necked Parakeet flew north (the first local record) and a Common Tern flew east (Nick Tanner).

12 May 2012, Lea Navigation at Bromley-by-Bow: 1 Sedge Warbler, 1 Garden Warbler, 3 Reedarblers, 1 Ring-necked Parakeet (Stuart Fisher).

11 May 2012, East India Dock Basin: 3 Shelducks, 5 Common Terns, 33 Tufted Ducks, 2 Sand Martins, 1 singing Blackcap (John Archer).

11 May 2012, Thames Road Industrial Estate, Limehouse: 1 Lesser Whitethroat singing (Stuart Fisher).

11 May 2012, Millwall Docks: 1 Swift, 1 Swallow, 1 Common Tern, 5 Great Crested Grebes, 1 Mute Swan, 2 pairs of Coots on nests and a 3rd pair nest-building, 1 singing Blackcap (John Archer).

10 May 2012, East India Dock Basin: 4 Shelducks, 27 Tufted Ducks, 3 Common Terns, 2 pairs of Sand Martins, 1 female Blackcap, 1 singing Reed Warbler, 2 Canada Geese (John Archer).

9 May 2012, Blackwall Basin: 6 Common Terns, about 10 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

9 May 2012, East India Dock Basin: 2 Shelducks, 27 Tufted Ducks (including the [male with a Portuguese nasal saddle](#)), 1 Common Tern, 1 singing Blackcap, 1 singing Reed Warbler (John Archer).

9 May 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 singing Willow Warbler, 1 singing Blackcap (John Archer).

8 May 2012, East India Dock Basin: 4 Shelducks, 27 Tufted Ducks, 1 Common Tern, 1 Swift, 1 singing Blackcap, 1 female Whitethroat, 1 Garden Warbler, 1 singing Reed Warbler (John Archer).

5 May 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 6 Swifts and 4 Swallows flew north, 3 Shelducks, 1 Kestrel, 1 Oystercatcher, 1 Common Tern, 5 Sand Martins, 6 Blackcaps, 2 Lesser Whitethroats, 1 Whitethroat (Gary James & Nick Tanner).

4 May 2012, Isle of Dogs: 1 Swift, 2 Whitethroats, 7+ Blackcaps, 2 Chiffchaffs, 3 Mistle Thrushes, 3 Long-tailed Tits, 2 Greylag Geese (Richard Harrison). Lots of Smooth Newts in the wildlife pond at Mudchute (John Archer).

4 May 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Yellow Wagtail flew east early morning, 1 Sand Martin, 2 Lesser Whitethroats, 4+ Whitethroats, 7 Blackcaps, 2 Reed Warblers, 1 Willow Warbler, 1 Shelduck, 23 Tufted Ducks, 2 Common Terns, 2 Linnets, 3 House Sparrows (John Archer).

3 May 2012, East India Dock Basin: 4 Shelducks, 36 Tufted Ducks, 5 Common Terns, 1 Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Whitethroats, 3 Blackcaps, 1 Willow Warbler, 3 Linnets, 1 Jay (John Archer).

3 May 2012, Millwall Park: 6 Ring-necked Parakeets flew south, several Monk Parakeets, 1 Swallow flew south, 1 Sparrowhawk, a family group of Mistle Thrushes, a family group of Long-tailed Tits, 1 singing Blackcap (plus another 3 singing from Mudchute), about 15 Goldfinches, about 8 House Sparrows, 1 Chiffchaff singing from Mudchute (John Archer).

2 May 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 singing Lesser Whitethroat, 3 Shelducks, 28 Tufted Ducks, 2 Common Terns, 2+ singing Blackcaps, 2 Canada Geese (John Archer).

2 May 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Swallow flew north (Bob Watts).

1 May 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 7 Shelducks, 29 Tufted Ducks, 4 Common Sandpipers, 2 Common Terns, 1 Wheatear, 1 Reed Warbler, 2+ singing Blackcaps (Nick Tanner).

April

30 April 2012, Mudchute: 1 Ring-necked Parakeet flew over, 1 Whitethroat, 5+ Blackcaps, 3+ Chiffchaffs (Richard Harrison).

30 April 2012, Mile End Park: 1 Large Red Damselfly, 2 Speckled Woods, 1 singing Blackcap (John Archer).

30 April 2012, East India Dock Basin area: a Common Buzzard flew low east at 1.18pm, 4 Wheatears on Orchard Wharf and Pura Foods, 2 Swallows flew south, 4 Shelducks, 29 Tufted Ducks, 1 female Kestrel, 2 Common Terns, 2 singing Blackcaps (Gary James).

30 April 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 male Whitethroat, 1 House Martin (Bob Watts).

30 April 2012, Mile End: 1 Swallow flew south (Bob Watts).

26 April 2012, East India Dock Basin: 42 Tufted Ducks (including the [female with a nasal saddle](#)), 2 Common Terns, 4 Canada Geese, 2 singing Blackcaps (John Archer).

25 April 2012, East India Dock Basin: 2 Arctic Terns flew downriver at 12.40pm, 1 Shelduck, 1 male Kestrel, 39 Tufted Ducks, about 3 Common Terns (John Archer).

24 April 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 House Martin flew north mid-morning, 3 Shelducks, 1 female Kestrel, 37 Tufted Ducks (including the [male with a nasal saddle](#)), 3 Greylag Geese, 3 singing Blackcaps, 2 singing Willow Warblers, 1 Common Tern flew upriver, 2 Canada Geese (John Archer).

24 April 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Willow Warbler (Bob Watts).

23 April 2012, East India Dock Basin: 3 Shelducks, 54 Tufted Ducks (including the [male with a red nasal saddle](#)), 2 Canada Geese, 1 Jay (John Archer).

23 April 2012, Saffron Avenue Pond: the pair of Coots now have 3 half-grown young (John Archer).

21 April 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 6 Shelducks, 42 Tufted Ducks, 1 Greylag Goose, 1 female Kestrel, 7 Common Sandpipers, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 1 singing Reed Warbler, 5 Blackcaps, 1 Chiffchaff, 4 Linnets (Paul Hyland, Nick Tanner & Gary James).

20 April 2012, Hertford Union Canal: 1 male Mandarin Duck near Gunmakers Lane bridge (Allan Cousens).

20 April 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Willow Warbler in Catrell Field hedge (Bob Watts).

20 April 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 3 Shelducks, 34 Tufted Ducks, 4 Common Terns, 1 singing Blackcap, 2 Canada Geese, 1 Pied Wagtail (John Archer).

19 April 2012, Blackwall Basin: 2+ Common Terns, 10+ Tufted Ducks, 1 Great Crested Grebe (John Archer).

19 April 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Goldcrest, 1 Whitethroat, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, a pair of Blackcaps, 1 Willow Warbler, 3+ Common Terns, 2 Shelducks, 44 Tufted Ducks, 10 Canada Geese, 1 singing Song Thrush, 2 Linnets, 1 Jay (Gary James & John Archer).

19 April 2012, Mile End Park: 1 Blackcap singing by Ecology Pavilion (John Archer).

18 April 2012, East India Dock Basin: 3 Shelducks, 37 Tufted Ducks ([including the female with a nasal saddle](#)), 6 Canada Geese, 1 female Blackcap, 1 singing Willow Warbler (John Archer).

17 April 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 female Kestrel, 3 Shelducks, 39 Tufted Ducks ([including the male with a nasal saddle](#)), 3 Common Terns, 3 singing Blackcaps (John Archer).

16 April 2012, East India Dock Basin: 4 Common Terns, 54 Tufted Ducks, 2 Shelducks, 2 Canada Geese, 3 Blackcaps, 1 Chiffchaff (John Archer).

15 April 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 4 Shelducks, 3 Teal, 30 Tufted Ducks ([including the male with a nasal saddle](#)), 1 Common Tern, 6 Stock Doves, 2 Blackcaps, 1 Willow Warbler (Nick Tanner).

15 April 2012, Mudchute: 2 Stock Doves, 8 Blackcaps, 5 Chiffchaffs, 4 Willow Warblers, 1 Goldcrest (Nick Tanner).

14 April 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 10 Shelducks, 1 Teal, 30 Tufted Ducks (including the [male with a Portuguese nasal saddle](#)), 4 Common Sandpipers, 3 Wheatears, 2 Blackcaps, 1 Chiffchaff, 3 Willow Warblers (Nick Tanner).

13 April 2012, Shadwell Basin: 2 Mute Swans, 1 Great Crested Grebe, 1 singing Blackcap, a pair of Coots at a nest (John Archer).

13 April 2012, Wapping Wood: 1 singing Chiffchaff, 1 singing Chaffinch, 1 singing Goldfinch, 2 singing Greenfinches, 2 broods of Mallard ducklings (4 and 9) on the canal (John Archer).

13 April 2012, Tower Bridge: 1 Meadow Pipit flew over (James A).

13 April 2012, Isle of Dogs: 1 Wheatear, 2 Common Terns, 4 Swallows, 3 Chiffchaffs, 6+ Blackcaps (Richard Harrison).

13 April 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 8 singing Blackcaps (Bob Watts).

13 April 2012, Bow Creek: 4 Common Sandpipers, a female Mallard with a brood of 9 small ducklings (John Archer).

13 April 2012, East India Dock Basin: a Ring-necked Parakeet flew east at 8.30am, 2 Common Terns and 4 Swallows flew north at lunchtime, 4 Blackcaps, 1 singing Willow Warbler, 4 Shelducks, 32 Tufted Ducks (including the [female with a red nasal saddle](#)), 2 Canada Geese, 2 singing Linnets, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

12 April 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 singing Willow Warbler (Bob Watts).

12 April 2012, East India Dock Basin: 5+ Common Terns, 3 Oystercatchers, 2 singing Willow Warblers, 1 singing Blackcap, 1 Reed Bunting, 2 Shelducks, 36 Tufted Ducks, 1 Mute Swan, 2 Greylag Geese, 4 Canada Geese (Gary James & John Archer).

11 April 2012, Isle of Dogs: 1 Wheatear on playing fields (Richard Harrison).

11 April 2012, Bow Creek: 4 Common Sandpipers, 3 Shelducks, 6 Teal (John Archer).

11 April 2012, East India Dock Basin: a possible Marsh Harrier flew high west at 12.55pm, 30 Tufted Ducks (including [both birds with nasal saddles](#)), 2 Shelducks, 1 Mute Swan, 2 Canada Geese, 1 female Sparrowhawk (John Archer).

10 April 2012, Blackwall Basin: an adult Great Crested Grebe with 2 half-grown young (John Archer).

10 April 2012, Mile End Park: a Blackcap singing by the Art Pond and a pair of Coots with 4 young chicks on the canal (John Archer).

10 April 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 singing Willow Warbler, 1 Sparrowhawk, 2 Shelducks, 8 Teal, 30+ Tufted Ducks (including a male and a female with Portuguese nasal saddles - [see news article](#)), 4 Canada Geese, 2 Jays (John Archer).

10 April 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 3 singing Blackcaps, 1 Sparrowhawk (Bob Watts & John Archer).

9 April 2012, East India Dock Basin: 6 Shelducks, 18 Teal, 38 Tufted Ducks (Nick Tanner).

8 April 2012, East India Dock Basin: 2 Greylag Geese, 24 Teal, 37 Tufted Ducks, a pair of Kestrels displaying over Leamouth Peninsula, 1 singing Grey Wagtail (Nick Tanner).

7 April 2012, Canary Wharf: 2 Egyptian Geese (Joe Beale & Yu-Hsuan Lin).

6 April 2012, East India Dock Basin: a pair of Kestrels displaying, 4 Stock Doves, 1 Jay, a pair of Linnets, 42 Teal, 32 Tufted Ducks, 4 Shelducks (Nick Tanner).

5 April 2012, Mile End Road: 10 Goldfinches behind Gateway Housing offices (Bob Watts).

4 April 2012, West India Docks: a pair of Great Crested Grebes with 2 young chicks on South Dock (John Archer).

4 April 2012, East India Dock Basin area: 1 Speckled Wood butterfly, 2 Wheatears on Pura Foods site, 1 Collared Dove flew east, 3 Shelducks, 3 Canada Geese, 26 Teal, 53 Tufted Ducks (including the female with a red nasal saddle seen last winter - [see news article](#)), a pair of Moorhens nesting on a raft, 4 Common Sandpipers, 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 singing Linnet, 2 singing Chaffinches (Nick Tanner & John Archer).

3 April 2012, Whitechapel: a Common Buzzard flew low south-west at 11.50am (Bob Watts).

3 April 2012, East India Dock Basin: 53 Tufted Ducks, 31 Teal, 2 Canada Geese (John Archer).

3 April 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 singing Blackcaps (Bob Watts).

2 April 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Sparrowhawk, 51 Tufted Ducks, 25 Teal, 1 Canada Goose (Gary James & John Archer).

March

31 March 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: a pair of Mandarin Ducks on the River Thames, 1 singing Blackcap, 1 Little Ringed Plover, 51 Tufted Ducks, 36 Teal, 3 Common Sandpipers, 1 Kingfisher, 1 Stock Dove, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 singing Pied Wagtail (Gary James & Nick Tanner).

30 March 2012, Mile End Park: 1 Speckled Wood (John Archer).

30 March 2012, East India Dock Basin: 46 Tufted Ducks, 25 Teal, 2 Canada Geese (John Archer).

29 March 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 female Sparrowhawk, 1 Peregrine, 1 partly-albino Blackbird (Bob Watts).

29 March 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Ringed Plover, 2 Shelducks, 3 Canada Geese, 26 teal, 52 Tufted Ducks (including the female with a red nasal saddle - [see last year's news article](#)), 2 Linnets, 2 Meadow Pipits flew north (John Archer & Jo Dowle).

28 March 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Small Tortoiseshell (Bob Watts).

28 March 2012, Saffron Avenue Pond: a pair of Coots with 6 newly-hatched chicks (John Archer).

28 March 2012, East India Dock Basin: 4 Canada geese, 27 Teal, 42 Tufted Ducks (including a female with a red nasal saddle - [see last year's news article](#)) (John Archer).

28 March 2012, Anchorage House: a male Peregrine circling overhead at 10.50am (John Archer).

27 March 2012, East India Dock Basin: 2 Common Sandpipers, 4 Shelducks, 35 Teal, 49 Tufted Ducks (Charlie Farrell).

27 March 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Holly Blue, 3 Speckled Woods, 2 Stock Doves, 1 Green Woodpecker (Bob Watts & Terry Lyle).

25 March 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 2 Oystercatchers, 4 Shelducks, 83 Teal, 29 Tufted Ducks, 6 Common Sandpipers, 2 Stock Doves, 4 Linnets (Nick Tanner).

24 March 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Pochard on the Thames, 3 Chiffchaffs (Gary James & Nick Tanner).

23 March 2012, Millwall Dock: 2 Egyptian Geese (Richard Harrison).

23 March 2012, Mudchute: a pair of Peregrines overhead, 1 singing Blackcap, 3+ Mistle Thrushes (Richard Harrison).

23 March 2012, East India Dock Basin: 4 Shelducks, 2 Canada Geese, 35 Teal, 33 Tufted Ducks, 1 singing Linnet, 1 singing Chaffinch (John Archer).

22 March 2012, East India Dock Basin: 4 Shelducks, 46 Teal, 36 Tufted Ducks, 1 Chiffchaff (John Archer).

Smooth Newt at Mudchute (photo: John Archer)

21 March 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Peregrine, 2 Shelducks, 35 teal, 25 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

21 March 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Peacock butterfly, 2 Commas, 2 Small Whites, 1 singing Chiffchaff, 1 singing Blackcap, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 1 Collared Dove (John Archer, Bob Watts & Terry Lyle).

21 March 2012, Mudchute: 1 Smooth Newt, lots of frog spawn in the pond, 1 singing Blackcap, 1 singing Chiffchaff, 1 male Peregrine over, 1 singing Mistle Thrush, 1 Monk Parakeet (John Archer).



Smooth Newt at Mudchute (photo: John Archer)

20 March 2012, East India Dock Basin area: a Chiffchaff singing in the Copse, 2 Stock Doves on the Pura Foods site, 1 Linnet on Orchard Wharf, 3 Shelducks, 44 Teal, 21 Tufted Ducks, and some interesting spring flowers including Common Whitlow-grass, Lesser Celandine and Glory-of-the-snow (John Archer).



Glory-of-the-snow at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

20 March 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Chiffchaff in Monument Glade, 2 Goldcrests in Sanctuary Wood (Bob Watts).

19 March 2012, East India Dock Basin: 2 Shelducks, 23 Tufted Ducks, 75 Teal (John Archer).

19 March, 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Blackcap singing (Bob Watts).

19 March 2012, East India Dock business park: a Peregrine flew low east at 9.00am, and lots of Common Whitlow-grass flowering in the grass beside Saffron Avenue (John Archer).



Common Whitlow-grass at East India Dock (photo: John Archer)

17 March 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 1 Chiffchaff singing, 1 Gadwall, 1 Redshank, 3 Common Sandpipers, 121 Teal, 6 Shelducks, 31 Tufted Ducks, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 singing Chaffinch (Nick Tanner).

16 March 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Meadow Pipits flew north at 12.20pm (Bob Watts).

16 March 2012, East India Dock Basin: a 2nd winter Yellow-legged Gull, 1 Kingfisher, 2 Shelducks, 50 Teal, 29 Tufted Ducks, 2 Canada Geese, 11+ Goldfinches (John Archer).

15 March 2012, Isle of Dogs: 4 Mistle Thrushes, 3 Song Thrushes, 3 Long-tailed Tits, 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Sparrowhawk, 7 Great Crested Grebes, 1 Comma, 2 Red Admirals (Richard Harrison).

15 March 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Green-veined White (first ever March record for the site), 1 Brimstone, 1 Comma, 1 Green Woodpecker (Bob Watts & Terry Lyle).

15 March 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 14 Shelducks, 2 Canada Geese, 86 Teal, 24 Tufted Ducks, 1 Kingfisher, 1 Reed Bunting (Gary James & John Archer)

14 March 2012, Victoria Park: 1 drake Mandarin on East Lake (see photo below), 2 Mute Swans, 5 Canada Geese, 10 Mallards, 14 Coots and a Moorhen on West Lake, 1 singing Goldcrest, 1 Mistle Thrush, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker (John Archer).



Mandarin Duck at Victoria Park (photo: John Archer)

14 March 2012, Mudchute: 1 singing Blackcap, 1 Comma Butterfly (Joe Beale & Yu-Hsuan Lin).

14 March 2012, Blackwall Basin: a Great Crested Grebe with a young chick, 4 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

14 March 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 4 Ring-necked Parakeets (Bob Watts).

14 March 2012, Mile End Park: Common Stonewort growing in the Arts Lake, Common Whitlow-grass near the Ecology Pavilion and a dead Common Toad on the road near the Ecology Park (John Archer).

14 March 2012, East India Dock Basin: 29 Tufted Ducks, 4 Shelducks, 23 Teal, 2 Canada Geese (John Archer).

14 March 2012, Shadwell E1: 2 Skylarks flew over at 8.50am, briefly chased by a Peregrine (David Callahan).

13 March 2012, East India Dock Basin: 2 Shelducks, 2 Canada Geese, 14 Teal, 39 Tufted Ducks and a fine display of Sweet Violets in flower in the Copse (John Archer).



Sweet Violet at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

12 March 2012, Mile End: 1 male House Sparrow just south of the Underground station (Bob Watts).

12 March 2012, East India Dock Basin: 2 Shelducks, 36 Tufted Ducks, 51 Teal, 2 Canada Geese (John Archer).

12 March 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Speckled Wood in Monument Glade (Bob Watts).

11 March 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 6 Shelducks, 108 Teal, 47 Tufted Ducks, 3 Common Sandpipers, 1 Grey Wagtail (Nick Tanner).

10 March 2012, Victoria Park: 3 Sparrowhawks, Green and Great Spotted Woodpeckers (David Darrell-Lambert and participants on the Bird Barmy Army walk); also a drake Mandarin Duck on East Lake, and a dead Woodcock also by East Lake (reported to LBTH Parks Service).

9 March 2012, East India Dock Basin: 4 Shelducks, 70 Teal, 24 Tufted Ducks, 4 Canada Geese (John Archer).

8 March 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 2 Sparrowhawks, 170+ Teal, 32 Tufted Ducks, 14 Shelducks, 8 Redshanks, 2 Common Sandpipers, 1 Kingfisher (Gary James & John Archer)

8 March 2012, Isle of Dogs: at least 10 Monk Parakeets around 4 active nests (John Archer).

8 March 2012, Millwall Inner Dock: a Coot on a nest on one of the rafts (John Archer).

7 March 2012, East India Dock Basin: 4 Shelducks, 116 Teal, 29 Tufted Ducks, 2 Canada Geese, 3 Meadow Pipits (John Archer).

6 March 2012, East India Dock Basin: 25 Tufted Ducks, 118 Teal, 4 Canada Geese, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

6 March 2012, Bow Creek: 2 Common Sandpipers, 10 Redshanks, 12 Teal (John Archer).

5 March 2012, Isle of Dogs: a second winter Mediterranean Gull on the slipway opposite the Cutty Sark (Sean Huggins).

5 March 2012, Canary Wharf: a possible Little Ringed Plover flew over calling at 1.15pm (Jonathan Lethbridge).

5 March 2012, East India Dock Basin: 2 Shelducks, 63 Teal, 27 Tufted Ducks, 2 Greylag Geese, 3 Canada Geese (John Archer).

4 March 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 2 Shelducks, 103 Teal, 28 Tufted Ducks, 10 Redshanks, 3 Common Sandpipers, 3 Stock Doves, 1 Reed Bunting (Nick Tanner).

2 March 2012, Mudchute: 2 Redwings, 2 Song Thrushes (one singing), 1 Siskin, 20+ Chaffinches (Conrad Ellam).

2 March 2012, East India Dock Basin: 90 Teal, 24 Tufted Ducks, 1 Reed Bunting (John Archer).

2 March 2012, Bow Creek: 6 Shelducks, 30 Teal, 2 Redshanks, 4 Pied Wagtails (John Archer).

2 March 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 singing Dunnocks and 2 Great Spotted Woodpeckers advertising territories, 8+ Redwings, 2 Ring-necked Parakeets, 2 Mistle Thrushes, 1 singing Goldcrest (Bob Watts).

1 March 2012, East India Dock Basin area: 2 Stock Doves on the Pura Foods site, 14 Shelducks, 160 Teal, 33 Tufted Ducks, 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 Redshank, 4 Greylag Geese, 6 Canada Geese, 1 Reed Bunting, several singing Goldfinches, 1 singing Song Thrush (Gary James & John Archer).

February

29 February 2012, East India Dock Basin: 7 Shelducks, 36 Tufted Ducks, 23 Teal, 3 singing Goldfinches (John Archer).

29 February 2012, Bow Creek: 4 Stock Doves, 2 Canada Geese, 6 Shelducks, 112 Teal, 1 Common Sandpiper (John Archer).

29 February 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Collared Dove, 1 Stock Dove singing, 1 Green Woodpecker, 1 Grey Wagtail, 4 Redwings (Bob Watts).

28 February 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kestrel, 2 Canada Geese, 6 Shelducks, 34 Tufted Ducks, 18 Teal, a pair of Long-tailed Tits nest-building (John Archer).

28 February 2012, Bow Creek: 1 female Pintail, 2 Common Sandpipers, 2 Redshanks, 1 Shelduck, 170 Teal (John Archer).

27 February 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Curlew flew west along the Thames at 12:35, a 2nd winter Yellow-legged Gull on the Thames, 6 Shelducks, 2 Canada Geese, 64 Teal, 36 Tufted Ducks, 1 Reed Bunting (John Archer).

27 February 2012, Bow Creek: 2 Shelducks, 35 Teal, 3 Pied Wagtails (John Archer).

26 February 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 4 Greylag Geese, 11 Canada Geese, 14 Shelducks, 1 female Pintail, 165 Teal, 30 Tufted Ducks, 11 Redshanks, 7 Common Sandpipers, 1 Kingfisher, a pair of Long-tailed Tits nesting (Nick Tanner & Paul Hyland).

18 February 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 21 Shelducks, 210 Teal, 39 Tufted Ducks, 14 Redshanks, 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 Kingfisher (Gary James).

17 February 2012, East India Dock Basin: 4 Shelducks, 41 Tufted Ducks, 70 Teal (John Archer).

16 February 2012, Bow Creek: 1 female Pintail, 4 Shelducks, 151 Teal, 2 Redshanks, 1 Reed Bunting (John Archer).

16 February 2012, East India Dock Basin: 3 Greylag Geese, 13 Shelducks, 42 Tufted Ducks, 98 Teal (John Archer).

15 February 2012, Mudchute: 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 1 Goldcrest (Conrad Ellam).

15 February 2012, Limehouse Basin: 54 Tufted Ducks, 2 Canada Geese (John Archer).

15 February 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 female Pintail, 7 Shelducks, 44 Tufted Ducks, 50+ Teal, 1 Jay (John Archer).

14 February 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kingfisher, 5 Greylag Geese, 17 Canada Geese, 18 Shelducks, 40 Tufted Ducks, 240+ Teal (John Archer).

13 February 2012, Tower Hill: 1 male Kestrel (Charlie Farrell).

13 February 2012, Bow Creek: 7 Shelducks, 215 Teal, 1 Redshank (John Archer).

13 February 2012, East India Dock Basin: 2 Shelducks, 24 Tufted Ducks, 3 Teal, 1 Canada x Greylag Goose hybrid on the Thames with a Canada Goose (John Archer).

13 February 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Fieldfares, 35+ Redwings (Bob Watts).

12 February 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 1 Shoveler, 7 Wigeon, 1 female Pintail, 27 Shelducks, 13 Tufted Ducks, 374 Teal, 1 Peregrine, 6 Lapwings, 10 Redshanks, 3 Common Sandpipers, 4 Meadow Pipits, 3 Fieldfares, 19 Redwings, 3 Reed Buntings (Gary James & Nick Tanner).

12 February 2012, Mudchute: 1 Common Snipe (Sean Huggins).

12 February 2012, Saunders Ness, Isle of Dogs: a drake Shoveler on the Thames foreshore (Sean Huggins).

11 February 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 1 Woodcock, 3 Lapwings, 18 Shelducks, 1 female Pintail, 442 Teal, 1 Tufted Duck, 8 Redshanks, 3 Common Sandpipers, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 Song Thrush (Nick Tanner).

10 February 2012, Bow Creek: 1 female Pintail, 1 Common Sandpiper, 3 Redshanks, 7 Shelducks, 227 Teal (John Archer & Ian Stewart).

10 February 2012, East India Dock Basin: 35 Redwings flew west and 1 Redwing in the copse, a pair of Gadwall, 2 Greylag Geese, 9 Canada Geese, 14 Shelducks, 100+ Teal, 16 Tufted Ducks, 1 Reed Bunting (John Archer & Ian Stewart).

10 February 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: about 120 Redwings and 80 Fieldfares flew west, 8 more Redwings in the park, 1 Stock Dove displaying (Bob Watts).

9 February 2012, Poplar Dock Marina: 11 Tufted Ducks, 4 Mallards, 10 Coots, 6 House Sparrows (John Archer).

9 February 2012, Blackwall Basin: 1 Great Crested Grebe, 2 Greylag Geese, 2 Tufted Ducks, 1 Moorhen, 10 Coots, 5 Mallards (John Archer).

9 February 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: a pair of Gadwall, 1 female Pintail, 460+ Teal, 16 Shelducks, 10 Tufted Ducks, 7 Common Sandpipers, 10 Redshanks, 2 Greylag Geese, 7 Canada Geese, 3 Reed Buntings (Nick Tanner).

9 February 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 40 Fieldfares, 27+ Redwings (Bob Watts).

9 February 2012, Limehouse Basin: 2 Egyptian Geese, 3 Canada Geese, 21 Tufted Ducks, 35 Coots, 1 Moorhen, 2 Mallards (John Archer).

9 February 2012, Shadwell Basin: 21 Tufted Ducks, 11 Coots, 1 Moorhen (John Archer).

7 February 2012, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 15 Redshanks, 172 Teal (John Archer).

7 February 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: about 40 Redwings flew north at 8.10am, 6 Redwings and a Song Thrush at lunchtime (Bob Watts).

6 February 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: about 50 Fieldfares and 10+ Redwings flew south, about 240 Teal, 1 female Sparrowhawk, 6 Shelducks, 1 Common Sandpiper, 14 Redshanks, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

6 February 2012, Tower Bridge: 3 Egyptian Geese flew north across the Thames (Paul Whiteman).

5 February 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: about 70 Lapwings flew east, 7 Shelducks, 1 female Pintail, 2+ Redshanks, 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 Kingfisher, 1 Sparrowhawk, 10+ Chaffinches, 9+ Reed Buntings (Gary James & Nick Tanner).

4 February 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 1 Snipe, 17 Redshanks, 2 Common Sandpipers, 397 Teal, 3 Reed Buntings (Nick Tanner & Gary James).

3 February 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2+ Redwings (Bob Watts).

3 February 2012, Bow Creek: 1 female Pintail, 2 Shelducks, 152 Teal, 1 Tufted Duck, 4 Redshanks (John Archer).

3 February 2012, East India Dock Basin: 2 Tufted Ducks, 7 Teal, 1 Reed Bunting, 10 Linnets (John Archer).

2 February 2012, Mudchute: 20 Monk Parakeets, 1 Chiffchaff, 10 Chaffinches, 3 House Sparrows (Conrad Ellam).

2 February 2012, Bow Creek: 5 Shelducks, 152 Teal, 1 Redshank (John Archer).

2 February 2012, East India Dock Basin: 22 Teal, 8 Tufted Ducks - the basin was largely frozen (John Archer).

1 February 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Green Woodpecker, 4 Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

1 February 2012, East India Dock Basin: 28 Tufted Ducks, 106 Teal, 2 Pied Wagtails (John Archer).

January

31 January 2012, East India Dock Basin: 15 Shelducks, 29 Teal, 34 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

31 January, Tower Bridge: a Peregrine perched on the tower at 1.30pm (James A).

30 January 2012, East India Dock Basin: 27 Tufted Ducks, 9 Teal (John Archer).

29 January 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 14 Canada Geese, 14 Shelducks, 1 female Pintail, 215 Teal, 34 Tufted Ducks, 18 Redshanks, 3 Common Sandpipers, 1 singing Song Thrush (Nick Tanner).

28 January 2012, East Indian Dock Basin: 4 Shelducks, 40 Tufted Ducks, 7 Teal (Gary James).

27 January 2012, Saffron Avenue Pond: 1 Red Admiral (John Archer) - is this the first butterfly sighting in the borough this year? Please let us know if you've seen a butterfly earlier.

27 January 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kingfisher, 49 Tufted Ducks, 11 Teal (John Archer).

27 January 2012, Millwall Park: 2 Goldcrests, 2+ Mistle Thrushes (including a singing male), 1 Pied Wagtail (John Archer).

26 January 2012, East India Dock Basin: 2 Shelducks, 24 Tufted Ducks, 7 Teal (John Archer).

25 January 2012, East India Dock Basin: 5 Shelducks, 30 Tufted Ducks, just 10 Teal, 3 Pied Wagtails (John Archer).

24 January 2012, East India Dock Basin: 12 Shelducks, 39 Tufted Ducks, 115 Teal (John Archer).

23 January 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kingfisher, 7 Shelducks, 23 Tufted Ducks, 330 Teal (John Archer).

23 January 2012, Lark Row E2: 10 House Sparrows in buddleia beside the Regent's Canal (John Archer).

21 January 2012, East India Dock Basin area: 8 Shelducks, 234 Teal, 28 Tufted Ducks, 16 Redshanks, 3 Common Sandpipers, 1 singing Grey Wagtail, 2 Linnets (Nick Tanner & Gary James).

20 January 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Green Woodpecker, 2 Dunnocks singing - there has only been one Dunnock territory in recent years, so this appears to be an increase (Bob Watts & Charlie Farrell).

19 January 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 female Pintail, 1 Kingfisher, 24 Shelducks, 300 Teal, 42 Tufted Ducks, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 1 Jay, 6+ Long-tailed Tits (John Archer).

19 January 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 3 Ring-necked Parakeets, 1 Goldcrest (Bob Watts).

18 January 2012, East India Dock Basin: 8 Shelducks, 38 Tufted Ducks, 280 Teal (John Archer).

17 January 2012, Tower Bridge: 1 female Teal and 12 Tufted Ducks on the River Thames just downstream of the bridge (James A).

17 January 2012, Poplar Dock Marina: 15 Tufted Ducks, 1 Mute Swan, 1 Grey Wagtail, 15 House Sparrows (John Archer).

17 January 2012, Blackwall Basin: 1 Greylag Goose, 8 Tufted Ducks, 1 singing Goldfinch (John Archer).

17 January 2012, East India Dock Basin: 9 Shelducks, 56 Tufted Ducks, 75 Teal (John Archer).

17 January 2012, Limehouse Basin: 56 Tufted Ducks, 3 Canada Geese, 40 Coots, 2 Mute Swans, 1 singing Goldfinch (John Archer).

17 January 2012, Shadwell Basin: 1 Mute Swan, 3 Canada Geese, 4 Tufted Ducks, 14 Mallards, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

17 January 2012, Millwall Docks: 55 Tufted Ducks, 1 Greylag Goose, 1 Mute Swan, 6 Great Crested Grebes (John Archer).

16 January 2012, East India Dock Basin: 19 Shelducks, 29 Tufted Ducks, 94 Teal (John Archer).

16 January 2012, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Green Woodpecker, 2 Song Thrushes, 2 Greenfinches, 20+ Chaffinches, 6 Goldfinches, 1 Goldcrest (Bob Watts).

16 January 2012, Blackwall: 3+ House Sparrows in car park on Prestage Way E14 (John Archer).

15 January 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 1 female Pintail, 17 Shelducks, 45 Tufted Ducks, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker (Gary James & Nick Tanner).

14 January 2012, Isle of Dogs: a 3rd winter Yellow-legged Gull on the Thames foreshore at Saunders Ness, 1 Grey Wagtail in Millwall Docks, 1 Little Grebe on West India Docks (Sean Huggins).

14 January 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 1 female Pintail, 6 Mute Swans, 4 Greylag Geese, 11 Canada Geese, 20 Shelducks, 340 Teal, 18 Redshanks, 3 Common Sandpipers, 1 Meadow Pipit, 1 Song Thrush, 4+ Reed Buntings (Gary James & Nick Tanner).

14 January 2012, Victoria Park: 3 Stock Doves, 2 Collared Doves, 8 Ring-necked Parakeets, 2 Great Spotted Woodpeckers, 1 Jay, 7 Long-tailed Tits, 2 Goldcrests, 1 Grey Wagtail, 2 Pied Wagtails, about 10 Goldfinches (David Darrell-Lambert and participants on the Bird Barmy Army walk).

13 January 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 female Pintail, 18 Shelducks, 34 Tufted Ducks, 105 Teal, 9 Canada Geese, 1 Jay (John Archer).

13 January 2012, Swedenborg Gardens: 5+ Long-tailed Tits, 1 singing Wren, Daffodils in flower (John Archer).

12 January 2012, East India Dock Basin: 23 Shelducks, 42 Tufted Ducks, 80 Teal, 2 Mute Swans (John Archer).

10 January 2012, East India Dock Basin: 19 Shelducks, 28 Tufted Ducks, 213 Teal, 6 Meadow Pipits flew north, about 50 Linnets (John Archer).

9 January 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 female Pintail, 23 Shelducks, 15+ Tufted Ducks, 267 Teal, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker (John Archer).

8 January 2012, Victoria Park: 2 Egyptian Geese (Clive Gilchrist).

8 January 2012, East India Dock Basin area: 1 female Pintail, 23 Shelducks, 22 Tufted Ducks, 16 Redshanks, 2 Common Sandpipers, 65 Common Gulls flew west along the River Thames, 1 2nd winter Yellow-legged Gull, 1 Kingfisher, 1 Grey Wagtail, 80 Linnets (Gary James & Nick Tanner).

7 January 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 1 Greylag Goose, 19 Shelducks, 1 female Pintail, 217 Teal, 20 Tufted Ducks, 2 Kestrels, 15 Redshanks, 4 Common Sandpipers, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 Reed Bunting (Nick Tanner & Gary James).

6 January 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 female Pintail, 17 Shelducks, 19 Tufted Ducks, 238 Teal, 2 Mute Swans, a 2nd winter Yellow-legged Gull flew east down the Thames, 1 Greylag Goose flew east, 1 male Sparrowhawk, 1 Reed Bunting (John Archer).

6 January 2012, Bow Creek: 19 Redshanks roosting at high tide, 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 male Sparrowhawk (John Archer).

5 January 2012, East Indian Dock Basin: 1 female Pintail, 18 Shelducks, 28 Tufted Ducks, 160 Teal, hundreds of gulls (mostly Black-headed Gulls) moving upriver in the strong winds (John Archer).

4 January 2012, Bow Creek: 4 Redshanks, 2 Shelducks, 1 Tufted Duck, 48 Teal, 1 Kingfisher (John Archer).

4 January 2012, East India Dock Basin: 1 female Pintail, 11 Shelducks, 19 Tufted Ducks, 136 Teal, 1 Kingfisher, 1 Peregrine, about 20 Linnets (John Archer).

4 January 2012, Saffron Avenue Pond: 1 Kingfisher (John Archer).

3 January 2012, Tower Bridge: 1 Great Crested Grebe on the Thames, 1 Kestrel (James A).

2 January 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 1 female Pintail, 3 Shelducks, 122 Teal, 15 Tufted Ducks, 11 Redshanks, 4 Common Sandpipers, 1 Kingfisher, about 40 Linnets, 3 Reed Buntings (Gary James, Nick Tanner & Marco Johnson).

1 January 2012, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 1 female Pintail, 4 Shelducks, 132 Teal, 11 Tufted Ducks, 1 Peregrine, 4 Redshanks, 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 Yellow-legged Gull, 1 Scandinavian Herring Gull (subspecies *argentatus*), 1 Kingfisher, 45 Linnets (Gary James & Nick Tanner)