

Tower Hamlets wildlife reports 2013

December

31 December 2013, East India Dock Basin: 22 Shelducks, 2 Mute Swans, 61 Teal, 16 Tufted Ducks (Nick Tanner).

31 December 2013, Bow Creek: 2 Common Sandpipers, 15 Redshanks, 1 Tufted Duck, 45 Teal (Nick Tanner).

28 December 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 Sparrowhawk, 16 Shelducks, 15 Tufted Ducks, 4 Teal, 1 Grey Wagtail (Nick Tanner).

28 December 2013, Bow Creek: 30 Teal (the combined total of 34 with East India Dock Basin is Nick's lowest ever December count on the lower Lea), 3 Common Sandpipers, 30 Redshanks, 2 Grey Wagtails (Nick Tanner).

27 December 2013, Victoria Park: a Woodcock over Parnell Road at dusk (via the [London Bird Club Wiki](#)).

26 December 2013, Regent's Canal: 1 Kingfisher by the junction with the Hertford Union Canal (Martin Ling).

25 December 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Redwings, 4 Song Thrushes, 8 Great Spotted Woodpeckers, 2 Goldcrests, 1 jay, loads of Ring-necked Parakeets (Matthew Cunningham).

23 December 2013, East India Dock Basin: 10 Shelducks, 4 Tufted Ducks, 59 Teal (Nick Tanner).

23 December 2013, Bow Creek: 80 Teal, 2 Common Sandpipers, 5 Redshanks (Nick Tanner).

19 December 2013, East India Dock Basin: 9 Shelducks, 5 Tufted Ducks, 111 Teal (John Archer).

16 December 2013, Victoria Park: 5 Gadwall, 3 Shovelers, 5 Red-crested Pochards, 2 Egyptian Geese, the pair of Mute Swans still with 5 juveniles, 1 Mistle Thrush, 1 Jay (Richard Drew).

14 December 2013, Victoria Park: 1 Red Admiral – surely this will be the last butterfly sighting of the year? (Ken Greenway).

13 December 2013, East India Dock Basin: the [Estonian-ringed Cormorant](#) again on the pier, 1 Sparrowhawk, 299 Teal, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer & Neil Preston).

11 December 2013, East India Dock Basin: a Chiffchaff in the Copse may have been of eastern origin – it looked like the Siberian-breeding race *tristis*, though it's calls sounded more like those of western birds (John Archer).

9 December 2013, East India Dock Basin: a Little Egret flew west at lunchtime, 3 Shelducks (John Archer & James Palmer).

8 December 2013, Bow Creek: an adult Common Gull with a red colour-ring had probably been ringed in Hungary. Also a Peregrine flew west, 161 Teal, 2 Common Sandpipers, 4 Redshanks, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 Pied Wagtail, 1 Jay (Nick Tanner).

8 December 2013, East India Dock Basin: 2 Shelducks, 5 Tufted Ducks, 257 Teal, 1 Grey Wagtail (Nick Tanner).

6 December 2013, East India Dock Basin: the [Estonian-ringed Cormorant](#) again on the jetty, 1 Shelduck, 1 Mute Swan, 330+ Teal, 2 drake Tufted Ducks, 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Meadow Pipit, 1 Grey Wagtail, 2 Pied Wagtails (John Archer).

November

30 November 2013, Bow Creek: 391 Teal (plus another 175 on East India Dock Basin, making a total of 566, the second highest ever count on the lower Lea), about 90 Linnets on Leamouth Peninsula (a record count for the lower Lea area), 25 Redshanks, 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 Jay (Nick Tanner).

26 November 2013, Victoria Park: 3 pairs of Red-crested Pochards, 2 Shovelers, 30+ Pochards, 1 Little Grebe, 2 Egyptian Geese, 6 Greylag Geese, the pair of Mute Swans still with 5 juveniles, 12 Cormorants (including 8 flying over north-east), 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 6 Ring-necked Parakeets (Jan Dobbie).

26 November 2013, Regent's Canal in Mile End: a Kingfisher flew north past the Mile End Climbing Wall at 8.05am (John Clarkson).

25 November 2013, East India Dock Basin: 5 Teal, 1 Grey Wagtail (Nick Tanner).

25 November 2013, Bow Creek: 252 Teal, 1 Common Sandpiper, 11 Redshanks, 1 Grey Wagtail, 2 Jays (Nick Tanner).

24 November 2013, Lea Navigation: a female Black Redstart opposite the Olympic Park (Joel Chernin).

23 November 2013, East India Dock Basin: 8 Teal, 2 Pied Wagtails (Nick Tanner).

23 November 2013, Bow Creek: 4 Meadow Pipits flew east, 292 Teal, 1 Common Sandpiper, 7 Redshanks (Nick Tanner).

18 November 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 Common Snipe, the second record this year (Neil Preston).

18 November 2013, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 Redshank (Neil Preston).

17 November 2013, East India Dock Basin: a Rock Pipit was the third site record and the first since 2008, also 3 Meadow Pipits flew west, 1 Little Egret, 2 Shelducks, 29 Teal, 5 Redshanks, 2 Grey Wagtails, 8 Linnets (Nick Tanner).

17 November 2013, Bow Creek: a pair of Gadwall (second record this year), 1 drake Tufted Duck, 220 Teal, 5 Common Sandpipers, 22 Redshanks, 3 Meadow Pipits flew east, 15 Grey Herons roosting on the Leamouth Peninsula, 1 Jay, about 150 Starlings (Nick Tanner).

15 November 2013, Canary Wharf: a Common Buzzard flew south at 9.10am (Richard Harrison).

15 November 2013, Poplar Recreation Ground: 1 Sparrowhawk (Rhodri Jones).

15 November 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 400 Woodpigeons flew west early morning (Bob Watts).

13 November 2013, West India Quay: 1 Grey Wagtail, 5 Great Crested Grebes (Richard Harrison).

11 November 2013, Victoria Park: 5 Egyptian Geese in East Park (Allan Cousens).

10 November 2013, Bow Creek: 2 Linnets, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 Common Sandpiper, 6 Redshanks, 16 Teal (Nick Tanner).

9 November 2013, Isle of Dogs: Norwegian-ringed adult Common Gull on Thames shore at Saunders Ness. Ringed 15/7/2012 at Byparken, Bergen, Hordaland. White ring JA4L (Sean Huggins).

8 November 2013, East India Dock Basin: 3 Little Egrets (a site record count), 1 Kingfisher, 23 Teal, 2 Grey Wagtails, 1 Pied Wagtail (John Archer & Paul Hyland).



Little Egrets at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

7 November 2013, Mile End Park: 1 singing Chiffchaff (John Archer).

7 November 2013, East India Dock Basin: the Little Egret still present, 3 Meadow Pipits flew over, 1 drake Tufted Duck, 40+ Teal (John Archer).

6 November 2013, Bow Creek: the Little Egret flew in from East India Dock Basin at high tide and roosted in the Ecology Park, 2 Shelducks, 139 Mallards (with another 35 on East India Dock Basin, making a record count for the Lower Lea of 174), 2 Common Sandpipers, 11 Redshanks (Nick Tanner).

6 November 2013, Fairfoot Road E3: 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker in the woodland behind the houses (John Archer).

5 November 2013, Millwall Docks: hundreds of plants (probably over a thousand) of the protected Jersey Cudweed in pavement cracks on the west side of Millwall Inner Dock, just north of Glengall Bridge, mostly in the fenced-off area behind 45 Millharbour (John Archer).

5 November 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Egret, 1 drake Tufted Duck, 115 Teal, the [Estonian-ringed Cormorant](#) again on the pier (John Archer).



Little Egret at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

4 November 2013, Victoria Park: the Kingfisher still present around East Lake, where it caught a fish (Richard Drew).



Kingfisher in Victoria Park (photo: David Darrell-Lambert)

4 November 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: between 7.55am and 8.35am, 62 Woodpigeons flew west or south-west, 6 Redwings flew north and 5 Fieldfares landed briefly then flew north. A Small White at lunchtime could well be the last butterfly sighting of the year (Bob Watts).

4 November 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kingfisher, 1 Grey Wagtail (Paul Hyland).

2 November 2013, Victoria Park: 31 species of birds, including a male Kingfisher, 7 Red-crested Pochards, 23 Pochards, 26 Tufted Ducks, 20 Mallards, 5 Egyptian Geese, 7 Mute Swans, 29 Greylag Geese, 121 Coots, 1 female Sparrowhawk, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 7 Ring-necked Parakeets, 5 Jays (David Darrell-Lambert and 9 participants on the Bird Barmy Army walk).



Jay at Victoria Park (photo: David Darrell-Lambert)

1 November 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 9 Ring-necked Parakeets flew over at lunchtime, 1 Song Thrush flew north, 2 Greenfinches flew south, 1 Mistle Thrush (Bob Watts).

1 November 2013, Bow Creek: 2 Mute Swans, 6 Canada Geese, 3 Teal, 2 Common Sandpipers, 11 Redshanks, 1 Grey Wagtail (Nick Tanner).

1 November 2013, East India Dock Basin: the Little Egret still present, 1 Kingfisher, 82 Teal, 1 Grey Wagtail, 2 Pied Wagtails (Nick Tanner).

October

31 October 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 Shelduck (the first of the autumn), 41 Teal, 24 Cormorants on the pier including the [Estonian-ringed bird](#) (Nick Tanner).

31 October 2013, Bow Creek: 3 Mute Swans, 1 drake Tufted Duck, 28 Teal, 1 Common Sandpiper, 12 Redshanks, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 Chiffchaff (Nick Tanner).

31 October 2013, Poplar Dock: 2 Little Grebes, 1 hybrid Canada x Greylag Goose apparently paired with a Canada Goose (Nick Tanner).

30 October 2013, East India Dock Basin: the [Estonian-ringed Cormorant](#) again on the pier (John Archer).

29 October 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Lesser Whitethroat in a hedge by Lockhart Field for 10 minutes in the morning had a pale, sandy brown mantle. Coupled with the very late date, this strongly suggests one of the eastern races, perhaps originating in central Asia. Also a male Blackcap and a Goldcrest (Bob Watts).

29 October 2013, East India Dock Basin: the Little Egret again, 84 Teal, 20 Woodpigeons flew high west, 1 Grey Wagtail, 2 Pied Wagtails (Nick Tanner).

29 October 2013, Bow Creek: 2 Common Sandpipers, 12 Redshanks, 1 Meadow Pipit, 1 Grey Wagtail, 14 Teal (Nick Tanner).

29 October 2013, Victoria Park: on West Lake: 5 Red-crested Pochards (4 drakes and a female), 16 Pochards, 12 Tufted Ducks, 14 Greylag Geese, 1 adult Mute Swan with 5 juveniles, 4 Cormorants, 1 Grey Heron, with a female Blackcap also in West Park. On East Lake: a pair of Egyptian Geese with 3 juveniles, 2 Pochards, 12 Tufted Ducks, 1 Sparrowhawk, with a Chiffchaff, 2 Mistle Thrushes and 3 Pied Wagtails in East Park. Thankfully little tree damage from the storm. (Jan Dobbie).

28 October 2013, East India Dock Basin: the hybrid Canada x Greylag Goose flew in to roost with a Canada Goose, also 83 Teal, 1 Grey Wagtail, 2 Pied Wagtails (Nick Tanner & John Archer).

28 October 2013, Bow Creek: 4 Linnets, 3 Common Sandpipers, 6 Redshanks, 1 drake Tufted Duck, 3 Teal (Nick Tanner).

26 October 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 Jay, 1 Grey Wagtail, 30 Teal (Nick Tanner).

26 October 2013, Bow Creek: 104 Teal, 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 Redshank, 1 Grey Wagtail and a Red Admiral (surely a contender for last butterfly sighting of the year?) (Nick Tanner).

25 October 2013, East India Dock Basin: the Little Egret back again, 1 Reed Bunting, 50 Teal (John Archer).

24 October 2013, Victoria Park: a male Kingfisher on East Lake was the first in the park for several years. Also on and around East Lake 12 Tufted Ducks and a Mistle Thrush. On West Lake, a female Red-crested Pochard, 1 drake Shoveler, 35+ Pochards, 5 Tufted Ducks, 5 Greylag Geese, 1 Cormorant and 3 pairs of Coots nest-building. 3 Jays gathering acorns in West Park (Jan Dobbie).

23 October 2013, East India Dock Basin: the Little Egret still present, 52 Teal, 1 Red Admiral (John Archer).

23 October 2013, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 10 Redshanks (James Palmer).

20 October 2013, East India Dock Basin: The Little Egret back again, 45 Teal (Nick Tanner).



Little Egret at East India Dock Basin (photo: Nick Tanner)

20 October 2013, Bow Creek: 8 Redshanks, 86 Teal (Nick Tanner).

19 October 2013, East India Dock Basin: the Little Egret flew off north mid-afternoon, 1 Kingfisher, 47 Teal, 1 Chiffchaff, a flock of 13 Greenfinches flew south (Nick Tanner).

19 October 2013, Bow Creek: 10 Redshanks, 2 Common Sandpipers, 99 Teal, 139 Mallards, 1 Grey Wagtail (Nick Tanner).

18 October 2013, East India Dock Basin: the Little Egret present again at lunchtime, 1 male Sparrowhawk, 92 Teal, 2 Meadow Pipits flew south, the [Estonian-ringed Cormorant](#) again on the pier (John Archer).

18 October 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Meadow Pipit flew south-west, 5 Ring-necked Parakeets (Bob Watts).

17 October 2013, East India Dock Basin: the [Estonian-ringed Cormorant](#) still on the pier, 113 Teal, 1 Small White butterfly - will today see the last butterfly sightings this year? (John Archer).

17 October 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Speckled Wood, a contender for the last butterfly of the year? (John Clarkson).

16 October 2013, East India Dock Basin: the Little Egret still present this morning, the [Estonian-ringed Cormorant](#) back on the pier, 3 Linnets flew south, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).



Estonian-ringed Cormorant at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

15 October 2013, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 Tufted Duck, 79 Teal, 1 Reed Bunting (Nick Tanner).

15 October 2013, East India Dock Basin: a Little Egret feeding in the shallow water, 1 Meadow Pipit flew west, 2 Chiffchaffs (one of them singing) (John Archer).



Little Egret at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

15 October 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a juvenile Swallow flew south at 8.30am, 1 Redwing flew north, 1 singing Chiffchaff (Bob Watts).

12 October 2013, East India Dock Basin: a female or immature Merlin perched briefly before flying north, the first record from the site since 2010. Also 1 Sparrowhawk, 113 Teal, 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Grey Wagtail (Nick Tanner).

12 October 2013, Bow Creek: 4 Common Sandpipers, 5 Teal (Nick Tanner).

10 October 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Grey Wagtail by the Soanes Centre pond (John Clarkson).

9 October 2013, Mile End: a Jay hopping about beside the busy junction of Roman Road and South Street (John Clarkson).

9 October 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2+ Chiffchaffs (Bob Watts).

5 October 2013, Bow Creek: 6 Redshanks, 2 Common Sandpipers, 64 Teal, 1 Tufted Duck (Nick Tanner & Matt Reed).

5 October 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 House Sparrow (very scarce here), 1 Peregrine, 1 Jay, 1 Kingfisher, 1 Grey Wagtail, 25 Teal (Nick Tanner & Paul Hyland).

3 October 2013, Mile End: 1 Meadow Pipit flew south early morning (Bob Watts).

3 October 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 Linnet flew south, 1 Grey Wagtail, 2 Jays, 50 Teal (John Archer).

2 October 2013, Mile End: a Grey Wagtail on Usk Street (John Clarkson).

2 October 2013, Victoria Park: 1 Redstart, 40+ Goldfinches, 20+ Pochards (JW Davies).

2 October 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kingfisher, 1 Sparrowhawk, 1 Canada x Greylag Goose hybrid apparently paired with a Canada Goose, 22 Teal, 1 Tufted Duck, 1 Pied Wagtail, 1 Grey Wagtail, the [Estonian-ringed Cormorant](#) still on the pier early morning (John Archer & Nick Tanner).



Kingfisher and Hybrid Canada x Greylag Goose at East India Dock Basin (John Archer)

2 October 2013, Bow Creek: 1 Redshank (first of the autumn), 1 Common Sandpiper, 78 Teal (Nick Tanner & John Archer).

2 October 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Chiffchaff (Bob Watts). Also recently, the first record of the nationally rare blind subterranean colydiid beetle *Langelandia anophthalma* for the cemetery was trapped by Edward Milner as part of his regular surveys of beetles and spiders.

1 October 2013, Ackroyd Drive Green Link: 1 Sparrowhawk eating a pigeon in Primrose Meadow (Ken Greenway).

1 October 2013, East India Dock Basin: the [Estonian-ringed Cormorant](#) again on the pier in the River Thames, 28 Teal (John Archer).



Cormorant with Estonian colour-ring at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

September

30 September 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Siskins flew south at 8.10am, 3+ Chiffchaffs, 8+ Song Thrushes early morning, presumably newly-arrived migrants (Bob Watts).

30 September 2013, East India Dock Basin: the [Estonian-ringed Cormorant](#) again on the pier in the River Thames, 50 Teal (John Archer).

29 September 2013, Bow Creek: 79 Teal (Nick Tanner).

29 September 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kingfisher, 24 Teal (Nick Tanner).

27 September 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 4+ Chiffchaffs (Bob Watts).

25 September 2013, Victoria Park: 2 Great Spotted Woodpeckers, 2 Ring-necked Parakeets and a Chiffchaff on East Lake island, 6+ Mistle Thrushes in East Park (Jan Dobbie).

25 September 2013, Mudchute: 6+ Monk Parakeets, 1 Chiffchaff with Long-tailed Tits (John Archer).



Monk Parakeet and Long-tailed Tit at Mudchute (photos: John Archer)

24 September 2013, East India Dock Basin: 2 Egyptian Geese, 1 Kingfisher, 14 Teal, 1 Tufted Duck (John Archer).



Kingfisher at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

21 September 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kingfisher, 1 Collared Dove flew north, 1 Blackcap, 1 Chiffchaffs, 2 Teal, 117 Cormorants on the Thames (Nick Tanner).

21 September 2013, Bow Creek: 1 Sparrowhawk, 1 Kestrel, 1 Stock Dove, 23 Teal, 1 Common Gull, 1 Pied Wagtail, 2 Chiffchaffs (Nick Tanner).

20 September 2013, East India Dock Basin: a Great Spotted Woodpecker and a Chiffchaff in the Copse, a Great Crested Grebe on the Thames, and the [Estonian-ringed Cormorant](#) still on the jetty in the Thames (John Archer).

19 September 2013, Canary Wharf: a Grey Seal in the small bit of dock east of the DLR between West India Quay and Canary Wharf stations at 4pm, also a pair of Great Crested grebes with 2 half-grown young (John Archer).

19 September 2013, East India Dock Basin: the Kingfisher is still present, also 1 Meadow Pipit flew over and a Cormorant with a blue colour-ring marked "EBY" was on the jetty. This bird was [ringed in Estonia](#) (David Darrell-Lambert & John Archer).



Colour-ringed Cormorant at East India Dock Basin (photo: David Darrell-Lambert)

19 September 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Chiffchaffs in a large mixed tit flock (Bob Watts).

18 September 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kingfisher, 2 Teal, 1 Tufted Duck, 1 Grey Wagtail, 3 Chiffchaffs (Nick Tanner & John Archer).

18 September 2013, Bow Creek: 2 Common Sandpipers, 4 Teal, 1 Chiffchaff (Nick Tanner).

16 September 2013, East India Dock Basin: 3 Chiffchaffs among a flock of Long-tailed Tits (John Archer).

13 September 2013, East India Dock Basin: a Shoveler on the River Thames flew off east at 2.05pm, the first site record this year (John Archer).

12 September 2013, Mudchute: 1 Spotted Flycatcher, 1 Reed Warbler, 3 Blackcaps, 3 Chiffchaffs, 10+ Monk Parakeets (Stuart Fisher).

12 September 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 juvenile Willow Warbler, 1 Reed Warbler, 2 Teal (John Archer).

9 September 2013, Victoria Park: 100+ House Martins over West Lake (Terry Lyle).

7 September 2013, Victoria Park: 30 species of birds, including 1 Garden Warbler, 1 Blackcap, 2 Willow Warblers, 3 House Martins, an adult Red-crested Pochard with 2 juveniles, 27 Pochard, 16 Tufted Ducks including 2 broods of young, a pair of Egyptian Geese with 2 juveniles (David Darrell-Lambert and participants on the Bird Barmy Army walk).

7 September 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 Yellow-legged Gull, 1 Sparrowhawk, 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Common Sandpiper, 4 Teal (David Darrell-Lambert).

6 September 2013, Poplar Dock: 1 Sparrowhawk (Kieron Palmer).

5 September 2013, Limehouse Basin: 1 near-adult Yellow-legged Gull, 2 Egyptian Geese (John Archer).

5 September 2013, Mudchute: 1 Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Willow Warblers, 7+ Monk Parakeets, 2 Ring-necked Parakeets (Stuart Fisher).

5 September 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Whitethroat in Scrapyard Meadow (Bob Watts).

4 September 2013, Canary Wharf area: 2 House Martin nests with young (Phil Laurie).

4 September 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 male Sparrowhawk, 1 Peregrine, 25 Teal, 1 Tufted Duck (John Archer). There are still a number of dead and ill-looking birds, mostly Teal and Mallards, suspected to be due to avian botulism. Lee Valley Park have lowered the sluices to encourage greater interchange of water from the Thames and improve oxygenation, which follows advice on dealing with avian botulism.

4 September 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 juvenile Sparrowhawk, 3 Chiffchaffs (Bob Watts).

2 September 2013, Mudchute: 15+ Monk Parakeets, 1 Peregrine, 1 Swallow, 1 singing Blackcap (Stuart Fisher).

1 September 2013, Bow Creek: 1 Peregrine, 3 Common Sandpipers, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 1 Tufted Duck, 1 Teal, 1 singing Reed Warbler, 1 Blackcap (Nick Tanner).

1 September 2013, East India Dock Basin: 22 Teal, 1 Tufted Duck, also a number of dead birds (1 Teal, 3 Mallards, 2 Tufted Ducks, 1 Cormorant and 1 Black-headed Gull) along with 5 dead Eels (Nick Tanner). Lee Valley Park have notified the Environment Agency about the bird and eel deaths.

August

28 August 2013, Mudchute: 1 Spotted Flycatcher, 15+ Monk Parakeets, 1 Ring-necked Parakeet (John Archer).

27 August 2013, Bow Creek: 1 Collared Dove, 1 Stock Dove, 9 Common Sandpipers, 1 Jersey Tiger (Nick Tanner).

27 August 2013, East India Dock Basin: 2 Little Grebes (first record this year of a former regular breeding bird), 29 Teal, 8 Tufted Ducks (Nick Tanner & John Archer).

25 August 2013, Isle of Dogs: 8 Arctic Terns over the Thames off Saunders Ness late morning (Sean Huggins).

25 August 2013, Saffron Avenue Pond: 1 Reed Warbler (Nick Tanner).

25 August 2013, East India Dock Basin: 48 Cormorants (mostly on the Thames), 3 Teal, 2 Tufted Ducks (Nick Tanner).

25 August 2013, Bow Creek: 15 Grey Herons, 2 Common Sandpipers, 1 Stock Dove, 2 Blackcaps, 1 [Jersey Tiger](#) (Nick Tanner).

21 August 2013, Mudchute: 6+ Monk Parakeets, 1 Ring-necked Parakeet, lots of Smooth Newt efts (John Archer and attendees of the Go Wild at Mudchute Day).



Monk (left) and Ring-necked Parakeets at Mudchute (photos: John Archer)

20 August 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 Willow Warbler, 1 Common Sandpiper, a pair of Common Terns with 3 juveniles, 3 Teal, 2 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

20 August 2013, Saffron Avenue Pond: 1 Brown Hawker dragonfly (first this year), 1 Emperor, still plenty of Small Red-eyed, Red-eyed and Azure Damselflies, 1 Reed Warbler (John Archer).

20 August 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Willow Warblers around Horse Chestnut Glade (Bob Watts).

19 August 2013, East India Dock Basin: the final brood of 3 Common Terns has fledged, making a total of 8 fledged young this year, a real return to form after last year when no young even hatched (John Archer)

15 August 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 [Jersey Tiger](#) (Terry Lyle).

15 August 2013, Mudchute: 12 Monk Parakeets, 1 Sparrowhawk, 1 Kestrel, 1 [Jersey Tiger](#) (Stuart Fisher).

15 August 2013, Mile End: 1 Swift (Bob Watts).

14 August 2013, Meath Gardens: 2 Kestrels (Harry Harrison).

14 August 2013, Bow Creek: 9 Common Sandpipers, 5 House Martins, 10 [Jersey Tigers](#) (Nick Tanner).

14 August 2013, East India Dock Basin: the last nesting pair of Common Terns still have 3 chicks, also 39 Canada Geese, 6 Teal, 3 Tufted Ducks, 1 Sand Martin, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer & Nick Tanner).

11 August 2013, Bow Creek: 10+ [Jersey Tigers](#), 5+ Holly Blues, 1 Stock Dove, 8 Common Sandpipers, 1 Willow Warbler, 1 Blackcap (Nick Tanner).

11 August 2013, East India Dock Basin: 8+ Common Terns (2+ downy young, 2 juveniles, 4+ adults), 1 Teal, 2 Tufted Ducks, 1 Sand Martin, 1 Silver Y (Nick Tanner).

8 August 2013, Ackroyd Drive Green Link: 1 [Jersey Tiger](#) in the section of the Green Link between Robeson Street and Huddard Street (John Clarkson).

8 August 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 [Jersey Tiger](#) outside the Soanes Centre (Ken Greenway).

8 August 2013, Limehouse Cut: at least 2 active Sand Martin nests towards the Bow end of the cut (John Archer).

8 August 2013, Bow Locks: 1+ Common Sandpiper, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

7 August 2013, East India Dock Basin: a Little Egret flew high west up the River Thames at 1.05pm, the first site record for 3 years (John Archer).

7 August 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Painted Lady butterfly (Bob Watts).



Painted Lady at Cemetery Park (photo: Bob Watts)

6 August 2013, Saffron Avenue Pond: 10+ Small Red-eyed Damselflies, 1 male Ruddy Darter, several Azure Damselflies (John Archer).

6 August 2013, East India Dock Basin: 3 Yellow-legged Gulls (an adult and 2 2nd summers), 1 Peregrine, 9 Teal, 2 Common Sandpipers, 10+ Common Terns (5+ adults, 2 juveniles, 3 downy young), 2 House Martins, 1 Sand Martin, 1 Blackcap, 1 Reed Warbler, 3 Common Darter dragonflies (including a pair egg-laying), 1 Azure Damselfly, 6+ Common Blue butterflies, lots of Gatekeepers (Gary James & John Archer).



Gatekeeper at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

6 August 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a male Sparrowhawk chasing 6 Ring-necked Parakeets, and 2 recently-fledged juvenile Sparrowhawks calling (Bob Watts).

6 August 2013, Mile End: 1 Swift (Bob Watts).

5 August 2013, East India Dock Basin: yesterday's report of the likely demise of a tern chick was, fortunately, premature, as there were 3 fledged and 3 unfledged young on the raft this lunchtime. Teal numbers up to 4 (John Archer).

5 August 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Swift (Bob Watts).

4 August 2013, East India Dock Basin: 2 Common Sandpipers roosting on a raft, still a brood of 2 fledged young Common Terns and a brood of 3 small young, but the

just-fledged youngster in the other brood seems to have disappeared, 1 Sand Martin, 1 [Jersey Tiger](#) (Nick Tanner).

4 August 2013, Bow Creek: 1 Teal, 2 Common Sandpipers, 1 adult Common Gull (the first of the autumn), 8 House Martins, 1 singing Reed Warbler, 2 [Jersey Tigers](#), 4+ Holly Blue butterflies (Nick Tanner).



Jersey Tiger at Bow Creek (photo: Nick Tanner)

3 August 2013, East India Dock Basin: 103 Mallards, 3 Tufted Ducks, 7 adult Common Terns with broods of 2 fledged, 1 just-fledged and 3 small young, 3 Sand Martins (Nick Tanner).

3 August 2013, Bow Creek: a brood of 8 small Mallard ducklings (Nick Tanner).

2 August 2013, East India Dock Basin: the 2 young Common Terns in the 2nd brood have now fledged. One near-fledged youngster (the other one from the 3rd brood died earlier this week having fallen into the water from the raft) and 3 small chicks remain, and there were at least 10 adults. Also 2 Teal, 2 Sand Martins, 1 singing Reed Warbler and a [Jersey Tiger moth](#) (John Archer).



Jersey Tiger at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

1 August 2013, Hermitage Basin: over a hundred Small Red-eyed Damselflies including dozens of egg-laying pairs, 50+ Common Blue Damselflies, 1 Emperor Dragonfly, 2 Common Darters (John Archer).

1 August 2013, Wapping Canal: 60+ Small Red-eyed Damselflies, 100+ Common Blue Damselflies, 4 male Emperor Dragonflies, about 10 Common Darters, 2 Mute Swans, 1 Tufted Duck, a female Mallard with a brood of 10 small ducklings (John Archer).

July

29 July 2013, East India Dock Basin: the latest brood of young Common Terns consists of 3 small chicks, while the 4 larger chicks are now very close to fledging - one took a short flight at lunchtime (John Archer).

28 July 2013, Victoria Park: 4 exuviae (empty nymph cases from which the adults have emerged) of Migrant Hawker dragonflies, over a thousand Common Darter exuviae, lots of Emperor Dragonflies on the wing (Sulka Haro).

28 July 2013, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper (Nick Tanner).

28 July 2013, East India Dock Basin: 2 Teal, 14 Tufted Ducks (including a female apparently incubating on a raft), 4 well-grown young Common Terns with 12 adults (one either incubating or brooding small young) and 2 juveniles, 3 Sand Martins, 1 singing Reed Warbler, 1 Silver Y moth (Nick Tanner).

27 July 2013, St Katharine's Dock: 10 Tufted Ducks including a brood of 6 well-grown ducklings (Matt Reed).

27 July 2013, Wapping Canals: 2 Grey Wagtails, 2 Mute Swans, 1 Tufted Duck, 1 Grey Heron, a brood of 6 Mallard ducklings (Matt Reed).

26 July 2013, East India Dock Basin: the final brood of Common Terns have hatched, with at least one tiny chick (John Archer).

24 July 2013, East India Dock Basin: 2 pairs of Common Terns each with 2 young and a third pair still incubating, 1 Greylag Goose, 18 Canada Geese, 1 Shelduck, 2 Teal, 36 Tufted Ducks, 30+ Swifts flew west, 2 Sand Martins, 1 singing Reed Warbler (Nick Tanner).

24 July 2014, Bow Creek: 5 Common Sandpipers, 1 singing Reed Warbler, 1 Red Admiral (Nick Tanner).

23 July 2013, Canary Wharf: a pair of Peregrines flew south towards Greenwich (Nick Croft).

22 July 2013, East India Dock Basin: a 15-minute count for the [Big Butterfly Count 2013](#) produced 2 Marbled Whites (probably the first ever record in Tower Hamlets), 1 Small Skipper, 1 Peacock, 1 Speckled Wood, 3 Meadow Browns, 9 Gatekeepers, 3 Large Whites, 1 Small White, 4 Green-veined Whites and 5 Six-spot Burnet moths. Five more species of butterfly, Large Skipper, Essex Skipper, Common Blue, Red Admiral and Comma, were seen after the count finished, making a total of 14 species. Also, 3 Peregrines (an adult and 2 juveniles) circled overhead then flew west in the evening (John Archer & Nick Tanner).

21 July 2013, Bow Creek: 7 Common Sandpipers roosting on the Leamouth Peninsula, 2 Swifts (Nick Tanner).

21 July 2013, Saffron Avenue Pond: at least 5 pairs of Small Red-eyed Damselflies in tandem, probably many more (Nick Tanner).

21 July 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kestrel, 2 Little Ringed Plovers, 2 Teal, 46 Tufted Ducks (including the [female with a Portuguese nasal saddle](#)), 15 Common Terns (4 chicks and 1 adult still incubating, 9 other adults, 1 juvenile), about 260 Black-headed Gulls, 3 Swifts, 1 Sand Martin, 2 Reed Warblers, 1 juvenile Pied Wagtail, 5+ Gatekeeper butterflies, about 16 Six-spot Burnet moths (Nick Tanner).



Six-spot Burnet at East India Dock Basin (photo: Nick Tanner)

17 July 2013, Canary Wharf: a Kingfisher and a Grey Wagtail on the dock behind JP Morgan (Nick Croft).

17 July 2013, Mudchute: 1 Hedgehog, the first confirmed record in the borough for over a year (Lindsay Allen).

16 July 2013, Saffron Avenue Pond: at least 5 pairs of Small Red-eyed Damselflies egg-laying in tandem, 50+ Red-eyed Damselflies, hundreds of Common Blue Damselflies, 4 Emperor Dragonflies (John Archer).



Small Red-eyed Damselflies egg-laying at Saffron Avenue Pond (photo: John Archer)

16 July 2013, East India Dock Basin: the female Tufted Duck with a [red nasal saddle](#) is back for the first time since 20 May (John Archer).

16 July 2013, Victoria Park (East Lake): 2 broods of Tufted Ducks (11 and 5 ducklings) being defended by the mothers from a very persistent Herring Gull, a pair of Mute Swans with 5 cygnets, a pair of Egyptian Geese with 3 well-grown goslings, 1 Little Grebe, 3+ Black-tailed Skimmer dragonflies (John Archer).



Black-tailed Skimmer at Victoria Park (photo: John Archer)

14 July 2013, Bow Creek: a female Reed Bunting carrying food towards the Leamouth Peninsula where it presumably has a nest, 5 House martins collecting mud at low tide and carrying it off north-east towards Canning Town, where they must be building nests, 1 Swift, 2 singing Blackcaps (Nick Tanner).

14 July 2013, East India Dock Basin: now 2 pairs of Common Terns with small young and 2 more still incubating, 2 Shelducks, 2 Teal, 41 Tufted Ducks, 3 Sand Martins, a juvenile Pied Wagtail, 2 singing Reed Warblers, 1 singing Blackcap (Nick Tanner).

13 July 2013, Limehouse E14: at least 3 bats feeding around Kiln Court, Newell Street (Terry Patterson).

12 July 2013, East India Dock Basin: a second-summer Yellow-legged Gull, 3 Teal (Gary James).

11 July 2013, River Thames off Westferry Circus: a second-summer Yellow-legged Gull flew upriver, 5 Great Crested Grebes, 1 Common Tern (Stuart Fisher).

11 July 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the first Essex Skipper of the year in Scrapyard Meadow, also several Small and Large Skippers, Brimstones, Commas and Speckled Woods (Bob Watts).

11 July 2013, East India Dock Basin: a pair of Common Terns with 2 chicks, 4 more adults incubating, 2 adults on the island and 7+ adults over the Thames, also 2 Shelducks, 2 Teal, 25+ Tufted Ducks, 1 Sand Martin, 1 Reed Warbler (Nick Tanner & John Archer).

11 July 2013, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper (presumably the first returning autumn bird), 1 singing Whitethroat (Nick Tanner).

10 July 2013, East India Dock Basin: a second pair of Common Terns has hatched 2 chicks, and 4 more pairs are still incubating (John Archer).

9 July 2013, Victoria Park: a Little Grebe with 4 young, 2 well-grown young Red-crested Pochards, a brood of 5 Tufted Ducks, a Mute Swan with 5 cygnets, 5+ Sand Martins (Bob Watts & Jan Dobbie).

9 July 2013, Mile End Park: 2 recently-fledged juvenile Whitethroats near the Ecology Pavilion, a female Kestrel, 5+ House Sparrows in the Ecology Park (Bob Watts).

8 July 2013, Tower of London: 3 Peregrines flew west at 8.30am (Paul Whiteman).

6 July 2013, Victoria Park: 29 species of birds, including 1 Little Grebe, a pair of Egyptian Geese with 3 young, a brood of 3 Moorhens, 6 brood of Coots, 3 Sand Martins, 4 House Martins, 1 or 2 broods of Goldfinches, a family group of Pied Wagtails, 1 brood of Magpies. Also 5+ Emperor Dragonflies, 2 Black-tailed Skimmers, 2 Common Darters, 5+ Blue-tailed Damselflies and hundreds of Common Blue Damselflies (David Darrell-Lambert and participants on the Bird Barmy Army walk).

5 July 2013, East India Dock Basin: a Grey Seal swam east down the Thames at 8.45am, 2 Little Ringed Plovers, 1 drake Teal, 1 Swift, 2 Jays but no sign of the Long-tailed Duck (John Archer).

4 July 2013, Shadwell: a juvenile Peregrine with prey on Luke House (George Rix).



Peregrine at Luke House, Shadwell (photos: George Rix)

4 July 2013, East India Dock Basin: a female Long-tailed Duck, which has been seen on various south London water bodies over the last few weeks, was on the basin at lunchtime but not at 5.15pm. It is the first ever record for the site. Also 2 Little Ringed Plovers, 1 Sparrowhawk, 1 Swift, 1 House Martin, a mating pair of Red-eyed Damselflies and an additional pair of Common Terns nesting on the easternmost raft (John Archer).



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

4 July 2013, Saffron Avenue Pond: 2 Emperor Dragonflies, a mating pair of Azure Damselflies, lots of Red-eyed and Common Blue Damselflies (John Archer).



Red-eyed Damselfly on Saffron Avenue Pond (photo: John Archer)

2 July 2013, Tower of London: a Kestrel flew from Trinity Square Gardens past the Tower to the South Bank (John Colmans).

2 July 2013, East India Dock Basin: an adult Mediterranean Gull roosting with Black-headed Gulls on the island, 2 Little Ringed Plovers, now 4 pairs of Common Terns apparently nesting on the raft while the original pair are still feeding their 2 fledged young on the island (John Archer).



Mediterranean Gull (right) with Black-headed Gulls at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

2 July 2013, Mile End Park: a Whitethroat near New Globe Gardens appeared to be nesting nearby (Bob Watts).

1 July 2013, East India Dock Basin: the 2 young Common Terns have fledged and 2 more pairs are still incubating, 1 Sparrowhawk, 1 Egyptian Goose, 7 Swifts, 6 Sand Martins (Gary James).

June

30 June 2013, Isle of Dogs: a Curlew flew over Tiller Road at 9pm (Steve Stride).

30 June 2013, Victoria Park: 1 recently-emerged Black-tailed Skimmer dragonfly, about 10 Emperor Dragonflies, over 100 exuviae (empty nymph cases left behind when the adult insect emerges) of Common Darter, lots of Red-eyed, Common Blue, Azure and Blue-tailed Damselflies (Sulka Haro)



Black-tailed Skimmer in Victoria Park (photo: Sulka Haro)

26 June 2013, Shadwell Basin: an adult Common Tern with 2 chicks, a pair of Mute Swans with 2 cygnets, a pair of Coots on a nest, 1 juvenile Moorhen (John Archer).

26 June 2013, Hermitage Basin: 2+ Sand Martins, 2 House Martins, 2 Swifts, a pair of Coots with 1 juvenile (John Archer).

25 June 2013, Millwall Docks: a pair of Common Terns nesting on a raft on Inner Dock, a pair of Mute Swans with 4 cygnets on Outer Dock, 1 Great Crested Grebe, 6 Tufted Ducks, 3 pairs of Coots at nests (John Archer).

23 June 2013, Bow Creek: 1 Kestrel, 1 singing Linnet, 1 singing Blackcap, 1 Tufted Duck (Nick Tanner).

23 June 2013, East India Dock Basin: still 3 pairs of Common Terns (2 incubating and one with 3 chicks) on one raft and a fourth pair displaying on another raft, 102 Black-headed Gulls (all first summers), 1 Egyptian Goose, 2 Shelducks, 1 drake Teal, 22 Tufted Ducks, 14+ Sand Martins, 2 House Martins, 1 Pied Wagtail, 1 singing Reed Warbler, 1 singing Blackcap (Nick Tanner).

21 June 2013, Whitechapel: a female Kestrel flew north along Brick Lane (Matthew Cunningham).

21 June 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 moulting drake Teal, a pair of Common Terns still with 3 well-grown chicks and 2 more adults incubating on the same raft, 2 Shelducks, 9+ Sand Martins (John Archer).

20 June 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 Egyptian Goose, 1 Stock Dove, 8 Sand Martins, 10 House Martins (Gary James).

18 June 2013, Mile End Park: 3 plants which are very rare in London are flowering in the short turf on the Art Pavilion roof: Toothed Medick, Bur Medick and Knotted Clover. Another rare clover, Subterranean Clover, was found here earlier in the spring by John Swindells (John Archer).



Bur Medick (left) and Toothed Medick in Mile End Park (photos: John Archer)

17 June 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 Egyptian Goose, 3 pairs of Common Terns (one with 3 chicks, 2 incubating), 1 Kestrel, 5 Swifts, 9+ Sand Martins, 2 Pied Wagtails (an adult male and a juvenile), 4 singing Reed Warblers, 1 singing Blackcap, 4 Common Blue butterflies, several Burnet Companion moths (Nick Tanner & John Archer).

17 June 2013, Victoria Park: the pair of Red-crested Pochards still with 2 ducklings (JW Davies).

16 June 2013, Billingsgate Market: 11 Herring Gull chicks (probably 5 broods) and 2 adults still incubating, 11 Lesser Black-backed Gull chicks (5 or 6 broods) and 1 adult still incubating, all on the roofs (Matt Reed).

16 June 2013, Blackwall Basin: 6 Common Terns including a pair with 2 chicks, a pair of Canada Geese with 6 goslings, a pair of Great Crested Grebes with 2 chicks, a pair of Dunnocks feeding young (Matt Reed).

16 June 2013, Bow Creek: 1 Kestrel, 2 Tufted Ducks, 1 Reed Warbler, 1 Blackcap, 1 Whitethroat (Nick Tanner).

16 June 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 female Kestrel, 3 pairs of Common Terns (one with 3 chicks, 2 incubating), 6+ Sand Martins, 1 Pied Wagtail, 2 Reed Warblers, 1 Blackcap (Nick Tanner).

16 June 2013, West India Docks: a pair of Great Crested Grebes with 2 young and a Goldfinch carrying nest material near Wood Wharf (Matt Reed).

12 June 2013, Bow Creek: 2 Linnets, 1 Whitethroat, 1 Blackcap, 1 Reed Warbler (Nick Tanner).

12 June 2013, East India Dock Basin: the pair of Common Terns have 3 well-grown young (the third must have been hiding on previous visits) and a second pair appear to be nesting on the same raft, also 4+ Sand Martins, 50 Tufted Ducks, 2 Reed Warblers (John Archer & Nick Tanner).



Common Tern family on East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

11 June 2013, Mile End Park: 12 Swifts, 2 House Martins (Bob Watts).

11 June 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Swifts, 2 House Martins (Bob Watts).

8 June 2013, Poplar Recreation Ground: a Hobby overhead, chasing a House Martin (Nick Tanner).

8 June 2013, Victoria Park: 1 Banded Demoiselle, 3 Red-eyed Damselflies, hundreds of Blue-tailed Damselflies, dozens of Azure Damselflies and Common Blue Damselflies (Sulka Haro).

7 June 2013, Saffron Avenue Pond: 1 male House Sparrow, about 20 Red-eyed Damselflies (John Archer).

6 June 2013, Millwall Park: a patch of Knotted Clover at the south end of the main meadow, probably the first record in the borough of this plant which is scarce in London (John Archer & John Swindells).



Knotted Clover in Millwall Park (photo: John Archer)

5 June 2013, Cable Street Community Garden: 4+ Large Red Damselflies around the pond (John Archer & Jane Sill).



Large Red Damselflies at Cable Street Community Garden (photos: John Archer)

5 June 2013, Bethnal Green Nature Reserve: 1 Brimstone butterfly, 1 Holly Blue (John Archer).

5 June 2013, East India Dock Basin: 2 Great Crested Grebes (1 on the Basin, 1 on the Thames), 2 Egyptian Geese, 2 Little Ringed Plovers, 2 Sand Martins, 5 House Martins, 1 Mistle Thrush (Gary James).

5 June 2013, Shadwell Basin: a pair of Common Terns at a nest on the raft, 2 Sand Martins, 1 House Martin, 5 Swifts, 12 large Carp and 2 large Bream (John Archer).

4 June 2013, Victoria Park (West Lake): a pair of Red-crested Pochards with 2 ducklings, a pair of Egyptian Geese with 5 goslings, 14 Greylag Geese, 20+ Swifts, 2 House Martins (Bob Watts).

4 June 2013, East India Dock Basin: 2 Sand Martins are the first here since April, 1 Common Blue butterfly (John Archer).

3 June 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Swallow flew over (Bob Watts).

3 June 2013, Saffron Avenue Pond: 2 Red-eyed Damselflies, 1 Common Blue Damselfly, the second pair of Coots have 2 young (John Archer).

3 June 2013, East India Dock Basin: the pair of Common Terns have 2 chicks, 2 Egyptian Geese (John Archer).

2 June 2013, Victoria Park: about 15 Common Darter dragonflies emerging at West Lake, also loads of Blue-tailed Damselflies and a few Azure Damselflies (Sulka Haro).

2 June 2013, Bow Creek: 3 Shelducks, 2 singing Blackcaps, 2 singing Reed Warblers (Nick Tanner).

2 June 2013, East India Dock Basin: the pair of Common Terns have at least 1 chick and there were 4 more adults on another raft, 1 male Brimstone butterfly, 1 Holly Blue, 1 Great Crested Grebe, 4 Shelducks, 35 Tufted Ducks, 2 Linnets, 4 singing Reed Warblers, 2 singing Blackcaps (Nick Tanner).

1 June 2013, Victoria Park: a recently-emerged male Red-veined Darter dragonfly on West Lake - this is a rare species in Britain, and the first ever Tower Hamlets record (Sulka Haro).



Red-veined Darter at Victoria Park (photo: Sulka Haro)

1 June 2013, Poplar High Street: a Peregrine flew over (Nick Tanner).

1 June 2013, Canary Wharf: 3 Swifts (Nick Tanner).

May

31 May 2013, Buxton Street E1: a Slow-worm seen and filmed as the side of the road by Allen Gardens - this is the first confirmed record of a native reptile in Tower Hamlets in recent years (Julian Wilson).



Slow-worm on Buxton Street (videograb: Julian Wilson)

31 May 2013, East India Dock Basin: 2 Egyptian Geese, 1 Swallow (Gary James).

30 May 2013, Lindley Street E1: a Dewick's Plusia moth, a rare migrant to Britain, on a lavender bush in a front garden. The moth was retained overnight for photography and will be released in Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park on 31 May (Terry Lyle).



Dewick's Plusia (photo: Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park)

30 May 2013, St Katharine's Dock: 3 Egyptian Geese, 2 Greylag Geese, 2 Canada Geese, lots of Swifts and a few House Martins (Paul Whiteman).

30 May 2013, East India Dock Basin: the meadow is looking very colourful, with lots of Salsify in flower along with Oxeye Daisy and Hedgerow Cranesbill. Birds much the same as recently, but the Great Crested Grebe is back (John Archer).



Salsify at East India Dock Basin (photos: John Archer)

30 May 2013, Wapping High Street: a Greylag Goose sitting in a window box was a bizarre sight (Paul Whiteman).

30 May 2013, Shadwell Basin: 1 Ring-necked Parakeet flew over, a few Common Terns over the basin and nearby Thames, several House Martins and Swifts (Paul Whiteman).

30 May 2013, Limehouse Basin: 2 Swifts; there have been up to 10 Swifts in the area for the last 2 weeks (Paul Hyland)

28 May 2013, East India Dock Basin: a pair of Common Terns still nesting on a raft, 2 Shelducks, 35+ Tufted Ducks (including the [female with a Portuguese nasal saddle](#)), 1 singing Reed Bunting (John Archer).

27 May 2013, Victoria Park: a pair of Red-crested Pochards with 2 ducklings on West Lake, 3 possible Variable Damselflies, 2 Azure Damselflies, 6 Blue-tailed Damselflies and a drake Mandarin Duck on East Lake, a pair of Great Spotted Woodpeckers feeding young in a nest in East Park (Sulka Haro, Jan Dobbie & JC).



Red-crested Pochard family (photo: JC) and possible Variable Damselfly (photo: Sulka Haro) in Victoria Park

21 May 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Ringed Plover (John Archer).

21 May 2013, Mudchute: a Reed Warbler singing in dry scrub (rare here because of the lack of reed beds), 2 singing Blackcaps, 1 Ring-necked Parakeet (John Archer).

20 May 2013, East India Dock Basin: 30 Swifts and 2 Swallows flew north, 1 Collared Dove (the first record this year), the female Tufted Duck with a [Portuguese nasal saddle](#) is back again among 38+ Tufted Ducks, the Great Crested Grebe and drake Teal still present, 4 Shelducks, 4 Common Terns, 1 Reed Bunting, 2+ singing Reed Warblers, 1 female Blackcap (Gary James & John Archer).



Great Crested Grebe at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

17 May 2013, Limehouse E14: 50+ Swifts flew north at 3.30pm (Paul Hyland).

17 May 2013, Limehouse Basin: an adult Mute Swan with 6 cygnets (no sign of the other adult), 2 Sand Martins entering holes in the wall, 6 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).



Mute Swan family at Limehouse Basin (photo: John Archer)

17 May 2013, East India Dock Basin: 20 Swifts flew south at lunchtime (the first here this year), 2 Egyptian Geese, 1 Great Crested Grebe, 1 drake Teal, 2 Shelducks, 56 Tufted Ducks, 6 Common Terns (including a pair apparently nesting on a raft), 4 singing Reed Warblers, 1 male Reed Bunting (John Archer & Jo Dowle).

17 May 2013, Cable Street: 40+ Swifts screaming overhead mid-morning (John Archer).

16 May 2013, Limehouse Basin: a pair of Mute Swans with 6 cygnets, 1 Common Tern (Richard Harrison).

15 May 2013, East India Dock Basin: the Great Crested Grebe still present, 1 singing Reed Bunting, 1 drake Teal, 2 Greylag Geese, 4 Shelducks, 2 Mute Swans, 47 Tufted Ducks, 2 pairs of Common Terns, 2 singing Blackcaps, 3 singing Reed Warblers (John Archer).

14 May 2013, Mile End: a Red Kite flew over Burdett Road (Steve Stride).

13 May 2013, Limehouse: a Common Porpoise swam up the Thames at 5.20pm (Paul Hyland).

12 May 2013, Victoria Park: 1 Azure Damselfly by East Lake (Sulka Haro).

11 May 2013, Victoria Park: 1 possible Variable Damselfly by East Lake (this hard-to-identify species has never been recorded in Tower Hamlets) (Sulka Haro).

11 May 2013, Blackwall Basin: 11 Common Terns on one raft, a Greylag Goose possibly nesting, and 4 Herring Gull and 5 Lesser Black-backed Gull nests on the roof of an industrial building just south of the Basin (Matt Reed).

10 May 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 Great Crested Grebe, a very scarce bird here since the basin became so silted, and a Great Black-backed Gull eating a large Eel. (John Archer).



Great Black-backed Gull eating Eel at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

10 May 2013, Isle of Dogs: 2 or 3 Common Terns, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 1 Swift, 1 Swallow, 2 Mistle Thrushes, 2 Long-tailed Tits (Richard Harrison).

9 May 2013, East India Dock Basin: a Common Porpoise swam upriver at 1.15pm, 6 Shelducks, 54 Tufted Ducks (including the [female with a Portuguese nasal saddle](#)), 4 Common Terns, 2 Mute Swans, 1 singing Blackcap (John Archer).

8 May 2013, Bow Creek: 2 Common Sandpipers, 1 Shelduck (Nick Tanner).

8 May 2013, Saffron Avenue Pond: a pair of Coots with 3 well-grown young, 1 Common Tern fishing (John Archer).



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

8 May 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 Green-veined White butterfly, 6 Shelducks, 66 Tufted Ducks (including the [female with a Portuguese nasal saddle](#)), a pair of Common Terns defending a raft, 3 singing Blackcaps, 1 singing Reed Warbler (John Archer & Nick Tanner).

6 May 2013, Poplar: a Green Woodpecker flew east past Newby Place (Nick Tanner).

6 May 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 Speckled Wood butterfly, 3 Shelducks, 44 Tufted Ducks, 5 Common Terns propsecting the rafts, 1 Sand Martin, 1 singing Reed Warbler, 5 singing Blackcaps, 1 female Whitethroat (Nick Tanner).

6 May 2013, Bow Creek: a pair of Canada Geese with 6 goslings, 2 Greylag Geese, 3 Shelducks, 1 Common Sandpiper, 2 Stock Doves, 1 singing Reed Warbler, 1 singing Blackcap, 1 Speckled Wood butterfly (Nick Tanner).

5 May 2013, West India Docks: 1 singing Black Redstart (Nick Tanner).

5 May 2013, Victoria Park: about 50 newly-emerged Large Red Damselflies all over East Lake (Sulka Haro).

5 May 2013, Bethnal Green Nature Reserve (St Jude's): 1 singing Blackcap (Ingrid Chen).

5 May 2013, Mudchute: 1 singing Chiffchaff, about 10 singing Blackcaps, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 1 Jay, 2 Mistle Thrushes, 1 Monk Parakeet, 4 Ring-necked Parakeets (John Archer and 7 participants on the Dawn Chorus Walk).

4 May 2013, Victoria Park: 1 Red-crested Pochard, 1 Mandarin, 1 Pochard, 2 Little Grebes, 20 Tufted Ducks, 4 Mute Swans, 2 Greylag Geese, 5 Stock Doves, 3 Ring-necked Parakeets, 1 Green Woodpecker, 3 Jays, 1 Swallow, 1 Reed Warbler, 2 Blackcaps, 1 Goldcrest, 3 Large Red Damselflies (David Darrell-Lambert and participants on the Bird Barmy Army walk).



Large Red Damselfly at Victoria Park (photo: David Darrell-Lambert)

4 May 2013, East India Dock Basin: 3 Shelducks, 57 Tufted Ducks, 6 Common Terns, 2 Reed Warblers, 1 Lesser Whitethroat (David Darrell-Lambert).

3 May 2013, Victoria Park: 6 Large Red Damselflies around East Lake, including several recently-emerged and one emerging (Sulka Haro).



emerging Large Red Damselfly at Victoria Park (photo: Sulka Haro)

3 May 2013, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 3 Whitethroats, 3 Blackcaps, 8 Reed Warblers, 1 Little Ringed Plover, 5 Common Terns, 1 Sand Martin, 1 Great Black-backed Gull (Paul Hyland).

April

29 April 2013, East India Dock Basin: 2 Little Ringed Plovers (Geoff Harding).

28 April 2013, Victoria Park: 1 male Large Red Damselfly beside East Lake (Sulka Haro).



Large Red Damselfly in Victoria Park (photo: Sulka Haro)

28 April 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 male Kestrel, 1 Little Ringed Plover, 2 Canada Geese, 2 Shelducks, 51 Tufted Ducks (including the [female with a Portuguese nasal saddle](#)), 2 Common Terns, 1 singing Reed Warbler, 3 singing Blackcaps, 2 Whitethroats, 2 Linnets (Nick Tanner).

28 April 2013, Bow Creek: 2 Greylag Geese, 7 Canada Geese, 4 Shelducks, 4 Common Sandpipers, 1 singing Sedge Warbler, 2 singing Reed Warblers, 2 singing Blackcaps, 2 Whitethroats, 1 Jay (Nick Tanner).

27 April 2013, Mudchute: 2 Lesser Whitethroats, 4 Whitethroats, 3 Blackcaps, 1 Willow Warbler (Sean Huggins).

27 April 2013, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 8+ Whitethroats, 1 Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Blackcaps, 3 Sedge Warblers, 2 Common Sandpipers, 6 Common Terns (Paul Hyland).

26 April 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 singing Lesser Whitethroat, 5+ Whitethroats, 1 singing Blackcap, 1 Willow Warbler, 1 Mute Swan, 2 Shelducks, 57 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

26 April 2013, Mudchute: 5 Swallows, 2 singing Willow Warblers, about 12 Blackcaps, 1 Whitethroat, 1 Ring-necked Parakeet, 4+ Monk Parakeets (John Archer).

25 April 2013, Limehouse: 2 Dulin flew east along the Thames at 8.30am, 2 Shelducks flew east at 9.05am, 2 House Martins (Paul Hyland).

24 April 2013, Limehouse Basin: 1 Sand Martin (Ruichard Harrison).

24 April 2013, Bow Creek: 1 Holly Blue butterfly, 1 Sedge Warbler, 1 singing Reed Warbler, 1 Wheatear on the Leamouth Peninsula development site, 1 Swallow flew north, 1 Sparrowhawk, 1 Kestrel, 5 Common Sandpipers, 1 Teal (John Archer).

24 April 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 Comma, 2 Peacock butterflies, 2 Common Terns, 1 Sand Martin, 1 Sparrowhawk, 2 singing Willow Warblers, 34 Tufted Ducks (including the [female with a Portuguese nasal saddle](#)), 2 Shelducks (Jo Dowle & John Archer).

24 April 2013, Millwall & West India Docks: 1 singing Black Redstart, 1 Little Grebe, 1 Shelduck flew east at 7am, 3+ Common Terns, 10 Great Crested Grebes, 4 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

24 April 2013, Millwall Park: 2 Monk Parakeets collecting nest material, 2 Ring-necked Parakeets, 2 singing Blackcaps, a pair of Mistle Thrushes defending a nest from a Crow, lots of spring bulbs flowering (John Archer).

22 April 2013, Brookesley Street E3: a large colony of Rue-leaved Saxifrage outside the east side of number 21 (Ken Greenway).



Rue-leaved Saxifrage outside 21 Brookesley Street (photo: Ken Greenway)

21 April 2013, East India Dock Basin: 8 Shelducks, 27 Tufted Ducks (including the [female with a Portuguese nasal saddle](#)), 1 Blackcap, 1 Whitethroat, 2 Jays (Nick Tanner).

21 April 2013, Bow Creek: 4 Teal, 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 Willow Warbler (Nick Tanner).

20 April 2013, East India Dock Basin: a male Kestrel caught a small rodent, 2 Blackcaps, 1 Willow Warbler, 1 Jay (Nick Tanner).

19 April 2013, Victoria Park: 1 drake Pochard x Tufted Duck hybrid, 1 Little Grebe, 2 Egyptian Geese, 2 Great Spotted Woodpeckers, 10 Willow Warblers, 1 Blackcap (Richard Drew).

19 April 2013, East India Dock Basin: a female Redstart (the second ever record for the site), 6 Willow Warblers, 1 Chiffchaff, 39 Tufted Ducks (including the [female with a Portuguese nasal saddle](#)), 4 Shelducks (John Archer).

19 April 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 singing Willow Warbler, 2 singing Chiffchaffs, 1 Green Woodpecker calling (Bob Watts).

18 April 2013, Victoria Park: a Red Kite flew over at 7.15am (Jean-Paul Elmes).

17 April 2013, Victoria Park (West Lake): 1 drake Pochard x Tufted Duck hybrid, 2 drake Red-crested Pochards still (but no sign of the female), 11 Pochards, 2 Little Grebes, 2 Egyptian Geese, 1 singing Willow Warbler (John Archer).



Pochard x Tufted Duck hybrid in Victoria Park (photo: John Archer)

17 April 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a pair of Sparrowhawks over the park, 1 singing Willow Warbler on Ackroyd Drive Greenlink (Neal Hurst).

16 April 2013, Limehouse: an Oystercatcher flew east along the Thames at 8am (Steve Stride).

16 April 2013, Victoria Park: 3 Red-crested Pochards, 6 Pochards, 1 drake Mandarin, a pair of Green Woodpeckers prospecting a nest site on the island in East Lake, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker drumming, 1 Sparrowhawk, 1 singing Mistle Thrush, 1 Wren nest-building in the Community Garden (Jan Dobbie).

16 April 2013, East India Dock Basin: 2 Egyptian Geese, 2 Greylag Geese, 23 Canada Geese, 14 Shelducks, 41 Tufted Ducks (including the [female with a Portuguese nasal saddle](#)), 1 singing Blackcap, 2 Willow Warblers, 1 Chiffchaff (John Archer & Nick Tanner).



Egyptian Geese on East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

16 April 2013, Bow Creek: 3 House Martins, 1 Wheatear (on the Leamouth Peninsula development site), 1 Kestrel, 1 Whitethroat, 3 Blackcaps, 5+ Willow Warblers, 2+ Chiffchaffs, 2 Stock Doves (on the Leamouth Peninsula development site), 1 Reed Bunting, 7 Common Sandpipers, 2 Redshanks, 3 Teal (John Archer & Nick Tanner).

16 April 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 singing Blackcap, 3 Chiffchaffs (Bob Watts).

15 April 2013, Poplar Dock: a Nightingale singing at lunchtime in the shrub belt opposite McDonald's, also 1 Whitethroat, 3 Blackcaps, 2+ Willow Warblers and 2+ Chiffchaffs in the same scrub, 5 Tufted Ducks on the dock (John Archer & Jonathan Lethbridge).

15 April 2013, Victoria Park: 3 Red-crested Pochards, 3 Pochards, 1 Little Grebe, 28 Tufted Ducks, 1 Egyptian Goose, 1 Sparrowhawk, 1 singing Willow Warbler, 1 singing Chiffchaff all on or around West Lake (John Archer). 1 Blackcap and 4 Willow Warblers around East Lake (Richard Drew).



Red-crested Pochards in Victoria Park (photo: John Archer)

15 April 2013, East India Dock Basin: 2 Sand Martins, 10+ Willow Warblers, 2+ Chiffchaffs, 2 Whitethroats, 2 Blackcaps, 1 Jay, 1 Little Ringed Plover, 55 Tufted Ducks (including the [female with a Portuguese nasal saddle](#)), 2 Greylag Geese, 2 Shelducks (John Archer, Nick Tanner & Jo Dowle).

15 April 2013, Bow Creek: several Blackcaps, Willow Warblers and Chiffchaffs, 5 Teal, 5 Common Sandpipers, 2 Redshanks (Stuart Fisher & Nick Tanner).

15 April 2013, Saffron Avenue E14: 2 male Blackcaps, 1 Willow Warbler (Jo Dowle & John Archer).

15 April 2013, Mile End Park: 1 Willow Warbler but no sign of any Waxwings (Bob Watts).

14 April 2013, East India Dock Basin: 3 Common Terns, 1 Meadow Pipit flew south, 2 Greylag Geese, 2 Shelducks, 46 Tufted Ducks (including the [female with a Portuguese nasal saddle](#)) (Nick Tanner).

14 April 2013, Bow Creek: 2 Willow Warblers, 1 Chiffchaff, 3 Linnets, 1 Stock Dove, 4 Shelducks, 11 Teal, 5 Common Sandpipers, 2 Redshanks (Nick Tanner).

13 April 2013, Sugar Loaf Walk E2: 18 Ring-necked Parakeets flew over at dusk (Nick Tanner).

13 April 2013, Limehouse Basin: a pair of Grey Wagtails prospecting nest sites, 20 Tufted Ducks (Nick Tanner).

13 April 2013, East India Dock Basin: 71 Tufted Ducks (including the [female with a Portuguese nasal saddle](#) - the highest count here for over 5 years), 5 Shelducks (Nick Tanner).

13 April 2013, Bow Creek: 1 Wheatear on the Leamouth Peninsula, just 14 Teal (they're finally departing to their breeding grounds further north), 5 Shelducks, 6 Common Sandpipers, 2 Redshanks (Nick Tanner).

12 April 2013, Mile End Park: 30+ Waxwings still by canal between Hockey Courts and Mile End Road early morning, 1 male Blackcap (Bob Watts).

11 April 2013, Victoria Park: 3 Red-crested Pochards, 25 Fieldfares, 5+ Redwings, 3 Chiffchaffs, 3 Mistle Thrushes, 2 Egyptian Geese, a pair of Long-tailed Tits nest-building (Jan Dobbie, Jo Dowle & Richard Drew).

11 April 2013, Mile End Park: 41 Waxwings still by canal between the hockey courts and Mile End Road at 8am, and intermittently in the area throughout the day. Also 1 male Blackcap, 1 singing Goldcrest, 2 Redwings, 1 Sparrowhawk (Bob Watts, Charlie Farrell et al).

10 April 2013, Victoria Park: 6 Waxwings by Jubilee Gate, 3 Red-crested Pochards (Richard Drew).

10 April 2013, Mile End Park: 41 Waxwings again by the canal between the hockey courts and Mile End Road at 6pm though moving around a lot, also 7 Ring-necked Parakeets (John Archer).

10 April 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 singing Chiffchaff (Bob Watts).

10 April 2013, East India Dock Basin: 21 Shelducks (plus 2 on the former Pura Foods site), 32 Teal, 41 Tufted Ducks (including the [female with a Portuguese nasal saddle](#)), 1 singing Chiffchaff (John Archer).

9 April 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 singing Mistle Thrush, 7 Ring-necked Parakeets (Bob Watts).

8 April 2013, Mile End Park: 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Kestrel but no sign of any Waxwings (Bob Watts).

8 April 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 12+ Redwings, 2-3 pairs of Stock Doves, 1 singing Goldcrest (Bob Watts).

7 April 2013, Bow: a male Blackcap (present since mid-December) and a Goldcrest in a private garden (Harry Harrison).

5 April 2013, Victoria Park: 3 Red-crested Pochards, 1 Little Grebe, 2 Goldcrests, several Long-tailed Tits, 1 Mistle Thrush, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker (Jan Dobbie).

5 April 2013, Mile End Park: 41 Waxwings beside the Regent's Canal near the hockey pitches at 8.15am, though moving around quite a lot. Later 22 by Ecology Pavilion briefly mid-afternoon. Also 1 Chiffchaff, 1 singing Goldcrest. (Bob Watts).



Waxwings in Mile End Park (photo John Archer)

4 April 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 female Black Redstart, 2 Mistle Thrushes, 1 Kestrel, 15 Shelducks, 24 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

4 April 2013, Mile End Park: about 30 Waxwings beside the Regent's Canal at 1.45pm (Neil Bowman).

2 April 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 female Kestrel, 4 Shelducks, 1 Teal, 24 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

1 April 2013, Victoria Park: 70 Fieldfares, 18 Redwings, 8 Mistle Thrushes, 2 Song Thrushes, 33 Blackbirds (Harry Harrison).

1 April 2013, Bow Creek: 3 Shelducks, 380 Teal, 6 Common Sandpipers, 5 Redshanks (Nick Tanner).

1 April 2013, East India Dock Basin: a female Black Redstart on Orchard Wharf, 1 Kestrel, 18 Shelducks, 32 Teal, 1 Little Ringed Plover, 30 Tufted Ducks (Nick Tanner & Charlie Farrell).

March

31 March 2013, East India Dock Basin: 3 Little Ringed Plovers, 13 Shelducks, 10 Teal, 28 Tufted Ducks (Nick Tanner).

31 March 2013, Bow Creek: 2 Shelducks, 358 Teal, 5 Common Sandpipers, 5 Redshanks, 1 Chiffchaff (Nick Tanner).

31 March 2013, Mudchute: 9 Redwings, 6 Siskins, 2 House Sparrows (Harry Harrison).

30 March 2013, East India Dock Basin: 2 Little Ringed Plovers, 22 Shelducks, 9 Teal, 26 Tufted Ducks (Nick Tanner).

30 March 2013, Bow Creek: 2 Stock Doves on the Leamouth Peninsula (the first record in the area this year), 2 Shelducks, 1 Tufted Duck, 340 Teal, 5 Common Sandpipers, 7 Redshanks, 1 Grey Wagtail (Nick Tanner).

29 March 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 female Black Redstart by Virginia Quay, 2 Little Ringed Plovers, 13 Shelducks, 4 Teal, 23 Tufted Ducks (Nick Tanner & Gary James).

29 March 2013, Bow Creek: 1 Reed Bunting, 2 Shelducks, 348 Teal, 1 Tufted Duck, 5 Common Sandpipers, 7 Redshanks, 1 large pale hybrid falcon (presumably an escaped falconer's bird) (Nick Tanner & Gary James).

28 March 2013, Mudchute: 1 Chiffchaff, 12 Siskins, 8 Redwings, 8 Fieldfares (John Archer & Nick Tanner).

28 March 2013, Millwall Docks: 22 Tufted Ducks (including the [female with a Portuguese nasal saddle](#)), 8 Great Crested Grebes including a pair displaying (John Archer & Nick Tanner).



Tufted Ducks including female Red-1 at Millwall Dock (photo: John Archer)

28 March 2013, East India Dock Basin: 2 Mistle Thrushes, 1 Jay, 12 Shelducks, 3 Teal, 24 Tufted Ducks (Nick Tanner).

28 March 2013, Bow Creek: 2 Shelducks, 365 Teal, 1 Tufted Duck, 5 Common Sandpipers, 7 Redshanks (Nick Tanner).

28 March 2013, Tower of London: a pair of Greenfinches nest-building (Paul Whiteman).

26 March 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Ringed Plover, 7 first-winter Great Black-backed Gulls fighting over a dead Teal, though it's not clear whether they killed it, 15 Shelducks, 160 Teal, 14 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

25 March 2013, Tower Bridge: an adult Kittiwake flew down the Thames towards Wapping about 9am, one of a number of records of this usually maritime gull around London recently (Rare Bird Alert).

25 March 2013, Mudchute: about 25 clumps of frogspawn in the wildlife pond, 8+ Monk Parakeets, 10 Redwings (John Archer).

25 March 2013, Millwall Park: 2 Ring-necked Parakeets, 2 Mistle Thrushes (John Archer).

23 March 2013, Victoria Park: 7 Pochards (Matt Reed).

23 March 2013, East India Dock Basin: an adult Yellow-legged Gull on the River Thames, 23 Shelducks, 82 Teal, 15 Tufted Ducks, 1 Chiffchaff (Nick Tanner).

23 March 2013, Bow Creek: 2 Oystercatchers (the first this year), 5 Linnets, 2 Shelducks, 191 Teal, 2 Common Sandpipers, 1 Redshank (Nick Tanner).

22 March 2013, Hertford Union Canal: 1 Mandarin Duck (Tony Valsamidis).

22 March 2013, Victoria Park: 1 Little Grebe giving its territorial call, 4 Shovelers, 4 Pochards, 25 Tufted Ducks, 1 Egyptian Goose, 11 Greylag Geese, 9 Canada Geese, a pair of Mute Swans at a nest, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 35 Fieldfares, 3 Mistle Thrushes, 4 Pied Wagtails (John Archer).

20 March 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Song Thrush (the first this year), 9+ Redwings (Bob Watts).

17 March 2013, Bow Creek: 2 Shelducks, 229 Teal, 4 Common Sandpipers, 9 Redshanks (Nick Tanner).

17 March 2013, East India Dock Basin: 36 Tufted Ducks (including the [female with a Portuguese nasal saddle](#)), 3 Canada Geese, 7 Shelducks, 28 Teal (Nick Tanner).

16 March 2013, Bow Locks: 1 Grey Wagtail by the lock, 13 Shelducks and lots of Teal on the River Lea south of the lock, 1 Kestrel by Bromley-by-Bow station (Chris Elders & Rich Horwood).

13 March 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 4 Goldcrests including 2 singing and displaying males, a pair of Stock Doves displaying, 1 Redwing (Bob Watts).

12 March 2013, Canary Wharf: a Peregrine over Bank Street (Nick Croft).

10 March 2013, East India Dock Basin: an Egyptian Goose was only the third ever recorded here, also 9 Shelducks, 77 Teal, 20 Tufted Ducks, 1 Chiffchaff (Nick Tanner & Paul Hyland).



Egyptian Goose at East India Dock Basin (photo: Nick Tanner)

10 March 2013, Bow Creek: 219 Teal, 7 Redshanks, 4 Common Sandpipers (Nick Tanner).

7 March 2013, East India Dock Basin: 6+ Siskins feeding in alders in the south-east corner, 4 Shelducks, 30+ Teal, 30+ Tufted Ducks, 4 Canada Geese (John Archer).

6 March 2013, Victoria Park: 3 Red-crested Pochards (2 drakes and a duck) on West Lake (Jan Dobbie).

6 March 2013, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 20 Canada Geese, 12 Shelducks, 226 Teal, 38 Tufted Ducks, 1 female Peregrine, 2 Common Sandpipers, 8 Redshanks (Nick Tanner).

5 March 2013, Victoria Park: 1 Smooth Newt and lots of Common Frogs in the west of the park (Ken Greenway).



Common Frog in Victoria Park (photo: Ken Greenway)

5 March 2013, Mile End Park: 3 Comma butterflies (John Swindells).

5 March 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the sunshine brought plenty of butterflies, with at least 5 Commas, 3 Brimstones and a Red Admiral. Also 2 singing Goldcrests, and 2 Collared Doves flew east in the morning (Terry Lyle & Bob Watts).

5 March 2013, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 11 Shelducks, 118 Teal, 4 Redshanks, 1 Common Sandpiper (Garry James).

4 March 2013, Tower Hill station: 1 singing Black Redstart (Phil Laurie).

4 March 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Common Buzzard flew south at 1.15pm (Bob Watts).

3 March 2013, East India Dock Basin: 3 Greylag Geese, 7 Canada Geese, 10 Shelducks, 38 Teal, 24 Tufted Ducks (Nick Tanner).

3 March 2013, Bow Creek: 2 Peregrines, 357 Teal, 4 Common Sandpipers, 13 Redshanks, 1 Chiffchaff (Nick Tanner).

3 March 2013, Victoria Park: 5 Shovelers, 5 Pochards, 1 Little Grebe, 2 Mute Swans, 15 Greylag Geese, 30 Canada Geese, 2 Egyptian Geese, 31 Tufted Ducks, 200+ Black-headed Gulls, 1 singing Stock Dove (Nick Tanner).

2 March 2013, East India Dock Basin: 22 Shelducks, 44 Teal, 29 Tufted Ducks (Nick Tanner).

2 March 2013, Bow Creek: 1 Peregrine, 358 Teal, 5 Common Sandpipers, 12 Redshanks, 1 Grey Wagtail, 2 Pied Wagtails, 2 Linnets (Nick Tanner).

2 March 2013, Victoria Park: 3 Little Grebes, 5 Pochards, c10 Tufted Ducks, 1 Egyptian Goose, 4 Greylag Geese, 3 Canada Geese, 2 Mute Swans, 60+ Cormorants flying over, 11 Stock Doves, 3 Great Spotted Woodpeckers, 5 Ring-necked Parakeets, 1 Jay, 4 Goldcrests, c20 Fieldfares, 1 Siskin (David Darrell-Lambert and participants on the Bird Barmy Army dawn chorus walk).

1 March 2013, Mudchute: 1 Siskin, about 10 Fieldfares, about 10 Redwings, about 20 Chaffinches, 1 Goldcrest, 1 Jay, and lots of spring flowers out including Snowdrops, Primrose, Sweet Violet, Wild Plum, Crocuses and Daffodils (John Archer, Nick Golson, John Swindells & Justine Aw).



Primrose (left) and Sweet Violet at Mudchute (photos: Justine Aw)

1 March 2013, East India Dock Basin: 2 Mistle Thrushes in the Copse (the first record here for 2 years), 14 Shelducks, 20+ Tufted Ducks, 5 Teal (John Archer).



Mistle Thrush at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

February

- 28 February 2013, Canary Wharf: 2 Peregrines over Bank Street (Nick Croft).
- 28 February 2013, Meath Gardens: 3+ Redwings, 1 Mistle Thrush (John Archer).
- 28 February 2013, Tower of London: 20+ House Sparrows (John Archer).
- 26 February 2013, East India Dock Basin: 28 Tufted Ducks (including the [female with Portuguese nasal saddle Red-1](#)), 19 Shelducks, 14 Teal (John Archer).
- 25 February 2013, East India Dock Basin: 27 Shelducks, 27 Teal, 25 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).
- 25 February 2013, Bow Creek: 170 Teal, 11 Redshanks, 2 Common Sandpipers (John Archer).
- 24 February 2013, East India Dock Basin: 10 Shelducks, 7 Teal, 27 Tufted Ducks (Nick Tanner).
- 24 February 2013, Bow Creek: 256 Teal, 1 Common Sandpiper, 4 Redshanks (Nick Tanner).
- 23 February 2013, River Lea at Three Mill Lane: 2 Gadwall (Nick Tanner).
- 23 February 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kingfisher, 190 Teal, 20 Shelducks, 28 Tufted Ducks (Nick Tanner).
- 23 February 2013, Bow Creek: 1 Kingfisher, 2 Linnets, 3 Common Sandpipers, 14 Redshanks, 207 Teal (Nick Tanner).
- 22 February 2013, Victoria Park: 1 drake Pochard, 27 Tufted Ducks, 1 Little Grebe, 2 Mute Swans, 13 Greylag Geese, 14 Canada Geese, 1 Grey Heron, 55 Coots (John Archer).
- 21 February 2013, Regent's Canal in Mile End: 1 Grey Wagtail by Salmon Lane Lock (Phil Laurie).
- 19 February 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the sunshine brought out the first butterfly of the year, a Red Admiral (Terry Lyle). Also 6+ Redwings (Bob Watts).
- 17 February 2013, East India Dock Basin: 3 Greylag Geese, 9 Canada Geese, 12 Shelducks, 6 Teal (Nick Tanner).
- 17 February 2013, Bow Creek: 1 Great Crested Grebe, 322 Teal, 2 Common Sandpipers, 12 Redshanks (Nick Tanner).
- 17 February 2013, All Saints Churchyard, Poplar: 1 singing Chaffinch, 1 singing Goldfinch (Nick Tanner).
- 16 February 2013, Blackwall Basin: 2 Great Crested Grebes (Nick Tanner).
- 16 February 2013, East India Dock Basin: 14 Canada Geese, 19 Shelducks, 3 Teal, 27 Tufted Ducks (Nick Tanner).
- 16 February 2013, Bow Creek: 307 Teal, 5 Common Sandpipers, 18 Redshanks (Nick Tanner).
- 15 February 2013, Tredegar Square, Bow: 1 singing Goldcrest (Bob Watts).
- 15 February 2013, Victoria Park: 2 drake Shovelers, 4 Pochards, 32 Tufted Ducks, 3 Mute Swans, 8 Greylag Geese, 16 Canada Geese, 1 Green Woodpecker (John Archer).
- 14 February 2013, Limehouse Cut: 2 Little Grebes just south of Bow Common Lane (John Archer).

14 February 2013, Limehouse Basin: 31 Tufted Ducks, 2 Canada Geese, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

14 February 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 Redshank, 23 Shelducks, 5 Teal, 28 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

13 February 2013, East India Dock Basin: a male Kestrel displaying over the Basin, 17 Shelducks, 2 Teal, 27 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

13 February 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a male Sparrowhawk displaying, 1 Chiffchaff (Bob Watts).

11 February 2013, East India Dock Basin: 30 Shelducks, 26 Teal, 21 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

11 February 2011, Bow Creek: 2 Common Sandpipers, 17 Redshanks, 250 Teal, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

10 February 2013, East India Dock Basin: 18 Shelducks, 19 Teal, 26 Tufted Ducks (Nick Tanner).

10 February 2013, Bow Creek: 360 Teal, 1 male Kestrel, an escaped hybrid falcon, 4 Common Sandpipers, 12 Redshanks, 1 Reed Bunting (Nick Tanner).

9 February 2013, Hermitage Basin: 1 drake Shoveler, 5 Tufted Ducks (Nick Tanner).

9 February 2013, Shadwell Basin: 2 Egyptian Geese, 3 Tufted Ducks (Nick Tanner).

9 February 2013, Limehouse Basin: 21 Tufted Ducks (Nick Tanner).

9 February 2013, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 509 Teal, 29 Tufted Ducks, 9 Shelducks, 1 Peregrine, 4 Common Sandpipers, 12 Redshanks (Nick Tanner).

7 February 2013, Wapping Canals: 2 Waxwings in trees behind Waterman Way at 3pm, 4 Mute Swans, 40 Mallards, 2 Canada Geese (John Archer).



Waxwings (photo: John Archer)

7 February 2013, Hermitage Basin: 2 Tufted Ducks, 2 Coots, 3 Mallards (John Archer).

5 February 2013, East India Dock Basin: 13 Shelducks, 19 Tufted Ducks, 2 Teal, Snowdrops and Cow Parsley flowering in the Copse (John Archer).



Snowdrops at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

5 February 2013, Meath Gardens: 1 male Kestrel (John Clarkson).

5 February 2013, Bow Creek: 2 Kestrels, 2 Shelducks, 100+ Teal, 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 Redshank, 1 Reed Bunting, 1 Pied Wagtail (John Archer).

5 February 2013, South Quay: the regular Common Seal was in the dock again (Roy MacPepple).

3 February 2013, East India Dock Basin: 20 Shelducks, 5 Teal, 24 Tufted Ducks (Nick Tanner).

3 February 2013, Bow Creek: 269 Teal, 2 Common Sandpipers, 15 Redshanks, 1 singing Song Thrush, 1 Goldcrest (Nick Tanner).

2 February 2013, Mile End Park: 10 Waxwings (per Rare Bird Alert).

January

28 January 2013, Victoria Park: 40+ Fieldfares, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 1 drake Mandarin, 1 Shoveler (Richard Drew).

27 January 2013, Bow Creek: 1 drake Gadwall, 335 Teal, 5 Common Sandpipers, 12 Redshanks, 1 Reed Bunting (Nick Tanner).

27 January 2013, East India Dock Basin: 33 Shelducks, 85 Teal, 20 Tufted Ducks (Nick Tanner).

27 January 2013, Victoria Park: 100+ thrushes, mostly Redwings with a few Fieldfares (Sulka Haro).

27 January 2013, Mudchute: 26 Fieldfares, 8 Redwings, 1 Goldcrest (Sean Huggins).

26 January 2013, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 590 Teal (a site record count), 5 Gadwall, 1 Kestrel, 1 female Peregrine, 2 Lapwings, 6 Common Sandpipers, 15 Redshanks, 1 Grey Wagtail, 2 Siskins, 1+ Reed Buntings (Nick Tanner & Paul Hyland).

26 January 2013, Victoria Park: about 60 Fieldfares, 2 Redwings (Alistair Dent).

25 January 2013, Canary Wharf: a female Peregrine over Bank Street (Nick Croft).

24 January 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 6+ Redwings (Bob Watts).

23 January 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Common Buzzard flew over at lunchtime (Richard Glasgow), 7+ Goldcrests, 2 Redwings (Bob Watts).

22 January 2013, Mudchute: 4 Lapwings, 45 Fieldfares, 3 Mistle Thrushes (Sean Huggins).

22 January 2013, Millwall Docks: 129 Tufted Ducks, an increase from 40 last week due to the cold weather (Sean Huggins).

22 January 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 3+ Goldcrests, 1 Redwing, 1 male Green Woodpecker (Bob Watts).

21 January 2013, East Ferry Road E14: several House Sparrows (Bob Watts).

20 January 2013, East India Dock Basin: 30 Shelducks, 11 Tufted Ducks, 29 Teal, 3 Greylag Geese, 14 Canada Geese (Chris Rose).

20 January 2013, Limehouse Basin: 15 Tufted Ducks including a female with a light blue nasal saddle (Chris Rose).

19 January 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 Great Crested Grebe, 22 Shelducks, 19 Teal, 10 Tufted Ducks (Paul Hyland & Nick Tanner).

19 January 2013, Bow Creek: 1 Snipe, 1 drake Gadwall, 4 Shelducks, 328 Teal, 1 Common Sandpiper, 3 Redshanks, 2 Reed Buntings (Nick Tanner).

19 January 2013, Isle of Dogs: 2 Ruff flew north at 1.45pm (Richard Bonser).

18 January 2013, Tobacco Dock: 1 female Black Redstart (David Callahan).

17 January 2013, East India Dock Basin: a Woodcock flew in from the west at 8.55am and landed in a garden on Virginia Quay. Also 25 Shelducks, 33+ Tufted Ducks, 8 Teal and 9 Canada Geese on the Basin, which is partly frozen but still has plenty of open water, 1 male Peregrine, 1 Chiffchaff (John Archer).

15 January 2013, East India Dock Basin: 26 Shelducks, 26 Tufted Ducks, 5 Teal (John Archer).

14 January 2013, Tillman Street E1: a Tawny Owl again calling by Miles Court at 6am (George Rix).

14 January 2013, Canary Wharf: a Grey Wagtail on the Thames foreshore by the steps (Phil Laurie).

13 January 2013, West India Docks: the regular Common Seal was in Middle Dock in the afternoon (Nick Tanner).

13 January 2013, East India Dock Basin: 21 Shelducks, 7 Teal, 27 Tufted Ducks, 1 Reed Bunting, 1 Jay (Nick Tanner & Paul Hyland).

13 January 2013, Bow Creek: 1 Wigeon, 285 Teal, 4 Common Sandpipers, 19 Redshanks, 2 Chiffchaffs (Steve Stride & Nick Tanner).

12 January 2013, Tillman Street E1: a Tawny Owl calling in the night by Miles Court has been heard several times over the last month or so (George Rix).

11 January 2013, Victoria Park: an immature drake Goldeneye on West Lake, 1 drake Shoveler, 12 Pochards, 17 Tufted Ducks, 2 Egyptian Geese, 10 Greylag Geese, 26 Canada Geese, 2 Mute Swans, 65 Coots, 1 Redwing, 4 Goldcrests (John Archer).



Shoveler and Goldeneye (right with Black-headed Gull) in Victoria Park (photos: John Archer)

11 January 2013, East India Dock Basin: 13 Shelducks, 19 Teal, 25 Tufted Ducks, 2 Jays (John Archer).

11 January 2013, Bow Creek: 1 Canada Goose, 116 Teal, 4 Common Sandpipers, 20 Redshanks (John Archer).

10 January 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Green Woodpeckers chasing one another - either 2 males in a territorial dispute or a courting pair (Ken Greenway).

10 January 2013, Millwall Park: 10+ Siskins, 4 Mistle Thrushes, 10 Long-tailed Tits, 1 Goldcrest (Richard Harrison).

10 January 2013, Millwall and West India Docks: 13 Great Crested Grebes (Richard Harrison).

9 January 2013, Millwall Outer Dock: the female Tufted Duck with a [Portuguese nasal saddle](#), which was on East India Dock Basin from 2-6 January, is now on Millwall Outer Dock, where it was last seen on 23 June 2012 (Peter Beckenham).

9 January 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Greenfinches (very scarce in Cemetery Park), 1 singing Goldcrest (Bob Watts).

Old Ford Road E2: a Blackcap wintering in a private garden (JC).

8 January 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 female Peregrine, 155 Teal, 20 Tufted Ducks, 1 Mute Swan, 1 Jay (John Archer).



Jay at East India Dock business park (photo: John Archer)

7 January 2013, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Peregrine, 1 Redwing (Bob Watts).

6 January 2013, Victoria Park: the Tawny Owl again showing in the same tree on the island in East Lake (Sulka Haro).

6 January 2013, Bow Creek: 1 Peregrine, 19 Redshanks, 5 Common Sandpipers, 7 Shelducks, 136 Teal, 1 Pied Wagtail, 1 Chiffchaff (Nick Tanner).

6 January 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 Mute Swan, 3 Greylag Geese, 3 Canada Geese, 4 Shelducks, 4 Teal, 39 Tufted Ducks (including the [female with a Portuguese nasal saddle](#)) (Nick Tanner).

5 January 2013, Victoria Park: a Tawny Owl roosting in a tree on the island on East Lake, 1 female Sparrowhawk, 1 Little Grebe, 2 Egyptian Geese, 3 Greylag Geese, about 20 Canada Geese, 2 Mute Swans, about 10 Shovelers, about 20 Tufted Ducks, about 10 Pochards, 1 Grey Heron, 3 Great Spotted Woodpeckers, 2 Goldcrests, about 15 Ring-necked Parakeets, 1 Jay, 20 Goldfinches (Jan Dobbie, David Darrell-Lambert and 23 others on the Bird Barmy Army walk).



Tawny Owl in Victoria Park (photo: David Darrell-Lambert)

4 January 2013, East India Dock Basin: a Common Seal hauled out on mud on the south side of the Thames in front of the O2, an escaped hybrid falcon overhead (a large, pale bird resembling a Gyrfalcon), 12 Shelducks, 44 Tufted Ducks (including the [female with a Portuguese nasal saddle](#)), 3 Greylag Geese, 8 Canada Geese, 1 Mute Swan, 2 Teal, 1 singing Song Thrush (Ian Stewart & John Archer).



Female Tufted Duck Red_1 at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

4 January 2013, Mudchute: 20+ Monk Parakeets (Ian Stewart).

3 January 2013, East India Dock Basin: an adult Yellow-legged Gull on the Thames, 1 male Sparrowhawk, 2 Chiffchaffs, 3 Shelducks, 38 Tufted Ducks (including the

female with a Portuguese nasal saddle), 4 Teal, 1 Mute Swan, 2 Pied Wagtails (John Archer).

2 January 2013, Bow Creek: 5 Common Sandpipers, 19 Redshanks, 171 Teal, 127 Mallards, 1 Chiffchaff, 2+ Grey Wagtails (Nick Tanner & John Archer).

2 January 2013, East India Dock Basin: 1 Chiffchaff, 4 Shelducks, 39 Tufted Ducks (including the female with a Portuguese nasal saddle), 13 Teal, 1 Mute Swan, 8 Canada Geese, 1 Grey Wagtail (Nick Tanner & John Archer).