

## Tower Hamlets wildlife reports 2014

### December

30 December 2014, Mudchute: 3 singing Song Thrushes, 13 Fieldfares flew over (Harry Harrison).

30 December 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Red Kite flew north at 9.50am (Nick Tanner).

29 December 2014, Tower of London: 12+ House Sparrows being fed by tourists at the café (Geoff Crabtree).

27 December 2014, Wapping Canal: a female Kingfisher by Tobacco Dock briefly, in addition to the regular male dubbed "Kevin" on the [Love Wapping website](#) (Mark Baynes).

23 December 2014, East India Dock Basin: the Cormorant with an [Estonian colour-ring](#) on the pier, 13 Shelducks, 17 Tufted Ducks, about 250 Teal (John Archer).

19 December 2014, East India Dock Basin: the Cormorant with an [Estonian colour-ring](#) again on the pier, a Chiffchaff with a flock of Long-tailed Tits, 1 Little Egret, 5 Shelducks, 6 Tufted Ducks, 250+ Teal (John Archer).



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

18 December 2014, Mulberry Place: a Sparrowhawk flew past the Town Hall window in the early afternoon (John Archer).

17 December 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood but elusive (Bob Watts).

17 December 2014, East India Dock Basin: 3 Mute Swans (a pair of adults on the Basin and a first winter on the Thames), 6 Shelducks, 8 Tufted Ducks, 184 Teal (John Archer).

15 December 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood with a small tit flock, also at least 2 Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

11 December 2014, Wapping Canal: the Kingfisher still near Tobacco Dock, a pair of Mute Swans at the western end, 4 Moorhens, 3 Coots, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

11 December 2014, Hermitage Basin: a pair of Mute Swans, 1 Grey Heron sitting on a raft (John Archer).



Grey Heron on Hermitage Basin (photo: John Archer)

10 December 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kingfisher, 1+ Little Grebe, 310 Teal, 6 Shelducks, 11 Tufted Ducks, 1 Grey Wagtail, a flock of 6 Grey Herons flew over (John Archer & James Palmer).



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

10 December 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood, 1 Chiffchaff and at least 1 Goldcrest with a large tit flock in Monument Glade (Bob Watts).

10 December 2014, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 21 Redshanks (James Palmer).

9 December 2014, Antill Road E3: 2 Blackcaps (male and female) in back garden, 1 Sparrowhawk flew over (Harry Harrison).

9 December 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 female Sparrowhawk, 339 Teal, 13 Tufted Ducks, 11 Shelducks, 1 Little Grebe (John Archer).

9 December 2014, Limehouse Basin: 1 first winter Mute Swan, 8+ Tufted Ducks, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

8 December 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 female Sparrowhawk, 318 Teal, 1 Little Grebe, 11 Shelducks, 9 Tufted Ducks, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

8 December 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood, 2+ Redwings (Bob Watts).

5 December 2014, East India Dock Basin: 12 Shelducks, 8 Tufted Ducks, 246 teal, 1 first winter Mute Swan (John Archer).

3 December 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood (Bob Watts).

3 December 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Grebe, 2 Shelducks, 7 Tufted Ducks, 210 Teal (John Archer).



Pair of Teal at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

1 December 2014, Mulberry Place: a Mistle Thrush in trees behind the Town Hall (John Archer).

## **November**

30 November 2014, Mudchute: 1 Kestrel hunting over the farm (Harry Harrison).

29 November 2014, Exmouth Estate: a Woodcock flushed from a shrubbery by Musberry Street flew off north (Terry Lyle).

29 November 2014, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper (Nick Moll).

29 November 2014, East India Dock Basin: 2 Little Grebes, 5 Tufted Ducks, 2 Shelducks, 80 Teal (Nick Moll).

27 November 2014, Tower of London: a Woodcock flew low west over the moat at 10.05am (G. Sutton).

27 November 2014, East India Dock Basin: 3 Little Grebes, 8 Shelducks, 6 Tufted Ducks, 24 Teal (John Archer).



26 November 2014, Wapping Canal: a Kingfisher still present near Tobacco Dock, having been seen regularly since 11 November (Mark Baynes/[Love Wapping](#))



Kingfisher on the Wapping Canal (photo: Mark Baynes)

26 November 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: at least one Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood (Bob Watts).

24 November 2014, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper and 21 Redshanks in the high tide roost (James Palmer).

21 November 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood, 1 Chiffchaff with a roving tit flock (Bob Watts).

21 November 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 Sparrowhawk, 1 Kingfisher, 2 Little Grebes, 5 Shelducks, 224 Teal (John Archer).

19 November 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 male Firecrest in Sanctuary Wood, 2 Goldcrests with a tit flock in Monument Glade (Bob Watts).

18 November 2014, East India Dock Basin: 2 Little Egrets, 3 Little Grebes, 157 Teal (John Archer).

18 November 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: at least 1 Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood (Bob Watts).

17 November 2014, Millwall Docks: a large population of the protected Jersey Cudweed around the slipway to the Thames, opposite the Docklands Sailing Centre, 16 Tufted Ducks, 2 Greylag Geese, 5 Mute Swans, 2 Canada Geese on Millwall Outer Dock, and 6+ Monk Parakeets just south of the dock (John Archer).

16 November 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Firecrest, 1 Goldcrest and 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker in Sanctuary Wood (Andy Cameron).

15 November 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Firecrests in Sanctuary Wood (Frank Nugent).

14 November 2014, Meath Gardens: 2 Mistle Thrushes, 1 Ring-necked Parakeet (John Archer).

14 November 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 or 3 Firecrests still in Sanctuary Wood (Bob Watts).

13 November 2014, Lion Mills, Hackney Road: 1 Hummingbird Hawkmoth in the communal courtyard (Ingrid Chen).

13 November 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 3 Firecrests opposite the war memorial this morning (Bob Watts).

11 November 2014, Regent's Canal: 1 Kingfisher and 1 Grey Wagtail in the drained section of canal, just south of the Fenchurch Street railway bridge (Richard Drew).

11 November 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Red Admiral becomes the latest candidate for last butterfly of the year, also the Firecrest still in a roving tit flock, 5+ Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

10 November 2014, East India Dock Basin: 5 Shelducks, 39 Teal (John Archer).

9 November 2014, Bow Creek: 5 Common Sandpipers and 17 Redshanks in the high tide roost, 1 Meadow Pipit flew south, 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Grey Wagtail, 40 Teal (Nick Tanner).

9 November 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Egret, 1 Kingfisher, 2 Shelducks, 63 Teal, 1 Grey Wagtail (Nick Tanner).



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

9 November 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Firecrest, 1 Redwing, 1 Mistle Thrush (Harry Harrison).

7 November 2014, Victoria Park: a Red Admiral really might be the last butterfly of the year, 1 drake Red-crested Pochard, a pair of Gadwall, 6 Pochards, 1 Tufted Duck, 1 Little Grebe, a pair of Mute Swans with 1 of this year's young, 16 Greylag Geese, a Coot nest-building, 1 Goldcrest, 5 Egyptian Geese, 1 Jay, a flock of 13 Magpies, 8+ Ring-necked Parakeets, 3 Pied Wagtails, 12 Goldfinches, 8 Mistle Thrushes (Jan Dobbie & John Archer).



Jay (top) and 2 rather pale Egyptian Geese in Victoria Park (photos: John Archer)

6 November 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 Shelduck, 147 Teal, 1 Grey Wagtail and the leucistic adult Black-headed Gull (this has completely white flight feathers and white patches on the upperwings) (John Archer).

5 November 2014, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 12 Redshanks in the high tide roost, 9 Teal (John Archer).

5 November 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 Sparrowhawk, 1 Little Grebe, 1 Grey Wagtail, 105 Teal (John Archer).

4 November 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest and 2+ Goldcrests in a mixed tit flock in Sanctuary Wood, and a Red Admiral which becomes the latest candidate for last butterfly of the year (Bob Watts).





Firecrest in Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park (photo: Bob Watts)

4 November 2014, East India Dock Basin: the Cormorant with an [Estonian colour-ring](#) again on the pier, 1 Little Grebe, 133 Teal (John Archer).

3 November 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood (Bob Watts).

2 November 2014, Victoria Park: highlights of the Bird Barmy Army walk included a Brambling flying north with 2 Chaffinches, 16 Goldfinches, 1 drake Red-crested Pochard, 120 Coots, 104 Black-headed Gulls, 1 Migrant Hawker dragonfly and 2 Red Admirals. With the change in the weather, these are likely to be the last butterflies and dragonfly of the year (David Darrell-Lambert and 8 members of the Bird Barmy Army).



Coot in aggressive posture at Victoria Park (photo: David Darrell-Lambert)

1 November 2014, Limehouse Cut: a Kingfisher by Morris Road bridge (anonymous report on London Bird Club Wiki).

## October

31 October 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood and around the Soanes Centre, also at least 3 Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

30 October 2014, Old Spitalfields Market: 1 male Black Redstart (Daniel Horrobin)

28 October 2014, River Lea: 2 Kingfishers flew upstream, just south of Bow Flyover (and a male Black Redstart has been present for several days on the Newham side of the river) (Alistair Dent).

28 October 2014, East India Dock Basin: the late autumn sun brought out a few butterflies, including a Speckled Wood and 2 Red Admirals (John Archer).

28 October 2014, Bow Creek: 1 female Sparrowhawk, 1 Linnet, 2 Redshanks, 26 Teal (John Archer).

27 October 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Small Tortoiseshell in Scrapyard Meadow might prove to be one of the last butterflies of the year (Bob Watts).

27 October 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 female Sparrowhawk, 2 Little Grebes, about 150 Teal, 1 Mute Swan (John Archer).

27 October 2014, Mudchute: 6 Skylarks and 30 Chaffinches flew south-west, 1 Meadow Pipit flew west, 1 Goldcrest, 1 Grey Wagtail, about 5 Monk Parakeets, 1 or 2 Ring-necked Parakeets (Stuart Fisher).

24 October 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 adult Little Egret, 2 Little Grebes, about 140 Teal (John Archer).



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

24 October 2014, Mile End Park: 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker in the Art Park (Jo Dowle).

23 October 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood, 3 Song Thrushes circled overhead early morning with 2 later on the ground, a male Blackcap still in Scrapyard Meadow, 11 Woodpigeons flew south-west (Bob Watts).

23 October 2014, East India Dock Basin: 3 Little Grebes (the highest count here for several years), about 170 Teal, 1 Song Thrush, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).



22 October 2014, Regent's Canal: a large shoal (probably about 200) of small to medium-sized Roach and 1 Perch by the junction with the Hertford Union Canal (John Archer).

22 October 2014, Hertford Union Canal: a small patch of the invasive Harding-grass by the tow-path adjacent to Victoria Park. The London Invasive Species Initiative will remove it shortly (Karen Harper & John Archer).



Harding-grass by the Hertford Union Canal - note the distinctive white mid-rib (John Archer)

21 October 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: at least one, probably two Firecrests, 2 Goldcrests, 1 male Blackcap (Ken Greenway & Bob Watts).

20 October 2014, Victoria Park: 7 Red-crested Pochards including 5 drakes, 4 Pochards, 9 Tufted Ducks, 5 Egyptian Geese, 20 Greylag Geese, 5 Cormorant, 1 Green Woodpecker and a large flock of Long-tailed Tits (Jan Dobbie).

20 October 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the Firecrest still present, also 45 Woodpigeons flew south and 40 Starlings flew north early this morning (Bob Watts).

19 October 2014, East India Dock Basin: 4 Little Egrets (N. Preston).

18 October 2014, East India Dock Basin: the Water Rail still present at 11.10am, 2 Little Grebes (N. Preston).

17 October 2014, East India Dock Basin: a Water Rail is the first record here for 3 years, also a Great Spotted Woodpecker, a Kingfisher and 115 Teal (John Archer & Jo Dowle).

17 October 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood (Bob Watts).

17 October 2014, Matilda House: 1 singing Chiffchaff, 1 Red Admiral (John Archer).

17 October 2014, Wapping Canals: 1 Kingfisher, 2 Egyptian Geese, 4 Canada Geese, 1 juvenile Mute Swan, 4 Tufted Ducks, 57 Mallards, 2 Moorhens, 2 Jays (John Archer).

17 October 2014, Hermitage Basin: 2 adult Mute Swans, 3 Coots, 8 Mallards (John Archer).

16 October 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood with at least 1 Goldcrest (Bob Watts).

15 October 2014, Limehouse Basin: 2 drake Red-crested Pochards (Jienchi Dorward).

15 October 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the Firecrest still present (Bob Watts).

15 October 2014, East India Dock Basin: 2 Redwings flew east and a Meadow Pipit flew south at lunchtime, the [Estonian-ringed Cormorant](#) on the pier, 2 Little Grebes, 61 Teal, 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Pied Wagtail (John Archer).

14 October 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 45 Redwings flew west at 8.10am (Bob Watts).

13 October 2014, East India Dock Basin: the juvenile Great Crested Grebe and 2 Little Grebes still present, 2 Canada Geese, lots of Teal (John Archer).

10 October 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the Firecrest is still present, showing extremely well in holly bushes by the entrance to Horse Chestnut Glade at lunchtime (Bob Watts).

9 October 2014, Mudchute: 4 Monk Parakeets, 1+ Goldcrest, 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Common Darter dragonfly. We also saw the nationally-rare Bermuda-grass, found recently for the first time at Mudchute by George Hounsom on a Wild Flower Society walk led by local botanist John Swindells (John Archer, Justine Aw & Nick Golson).



Monk Parakeet at Mudchute (Photo: John Archer)

9 October 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood at 8.15am (Bob Watts).

9 October 2014, East India Dock Basin: the juvenile Great Crested Grebe is still present, seen from a passing DLR train (John Archer).

8 October 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood but hard to find as it wasn't associating with the tit flock. Also 2 Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

7 October 2014, East India Dock Basin: a juvenile Great Crested Grebe was the first record this year, 2 Little Grebes, about 100 Teal, a pair of Mute Swans on the Thames and another adult on the basin, 41 Cormorants on the pier including the [Estonian-ringed bird](#) (John Archer).

7 October 2014, Tower of London: a Mute Swan on the foreshore beside the Tower (John Archer).

6 October 2014, Isle of Dogs: 65 Tufted Ducks on Millwall Docks, 25 Great Crested grebes, 1 Grey Wagtail (Stuart Fisher).

6 October 2014, Tower of London: about 100 Starlings and several House Sparrows coming to food in the evening (John Colmans).

4 October 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the Firecrest still in holly bushes east of the Soanes Centre at 9.15am (Jienchi Dorwood).

2 October 2014, Millwall Docks: a Black Redstart singing from one of the old cranes (Stuart Fisher).

2 October 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest still with Goldcrests in Sanctuary Wood (Bob Watts).

2 October 2014, Shadwell: a juvenile Peregrine eating a pigeon (Louise Houston).

1 October 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest still with Goldcrests and tits in Sanctuary Wood (Bob Watts).

## **September**

30 September 2014, East India Dock Basin: a singing Cetti's Warbler, the first ever site record. Also 20 Teal (James Palmer).

30 September 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood, with a Chiffchaff and 2+ Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

30 September 2014, Bow Creek: 2 Common Sandpipers (James Palmer).

29 September 2014, Canary Wharf: the regular Grey Seal was in South Dock at 11.45am, 20 Great Crested Grebes, 2 Grey Wagtails (Stuart Fisher).

29 September 2014, East India Dock Basin: 25+ Blackbirds were clearly migrants, also 1 Song Thrush, 2 Blackcaps, 3+ Chiffchaffs, 2 Jays, 1 Grey Wagtail, 65 Teal (Nick Tanner).

26 September 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a male Firecrest and possibly a second bird, the first here for 3 years, since an [article on this website about Cemetery Park being one of the best sites in London](#) to see this super little bird seemed to put a hex on further appearances! Also 2 Goldcrests, 1 Chiffchaff, 1 male Blackcap (Bob Watts).

25 September 2014, East India Dock Basin: the [Estonian-ringed Cormorant](#) again on the pier, Teal have increased to 82, 1 Kingfisher, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

24 September 2014, East India Dock Basin: the Cormorant with an [Estonian colour-ring "Blue EBY"](#), last seen on 13 March, is back on the pier. Also a leucistic Black-headed Gull with entirely white flight feathers (John Archer).





Cormorant "Blue EBY" and leucistic Black-headed Gull at East India Dock Basin (John Archer)

24 September 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 4 Jays flew south-west, 2 Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

24 September 2014, Saffron Avenue Pond: a flock of 12 Long-tailed Tits (John Archer).

23 September 2014, East India Dock Basin: an unusually approachable juvenile Grey Heron (John Archer).



Grey Heron at East India Dock Basin (John Archer)

22 September 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 3+ Chiffchaffs and a Goldcrest in a mixed tit flock (Bob Watts).

22 September 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 juvenile Great Spotted Woodpecker, 1 Kingfisher, 2 Chiffchaffs, 43 Teal (John Archer).

22 September 2014, Shoreditch: a Sparrowhawk flew over (Harry Harrison).

19 September 2014, East India Dock Basin: an adult Kittiwake circled over the Thames for at least 15 minutes from 1.05pm, 1 Little Grebe, 22 Teal (John Archer).

19 September 2014, Bow Creek: a seal swam upstream past the Leamouth Peninsula this morning (Toni Hayes).

19 September 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 female Blackcap (Bob Watts).

19 September 2014, Mile End: a Meadow Pipit flew over Mile End Road at 1pm (Bob Watts).

18 September 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kingfisher, 51 Teal, 1 Chiffchaff, 2 Grey Wagtails (John Archer).



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

17 September 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 4+ Chiffchaffs in a large tit flock (Bob Watts).

16 September 2014, East India Dock Basin: 2 Meadow Pipits flew east at lunchtime, 1 juvenile Little Grebe, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, about 30 Teal (John Archer).

16 September 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Chiffchaff in a very large mixed tit flock (Bob Watts).

15 September 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Grebe, 38 Teal, 1 Red Admiral (John Archer).

12 September 2014, Mile End Park: a Meadow Pipit flew east at 12.15pm, 1 juvenile Green woodpecker (Bob Watts).

11 September 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 adult Little Egret, 1 Kingfisher, 1 Sparrowhawk, 1 Jay, 44 Teal, 2 Chiffchaffs, 50 Cormorants on the pier (John Archer).



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

11 September 2014, West India Middle Dock: a Great Crested Grebe on a nest (Bob Watts).

10 September 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 Sedge Warbler, 2 Chiffchaffs (one singing), 2 Mute Swans, 9 Teal (John Archer).

9 September 2014, East India Dock Basin: a juvenile Yellow-legged Gull on the pier, 1 Kingfisher, 26 Teal, 1 Grey Wagtail (Jo Dowle & John Archer).

9 September 2014, Bethnal Green Nature Reserve: 1 Chiffchaff, lots of Cyclamen in flower (John Archer).



Cyclamen at Bethnal Green Nature Reserve (photo: John Archer)

8 September 2014, East India Dock Basin: a 15-minute count for the [Tower Hamlets Bee Survey](#) produced 2 Brown-banded Carder Bees, 1 White-tailed or Buff-tailed Bumblebee and 4 Honey Bees. Birds present included 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Canada Goose and 15 Teal (John Archer).

7 September 2014, Victoria Park: 1 female Blackcap, 1 or 2 Chiffchaffs and 1 or 2 Goldcrests in a large flock of Blue and Great Tits around East Lake (Richard Drew).

6 September 2014, Victoria Park: a juvenile Cuckoo and 5 Spotted Flycatchers were the highlights of the Bird Barmy Army walk, along with a huge tit flock, numbering 168 birds, which flew across West Lake - about two-thirds were Blue Tits, the rest Great Tits. Other birds of interest included 1 Willow Warbler, 3 Meadow Pipits flying south, 1 Kingfisher, 1 Red-crested Pochard, 2 Egyptian Geese, 1 Pochard, 5 Tufted Ducks, 3 Mistle Thrushes, 10+ Ring-necked Parakeets, 5 Stock Doves, 1 Grey Wagtail and 2 Great Spotted Woodpeckers (David Darrell-Lambert and 8 participants on the Bird Barmy Army walk).



juvenile Cuckoo in Victoria Park (photo: David Darrell-Lambert)



5 September 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 juvenile male Sparrowhawk, 22 Teal (John Archer).

3 September 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Spotted Flycatcher in Horse Chestnut Glade caught a Migrant Hawker dragonfly (Bob Watts).

3 September 2014, Saffron Avenue Pond: a pair of Moorhens with 4 small chicks and 2 juveniles from a previous brood, a pair of Coots with 3 medium-sized downy young and a second pair with 1 downy young (John Archer).

3 September 2014, East India Dock Basin: a Yellow Wagtail circled at 9.45am then flew south (the first record here for over 2 years), a Ring-necked Parakeet flew west (only the second record this year), 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Reed Warbler, 1 Grey Wagtail, 8 Teal, 1 Mute Swan (John Archer).

2 September 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 juvenile Willow Warbler, 2 Chiffchaffs, 3 Blackcaps, 1 Whitethroat (Bob Watts).

2 September 2014, East India Dock Basin: a Kestrel flew high east, 2 adult Mute Swans, 4 Teal, 1 Ruddy Darter dragonfly, 1 Common Darter, 2+ Migrant Hawkers (John Archer).

## August

18 August 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Sand Martin flew west (Bob Watts).

15 August 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Willow Warbler, 1 Southern Hawker dragonfly (Bob Watts).



Southern Hawker in Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park (photo: Bob Watts)

13 August 2014, Meath Gardens: a wasp-mimic hoverfly *Volucella zonaria* in a nearby garden (Clare Barnett).



*Volucella zonaria* near Meath Gardens (photo: Clare Barnett)

8 August 2014, Tower of London: 1 Kestrel (John Colmans).

7 August 2014, Mudchute: a Common Buzzard flew high west, 6+ Monk Parakeets, 15+ House Martins, 1 Stock Dove, 1 Green Woodpecker, 1 juvenile Sparrowhawk, 3 Blackcaps, 7 Migrant Hawker dragonflies (Stuart Fisher).

7 August 2014, East India Dock Basin: 4 Common Tern chicks remaining on the raft (the fifth fell off yesterday and presumably perished) with 12+ adults and 2 juveniles, 2 Common Sandpipers (John Archer).

6 August 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a particularly good display of Small Teasel in flower, attracting lots of bees (John Archer).



Small Teasel in Cemetery Park (photo: John Archer)

5 August 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 Shelduck, 2 Tufted Ducks, still 4 or 5 Common Tern chicks on the raft and a pair apparently incubating, 1 singing Blackcap, 3 Jersey Tigers (John Archer).



An underside view of a Jersey Tiger at EIDB (John Archer)

4 August 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a juvenile Green Woodpecker - they may have bred in or near Cemetery Park (Bob Watts).

2 August 2014, Isle of Dogs: a female Gypsy Moth in a garden (Peter Minvalla).



Gypsy Moth on the Isle of Dogs (photo: Peter Minvalla)

1 August 2014, Bow Creek: 2 Common Sandpipers, 1 Jersey Tiger, 1 Holly Blue, lots of Ivy Broomrape with some still in flower (John Archer).



Ivy Broomrape at Bow Creek (photo: John Archer)

1 August 2014, East India Dock Basin: 2 more young Common Terns have fledged (making about 11 so far), 5 downy young still on the raft, and one adult still appears to be incubating. Also 1 Shelduck and 3 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

## July

30 July 2014, Bow Creek: a Dunlin was a very unusual July record, 4 Common Sandpipers (Nick Tanner).

30 July 2014, East India Dock Basin: a 15-minute count for the [Big Butterfly Count](#) produced 1 Clouded Yellow (probably the first site record for over 10 years), 10 Gatekeepers, 6 Common Blues, 7 Small Whites, 2 Speckled Woods and a Six-spot Burnet. Birds included the first Kingfisher of the autumn, 1 Great Spotted



Woodpecker, 2 newly-fledged Common Terns and 5 Common Tern chicks still on the raft (John Archer, Jo Dowle & Nick Tanner).

29 July 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Silver-washed Fritillary was the 4th sighting this year, and there have been several Jersey Tigers in recent days (Terry Lyle).

29 July 2014, East India Dock Basin: Lots of butterflies including the first Painted Lady of the autumn, 1 Holly Blue, plenty of Common Blues and a few Gatekeepers and Meadow Browns, also 1 Jersey Tiger, still 5 young Common Terns on the raft (2 near-fledged, 1 medium-sized and 2 small) plus 13 adults and 2 fledged juveniles (9 have now probably fledged here), 11 Canada Geese, 3 Tufted Ducks, 1 Sand Martin, 1 Reed Warbler, 1 singing Blackcap, 1 Pied Wagtail (John Archer).

28 July 2014, Limehouse: an Oystercatcher circled, calling repeatedly, then flew high over Canary Wharf at 4.50pm (Paul Hyland).

28 July 2014, Bow Creek: 10 Common Sandpipers (perhaps a site record count), 2 Shelducks, 10 Canada Geese, 1 Brimstone moth, 4 Jersey Tigers (Nick Tanner).

28 July 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 10 Canada Geese, at least 3 unfledged Common Terns still on the raft, 1 Reed Warbler carrying food, 7 Jersey Tigers, 1 Least Carpet (Nick Tanner & John Archer).

28 July 2014, Bow Church station: a Collared Dove nest with a near-fledged youngster, possibly the first breeding record in Tower Hamlets. Also a male Gypsy Moth (Nick Tanner).

27 July 2014, Bow Creek: some interesting moths including 12 Jersey Tigers, 3 Least Carpets and a Mother of Pearl. Birds included 2 Common Sandpipers, 2 Shelducks, 2 singing Blackcaps and a singing Reed Warbler (Nick Tanner).

25 July 2014, East India Dock Basin: 50+ Swifts drifted south at 1.05pm, 6+ Common Tern chicks still on the raft in 4 broods (John Archer).

24 July 2014, Mudchute: 3 Gypsy Moths (Justine Aw).

24 July 2014, Hermitage Basin: several House Martins (John Colmans).

24 July 2014, St Saviour's Dock: 1 Grey Wagtail (John Colmans).

22 July 2014, Mile End: 10+ House Sparrows in gardens in Rhondda Grove (Bob Watts).

21 July 2014, Mudchute: a Woodcock flew low over the copse on the east side, near the farm at 12.25pm - an extraordinary record of a species usually only seen in central London in late autumn or winter (Stuart Fisher).

21 July 2014, East India Dock Basin: 5 Common Tern chicks on the raft including a newly-hatched one. 7 young have now fledged. (John Archer).

20 July 2014, Bow Creek: 23 Jersey Tiger moths (the highest ever count in the area), 4 Common Sandpipers, 2 Shelducks, 2 singing Reed Warblers, 2 Pied Wagtails, 1 Grey Wagtail, 2 Blackcaps (Nick Tanner).

20 July 2014, East India Dock Basin: 3 Jersey Tigers, 1 Shelduck, 14 Tufted Ducks, 1 Little Ringed Plover, 17 Common Terns (9 adults, 6 fledged juveniles, 2 downy young), 1 Pied Wagtail, 2 singing Reed Warblers, 1 singing Blackcap (Nick Tanner).

20 July 2014, Saffron Avenue Pond: an adult Grey Wagtail with 2 recently-fledged juveniles (Nick Tanner).

18 July 2014, East India Dock Basin: a new brood of 2 small Common Tern chicks (John Archer).

18 July 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Marbled White in Scrapyrd Meadow (the first record for the site) and a Silver-washed Fritillary by the War Memorial (Terry Lyle & Ken Greenway).



Marbled White at Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park (photos: Ken Greenway)

17 July 2014. East India Dock Basin: 1 Teal (the first returning bird of the autumn), 4 fledged young Common Terns (making a total of 6 fledged so far this year) and 3 unfledged young still on the raft, 23+ Tufted Ducks, 3+ Sand Martins, 1 singing Reed Warbler, 1 juvenile Pied Wagtail, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

17 July 2014, Mile End Park: 1 Brown-banded Carder-bee, several Emperor Dragonflies, 2 Black-tailed Skimmers, 1 Common Darter, 1 Ruddy Darter, 1 Common Blue butterfly, hundreds of Gatekeepers, a few Large Skippers, 2 broods of Moorhens (2 and 3 juveniles), 1 brood of 2 juvenile Coots, all in the Ecology Park (John Archer).

10 July 2014, Meath Gardens: 14 House Martins (Harry Harrison).

9 July 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Sand Martins, 1 Swift, 1 Ringlet (Bob Watts).

9 July 2014, East India Dock Basin: the first brood of 2 young Common Terns have fledged, and there are at least 9 unfledged young, though 2 of these have fallen off the raft and appear to be struggling in the mud (John Archer).



4 of the Common Tern chicks at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

8 July 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a few Hummingbird Hawk-moths in the last few days around the Soanes Centre (Terry Lyle).

8 July 2014, Mile End Park: a female Tufted Duck with a duckling in the Ecology Park, also a singing Reed Warbler and a singing Whitethroat (D. Bates).

7 July 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 House Martins, 3 Sand Martins, 1 Swift (Bob Watts & Paul Barnham).

5 July 2014, Victoria Park: 4 broods of Pochards, a brood 13 of Tufted Ducklings and 1 additional Tufted Duckling with a brood of Mallards, a brood of 2 Red-crested Pochards, 30+ Swifts moving west, 4 House Martins, 2 Sand Martins, 1 Sparrowhawk, lots of young Coots and Moorhens, a Mute Swan with young fending off all the Canada and Greylag Geese (David Darrell-Lambert and participants on the Bird Barmy Army walk).



Pochard family (top left), Sparrowhawk (top right) and Tufted Duck family (David Darrell-Lambert)

5 July 2014, Isle of Dogs: an adult Mediterranean Gull and 3 Common Gulls on the Thames at Saunders Ness (Sean Huggins).

5 July 2014, Mudchute: 4 Linnets (Sean Huggins).

2 July 2014, Isle of Dogs: a Jersey Tiger in a garden (Peter Minvalla)





Jersey Tiger on the Isle of Dogs (photos: Peter Minvalla)

2 July 2014, Mile End Park: a Sand Martin over the Arts Pond, a Whitethroat still singing and a Kestrel in the Arts Park, 10+ Swifts, 1 Small Tortoiseshell (Bob Watts).

2 July 2014, Victoria Park West Lake: a female Red-crested Pochard with 2 well-grown ducklings, 2 broods of 7 and 1 Pochard ducklings, 3 broods of 9, 8 and 2 Mallard ducklings, 10+ Swifts (Bob Watts).

2 July 2014, East India Dock Basin: a 15-minute bee count for the [Tower Hamlets Bee Survey](#) produced 1 Brown-banded Carder Bee, 1 Tree Bumblebee, 3 Buff- or White-tailed Bumblebees, 2 unidentified bumblebees and 24 Honey Bees. A just-fledged juvenile Little Grebe was the first of the year here - they must have bred fairly close. There are at least 9 Common Tern chicks on the raft, a Little Egret on the island, 1 male Kestrel, 1 Peregrine, 1 Swift, 1+ Sand Martin, 1 singing Reed Warbler, 1 singing Blackcap, 2 Shelducks, 24 Tufted Ducks and the first Gatekeeper butterflies of the year (John Archer & Jo Dowle).



Little Egret (left picture) and juvenile Little Grebe at East India Dock Basin (photos: John Archer)

## June

30 June 2014, East India Dock Basin: a Little Egret flew north-east at 12.40pm, the Common Terns now have at least 11 chicks (John Archer & Jo Dowle).

29 June 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 4 or 5 Ringlet butterflies (Terry Lyle).

28 June 2014, Isle of Dogs: 10 broods of Herring Gulls totaling 19 chicks, and 3 broods of Lesser Black-backed Gulls totaling 5 chicks on roofs in the north-east of the island (Matt Reed).

25 June 2014, Regent's Canal at Mile End: dozens of Cellar Beetles under a paint-soaked cloth on the tow-path (Tony Odell).



Cellar Beetles by the canal at Mile End (photo: Tony Odell)

24 June 2014, Saffron Avenue Pond: lots of Small Red-eyed, Red-eyed and Common Blue Damselflies, 3 Emperor Dragonflies (2 males and an egg-laying female), 1 Common Tern fishing, several House Sparrows feeding around the edges on emerging damselflies, 3 broods of young Coots (John Archer).

23 June 2014, Limehouse Cut: 7 Sand Martins attending at least one and probably 3 nests by the A12 bridge (Jo Dowle).

23 June 2014, Bromley-by-Bow: 7 Swifts circling high over Campbell Road E3 (Jo Dowle).

22 June 2014, East India Dock Basin: a Little Egret flew north, a female Mallard with a small duckling (the first duckling of the year here), 2 Stock Doves, 1 Shelduck, 18 Tufted Ducks, 1 Sand Martin, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 singing Reed Warbler, 1 singing Blackcap, 1 Large Skipper butterfly, 2 Small Skippers (Nick Tanner).



Large (left) and Small Skippers at East India Dock Basin (photos: Nick Tanner)

22 June 2014, Bow Creek: 1 Collared Dove flew east, 2 Shelducks, 1 Tufted Duck, 1 male Kestrel, 1 Swift, 1 sand Martin, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 singing Blackcap, 1 singing Chiffchaff, 1 Jay, 1 singing Linnet (Nick Tanner).

22 June 2014, Saffron Avenue Pond: 1 singing Reed Warbler, 1 Grey Wagtail (Nick Tanner).

22 June 2014, All Saints DLR station: 2 Least Carpet moths (Nick Tanner).



Least Carpet at All Saints DLR (photo: Nick Tanner)

20 June 2014, East India Dock Basin: 4 pairs of Common Terns now with chicks and 4 more incubating, 1 Large Skipper butterfly (which is quite scarce here), 1 Shelduck, 18 Tufted Ducks, 1 Grey Wagtail (Nick Tanner).

20 June 2014, Bow Creek: 2 Shelducks but no sign of any ducklings, 8+ Swifts, 1 Sand Martin, 1 singing Song Thrush, 1 singing Blackcap, 1 singing Chiffchaff (Nick Tanner).

20 June 2014, Saffron Avenue Pond: 1 singing Reed Warbler (Nick Tanner).

19 June 2014, East India Dock Basin: an Oystercatcher flew upriver along the Thames at lunchtime (John Archer).

19 June 2014, Bow: a Hobby over Anthill Road E3 in the evening (Harry Harrison).

18 June 2014, East India Dock Basin: a female Banded Demoiselle (2nd site record), also the first Meadow Brown and Six-spot Burnet of the year (John Archer).

17 June 2014, Victoria Park: a male Black-tailed Skimmer by East Lake and lots of Azure Damselflies (Richard Drew).



Black-tailed Skimmer in Victoria Park (Richard Drew)

17 June 2014, East India Dock Basin: 3 Pyramidal Orchids flowering in the meadow (John Archer).





Pyramidal Orchids at East India Dock Basin (John Archer)

16 June 2014, Island Gardens DLR station: 1 dead Lesser Stag Beetle just outside the station (Justine Aw).



Dead Lesser Stag Beetle outside Island Gardens DLR (Justine Aw)

16 June 2014, Victoria Park: a male Blackcap feeding young by East Lake, several House Martins and Sand Martins, lots of Azure Damselflies (David Darrell-Lambert).



Male Azure Damselfly at Victoria Park (photo: David Darrell-Lambert)

16 June 2014, East India Dock Basin: the first young Common Terns have hatched, with 2 broods of 2 chicks and a total of about 9 pairs nesting (John Archer).

15 June 2014, Bethnal Green: a Lesser Stag Beetle in St James's Avenue (John Swindells).

15 June 2014, Bow Creek: a pair of Shelducks with 4 ducklings, a pair of Sand Martins feeding 2 well-grown chicks in a drainage hole on the Newham bank, 5+ Grey Wagtails including a just-fledged juvenile, a flock of 10+ Linnets (all males, 2 of them singing), 1 singing Reed Warbler, 2 singing Whitethroats, 2 singing Blackcaps, 1 singing Chiffchaff (Nick Tanner).



Shelduck family on Bow Creek (photo: Nick Tanner)

15 June 2014, East India Dock Basin: 20+ Common Terns, 13 Tufted Ducks, 2 Shelducks, 2 Mute Swans, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 singing Reed Warbler (Nick Tanner).

13 June 2014, Mile End Park: a family party of 4 Whitethroats in the Ecology Park, confirming successful breeding (Bob Watts).

13 June 2014, Victoria Park: a pair of Mute Swans with 2 cygnets on West Lake and about 10 Swifts over the lake (Bob Watts).

13 June 2014, Mudchute: lots of Henbane flowering in the pig enclosure, 1 male Broad-bodied Chaser dragonfly, 1 Marsh Frog and lots of Smooth Newts, Azure and Large Red Damselflies in and around the ponds (John Archer, Justine Aw, John Swindells & Nick Golson).



Broad-bodied Chaser (left) and Henbane at Mudchute (photo John Archer)





Marsh Frog at Mudchute (photo: John Archer)

10 June 2014, Limehouse Basin: a male Grey Wagtail feeding a just-fledged juvenile, a pair of Mute Swans with 3 cygnets, 1 Red-eared Terrapin (John Archer).



Mute Swan family (left) and Red-eared Terrapin at Limehouse Basin (photos: John Archer)

9 June 2014, East India Dock Basin: 5 Stock Doves fed for a few minutes with a Feral Pigeon before flying off east, the highest ever count on the site. Also a female Reed Bunting gathering food confirming they are nesting, 2 Egyptian Geese, 2 Little Ringed Plovers, 2 Shelducks, 4 Tufted Ducks, 20+ Common Terns, 2+ Sand Martins, 1 Grey Wagtail, 2 singing Reed Warblers, 1 singing Blackcap (Nick Tanner & John Archer).





3 of the 5 Stock Doves at East India Dock Basin (Nick Tanner)

9 June 2014, Bow Creek: 1 Little Ringed Plover, 1 female Kestrel, 2 Mute Swans, 2 Shelducks, 2 Sand Martins, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 singing Song Thrush, 5 singing Reed Warblers, 1 singing Blackcap, 2 singing Whitethroats, 1 singing Chiffchaff (Nick Tanner).

9 June 2014, Saffron Avenue Pond: 1 Emperor Dragonfly, lots of damselflies, 1 singing Reed Warbler, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 House Sparrow (Nick Tanner & John Archer).

8 June 2014, Victoria Park: 5 Grey Herons flew east at 8.30pm (Bob Watts).

7 June 2014, Bow Creek: a pair of Shelducks with a brood of ducklings (Steve Harris).

7 June 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Ringed Plover, 16 Common Terns, several Sand Martins, 1 Shelduck, several Grey Herons (Steve Stride).

6 June 2014, Ackroyd Drive Green Link: 1 Small Tortoiseshell Caterpillar (Ken Greenway).



Small Tortoiseshell caterpillar at Ackroyd Drive (photo: Kenneth Greenway/[FoTHCP](#))

6 June 2014, Mile End Park: 1 Sand Martin and 8 Swifts near the Green Bridge (Bob Watts).

6 June 2014, Victoria Park: a pair of Red-crested Pochards with 2 ducklings on West Lake and another female on the Regent's Canal, 5+ Sand Martins (Bob Watts).

5 June 2014, East India Dock Basin: a 15-minute count for the [Tower Hamlets Bee Survey](#) produced 1 Brown-banded Carder-bee, 1 queen Buff-tailed Bumblebee, 1 male White-tailed Bumblebee, 6 worker Buff- or White-tailed Bumblebees, 1 Red-tailed Bumblebee, 1 Tree Bumblebee, 2 male Hairy-footed Flower Bees and 1 Honey Bee (John Archer). Birds present included 1 House Martin, 4+ Sand Martins, 2 Stock Doves, 2 Linnets, 2 Shelducks, 11 Tufted Ducks, 2 Mute Swans, 2 reed Warblers, 2 Blackcaps and lots of Common Terns (John Archer & Richard Harrison).

4 June 2014, Regent's Canal at Mile End: a Mute Swan on a nest with 5 small cygnets near Meath Gardens bridge (Allan Cousens).



Mute Swan family by Meath Gardens bridge (Allan Cousens)

3 June 2014, East India Dock Basin: 2 Burnet Companion moths, 2 male Common Blue butterflies, 21+ Common Terns, 4 Shelducks, 17 Tufted Ducks, 2 Mute Swans, 3+ Sand Martins, 1 singing Reed Bunting, 1 singing Blackcap (John Archer).



Burnet Companion at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

3 June 2014, Saffron Avenue Pond: 4+ House Sparrows feeding at western end and carrying food into the business park, 1 singing Reed Warbler (John Archer).

2 June 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 7 Swifts over at 8am, the highest count this year (Bob Watts).

2 June 2014, Mile End Park: a Reed Warbler still singing in the Ecology Park (Harry Harrison).

2 June 2014, East India Dock Basin: 30+ Swifts high overhead drifting north-west, 18 Common Terns including a pair nesting on the east raft and about 8 pairs nesting on

the middle raft, 3 Shelducks, 13 Tufted Ducks, 1 Sand Martin, 1 singing Blackcap, 1 singing Reed Warbler (John Archer).



Common Terns and Tufted Duck on raft at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

2 June 2014, East India Dock Business Park: 2 House Sparrows feeding beside Saffron Avenue Pond then carrying food towards the hotel, suggesting nesting in the business park (John Archer).

2 June 2014, Bow Creek: 2 Stock Doves (John Archer).

1 June 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 15 Common Blue butterflies (a very high count for the site) and 2 Painted Ladies on the butterfly transect (Terry Lyle).

## **May**

30 May 2014, Victoria Park: 5 Red-crested Pochards, (2 drakes and one female with 2 ducklings), 1 female Pochard with 2 ducklings, a male Sparrowhawk carrying prey, 20+ House Martins, 8+ Sand Martins, 2+ Swifts (Bob Watts).

30 May 2014, Mile End Park: a pair of Mute Swans with 5 cygnets on the Regent's Canal, a Reed Warbler singing in the Ecology Park, 11 Swifts flew north-east, a Whitethroat still singing near the Green Bridge (Bob Watts).

29 May 2014, Limehouse: 2 unidentified bats over the River Thames (Paul Hyland).

29 May 2014, Mile End Park: 4 Sand Martins over Green Bridge and Whitethroat singing nearby (Bob Watts).

28 May 2014, Bow Creek: 1 Collared Dove, 1 male Kestrel (John Archer).

28 May 2014, Saffron Avenue Pond: 2 House Sparrows, 1 singing Reed Warbler, 1 Common Tern (John Archer).

28 May 2014, East India Dock Basin: 12+ Common Terns including 8 apparently incubating on the middle raft, 1 Sand Martin, 1 singing Reed Bunting, 1 Greylag Goose, 1 Shelduck, 8 Tufted Ducks, 2 Mute Swans, 1 singing Blackcap, 1 singing Reed Warbler (John Archer).

26 May 2014, Tredegar Square E3: a Red-legged Partridge walking along the road at 10.15am, presumably an escaped bird (Allen Cousens).





Red-legged Partridge in Tredegar Square (photo: Allan Cousens)

26 May 2014, East India Dock Basin: 17 Common Terns on the middle raft, 1 Swift flew east, 2 Sand Martins, 2 Mute Swans, 2 Shelducks, 8 Tufted Ducks, 1 singing Song Thrush, 1 singing Reed Warbler, 1 singing Blackcap, 1 singing Chaffinch, 1 singing Reed Bunting, 1 Speckled Wood, 1 Common Blue butterfly (Nick Tanner).



Common Blue (left) and Speckled Wood at East India Dock Basin (photos: Nick Tanner)

26 May 2014, Bow Creek: 1 male Kestrel, 1 Stock Dove, 4 Swifts, 5 Swallow flew north, 2 Canada Geese, 3 singing Reed Warblers, 2 singing Blackcaps, 2 singing Whitethroats, 1 singing Chiffchaff, 1 Jay (Nick Tanner).

23 May 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: an Elephant Hawkmoth outside the Soanes Centre (Ken Greenway).



Elephant Hawkmoth at Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park (Kenneth Greenway [FoTHCP](#))

22 May 2014, Tower Bridge: an Egyptian Goose flew downriver at 4.10pm (Paul Whiteman).

22 May 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 male Kestrel, 2 Stock Doves, 14+ Common Terns on the rafts, 2 Shelducks, 6 Tufted Ducks, 9 Canada Geese including a pair with 5 goslings on the foreshore by Orchard Wharf (John Archer).

21 May 2014, Limehouse: 3 Common Sandpipers on the Thames shore by the David Lean house (Paul Hyland).

21 May 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Sparrowhawk, 3 singing Blackcaps, 1+ Great Spotted Woodpecker (Charlie Farrell).

21 May 2014, Swedenborg Square Orchard: fantastic displays of cornfield annuals beneath the fruit trees attracting good numbers of bees including Tree Bumblebee, Early Bumblebee, Red-tailed Bumblebee, Hairy-footed Flower Bee, Common Carder Bee and Honey Bee (John Archer & Paul Wilson).



Cornfield annuals at Swedenborg Square Orchard (photo: Paul Wilson)



21 May 2014, Limehouse Basin: still 3 drake Red-crested Pochards (John Archer).

20 May 2014, Brady Centre Garden: lots of Tree Bumblebees and White-tailed Bumblebees (Regina Drungilas).



Tree (left) and White-tailed Bumblebees in the Brady Centre garden (Regina Drungilas)

20 May 2014, Victoria Park: 6 Sand Martins and 6+ Swifts over West Lake and the canal (Bob Watts).

19 May 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 singing Reed Bunting, 17+ Common Terns, 1 singing Song Thrush (John Archer).

19 May 2014, Victoria Park: the pair of Great Spotted Woodpeckers still feeding young, the Coots still nesting on a pedalo on West Lake, the Mute Swans still on a nest, 5 large Carp in West Lake (Jan Dobbie).

18 May 2014, Poplar: a Willow Beauty moth on the wall of Collins House - a very early date for this species which is usually on the wing from mid-June (Nick Tanner).



Willow Beauty moth at Collins House (photo: Nick Tanner)

16 May 2014, Temple Close E2: a male Wheatear on the roof of Minstrel Court (Ingrid Chen).

16 May 2014, Mile End: a Collared Dove flew west over Queen Mary College student accommodation (Bob Watts).

15 May 2014, Limehouse Basin: 5 Red-crested Pochards (Nick Tanner).

15 May 2014, Bow Creek: 2 Shelducks, 2 Canada Geese, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 singing Song Thrush (Nick Tanner).



15 May 2014, East India Dock Basin: a very aggressive male Shelduck (is there a female nesting nearby?), 1 Little Ringed Plover, about 7 pairs of Common Terns appear to be nesting, 15 Tufted Ducks, 2 Mute Swans, 2 singing Reed Warblers (Nick Tanner).

15 May 2014, Saffron Avenue Pond: 1 male Emperor Dragonfly, several Red-eyed Damselflies including mating pairs, 1 Blue-tailed Damselfly, a few blue damselflies (either Azure or Common Blue), the pair of Coots still with 2 young (John Archer).

15 May 2014, Mile End: 2 Sparrowhawks sparring overhead (Bob Watts).

15 May 2014, Millwall Docks: a pair of Mute Swans with 5 small cygnets, 2 Tufted Ducks, 1 Common Tern, 4 Great Crested Grebes, 12+ House Martins (John Archer).

14 May 2014, Limehouse Basin: 6 Swallows flew north at midday (Paul Hyland).

14 May 2014, Mile End Park: Burrowing Clover in flower on the Art Pavilion roof, loads of Buff-tailed, Tree and Early Bumblebees and Honey Bees and 1 Common Carder Bee on Comfrey in Wennington Green (John Archer, Edward Milner & Keith Woodard).



Burrowing Clover at Mile End Park (photo: John Archer)

14 May 2014, Victoria Park: 6 Sand Martins, 6+ House Martins, 7+ Swifts (Bob Watts).

14 May 2014, Mile End: 1 Swallow flew north (Bob Watts).

13 May 2014, East India Dock Basin: a Red Kite flew north-west at 12.05pm, 1 Arctic Tern, 49 Swifts, 4 Sand Martins, 2 Swallows (Gary James).

13 May 2014, Mile End Park: 7 House Sparrows on the Green Bride, 3 House Martins, 5 Swifts (Bob Watts).

13 May 2014, Victoria Park: a pair of Great Spotted Woodpeckers feeding young, 8 Egyptian Geese, 1 Mistle Thrush, 1 Chiffchaff, 6 Ring-necked Parakeets including a pair prospecting a potential nest hole, 1 drake Red-crested Pochard, 3 Swifts, a pair of Little Grebes, 4 Pochards, a Mute Swan still on a nest, a Coot nest-building on one of the pedalos (Jan Dobbie).

12 May 2014, Limehouse Basin: 5 Red-crested Pochards (Paul Hyland).

12 May 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 Garden Warbler, 1 Kestrel, 1 Swallow, 3 singing Reed Warblers, 2 Blackcaps, 6 Common Terns, 3 Tufted Ducks, 4 Shelducks (Paul Hyland).

12 May 2014, Victoria Park (West Lake): 2 drake Red-crested Pochards, 8+ Swifts, 2 Sand Martins (Bob Watts).

12 May 2014, Mile End Park: a Lesser Whitethroat singing by the canal near the railway and the Whitethroat still holding territory near the Arts Pavilion (Bob Watts).

9 May 2014, Mulberry Place: a queen Tree Bumblebee outside the Town Hall this morning (John Archer).

9 May 2014, Mile End Park: 1 Whitethroat singing by the Arts Pavilion (Bob Watts).

9 May 2014, Victoria Park: 15+ Swifts, 10+ House Martins and 6+ Sand Martins feeding over West Lake (Bob Watts).

9 May 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Ringed Plover (John Archer).

9 May 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 female Kestrel (Bob Watts).

8 May 2014, Limehouse Cut: a drake Red-crested Pochard by Cotal Street (Nick S).

8 May 2014, Mile End: 1 Swift (Bob Watts).

7 May 2014, East India Dock Basin: a Sedge Warbler singing in the Copse, 1 Swift flew west (both first records for the year), 1 Peregrine flew west, 1 Kestrel, a pair of Canada Geese with 4 small goslings on the foreshore by Orchard Wharf, 8+ Common Terns on the rafts, 1 Shelduck, 11 Tufted Ducks, 1 singing Song Thrush, 1 singing Reed Warbler, 1 singing Blackcap, 1 male Orange Tip butterfly (John Archer).

7 May 2014, Saffron Avenue Pond: 1 Mistle Thrush flew over, 1 Common Tern fishing, the pair of Coots still with 3 chicks (John Archer).

6 May 2014, Mile End Park: 2 singing Chiffchaffs (one just north of the railway, one in the Arts Park), 1 singing Whitethroat in the Ecology Park (John Archer).

6 May 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 Green Sandpiper (probably the first ever record from the site), 1 Common Sandpiper (James Palmer). 2 Swallows flew north, 12 Common Terns on rafts, 4 Shelducks, 15 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

6 May 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Whitethroat singing in Scrapyard Meadow, 1 Collared Dove flew over (Paul Barham & Bob Watts).

5 May 2014, Rainhill Way, Bow: a Collared Dove singing behind the Registry Office (Nick Tanner).

5 May 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 Brimstone butterfly, 1 Shelduck, 5 Tufted Ducks, 7 Common Terns, 1 singing Reed Warbler (Nick Tanner).

5 May 2014, Bow Creek: a Collared Dove flew east, 2 Mute Swans, 4 Canada Geese, 1 singing Grey Wagtail, 2 singing Reed Warblers, 1 singing Blackcap, 2 singing Whitethroats, 2 Linnets (Nick Tanner).

5 May 2014, Isle of Dogs: a Honey Buzzard circled over the south end of the island then flew north-east at 4.06pm (Richard Bonser viewing from Rotherhithe).

4 May 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: several Black-headed cardinal Beetles (Mark Patterson).



Black-headed Cardinal Beetle at Cemetery Park (photo: Mark Patterson)

4 May 2014, Bow Creek: a Red Kite flew south-west at 10.45am, 1 female Kestrel, 1 singing Song Thrush, 1 Shelduck, 2 Sand Martins, 1 Grey Wagtail, 2 singing Reed Warblers, 3 singing Whitethroats, 1 singing Chiffchaff, 2 Linnets (Nick Tanner).

4 May 2014, East India Dock Basin: 15 Common Terns with signs of nesting on all three rafts, 1 Shelduck, 12 Tufted Ducks, 2 singing Reed Warblers, 1 singing Blackcap (Nick Tanner).

4 May 2014, Poplar: a female Peregrine flew over in the early morning (Nick Tanner).

4 May 2014, Mudchute: 22 species of birds including 2 singing Chiffchaffs, about 15 singing Blackcaps, 1 Monk Parakeet, 1 Ring-necked Parakeet (John Archer and 7 participants on the [Dawn Chorus Walk](#)).

3 May 2014, Limehouse Basin: 5 Red-crested Pochards (4 drakes and a female), 1 singing Grey Wagtail (Nick Tanner).



Male (right) and female Red-crested Pochards at Limehouse Basin (photos: Nick Tanner)

3 May 2014, East India Dock Basin: 13 Common Terns, 2 Mute Swans, 3 Shelducks, 19 Tufted Ducks, 2 singing Reed Warblers (Nick Tanner).

3 May 2014, Bow Creek: 1 Swallow flew north, 1 Shelduck, 2 Canada Geese, 1 singing Reed Warbler (Nick Tanner).

3 May 2014, Victoria Park: 33 species of birds including 2 singing Blackcaps, 14 pairs of Coots at nests or with young, 3 Egyptian Geese, 3 singing Goldfinches, a pair of Great Spotted Woodpeckers feeding young in a nest, 1 House Martin, 4 Swallows flew north, 2 Little Grebes calling, a pair of Mute Swans at a nest, a pair of Pochards probably nesting, 2 Red-crested Pochards, 10+ Ring-necked Parakeets, 4 singing Stock Doves, 20+ Tufted Ducks (David Darrell-Lambert and participants on the Bird Barmy Army walk).





Coot chick at Victoria Park (photo: David Darrell-Lambert)

2 May 2014, Limehouse Basin: 6 Red-crested Pochards including 5 drakes (Paul Hyland).

2 May 2014, Mile End Park: a Whitethroat singing in the Ecology Park (Bob Watts).

2 May 2014, Victoria Park: 3 Red-crested Pochards, 2 Little Grebes, 2 Sand Martins, 9 Ring-necked Parakeets (Bob Watts).

1 May 2014, Limehouse Basin: 6 Red-crested Pochards (John Archer).

## April

30 April 2014, East India Dock Basin: 2 Oystercatchers flew down the Thames at lunchtime (John Archer).

30 April 2014, Limehouse Cut by Bartlett Park: 6 Red-crested Pochards, 1 Sand Martin (Neal Hunt).

29 April 2014, East India Dock Basin: 12 Common Terns on the rafts (John Archer).



Pair of Common Terns at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

29 April 2014, Saffron Avenue Pond: a pair of Coots with 3 small young (John Archer).



Coot family at Saffron Avenue Pond (photo: John Archer)

28 April 2014, Victoria Park: a male Sparrowhawk mobbed by a Herring Gull (Bob Watts).

26 April 2014, East India Dock Basin: 5 Common Terns, 2 singing Reed Warblers, 1 Linnet, 4 Shelducks, 20 Tufted Ducks, 2 Mute Swans (Nick Tanner).

26 April 2014, Bow Creek: 2 Common Sandpipers, 1 Shelduck, 3 Canada Geese, 1 Mute Swan, 3 singing Blackcaps, 1 singing Chiffchaff (Nick Tanner).

25 April 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 singing Reed Warbler, 3 Common Terns, 2 Egyptian Geese, 2 Greylag Geese, 1 Shelduck, 10 Tufted Ducks, 1 Reed Bunting, 1 Chiffchaff (Paul Hyland).

24 April 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Swallow flew north (Bob Watts).

23 April 2014, East India Dock Basin: 4 Egyptian Geese, 1 singing Lesser Whitethroat, a pair of Common Terns defending the north-eastern raft (John Archer).

23 April 2014, Bow Creek: 2 Cormorants fighting over a large Eel (John Archer).



Cormorants with a large Eel at Bow Creek (photo: John Archer)

23 April 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Willow Warbler (Bob Watts).

22 April 2014, Regent's Canal at Mile End: 8 Red-crested Pochards about 400 metres south of Roman Road bridge (Keith Watts).

22 April 2014, Bow Creek: 2 Swallows, 5+ Sand Martins, 1 female Kestrel, 7 Great Black-backed Gulls (John Archer).

22 April 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 House Martin flew north (Bob Watts).

21 April 2014, Bow Creek: a Little Egret roosting at high tide on the Leamouth Peninsula, 2 Shelducks, 1 male Kestrel, 1 Common Sandpiper, a Grey Wagtail carrying food (indicating a nearby nest), 3 singing Blackcaps, 1 singing Lesser Whitethroat, 1 singing Chiffchaff (Nick Tanner).



Little Egret (right) with Grey Heron at Bow Creek (photo: Nick Tanner)

21 April 2014, East India Dock Basin: 2 Greylag Geese, 2 Canada Geese, 2 Mute Swans, 4 Shelducks, 21 Tufted Ducks, 2 singing Blackcaps, 1 singing Chiffchaff (Nick Tanner).

20 April 2014, Poplar: 3 Ring-necked Parakeets flew south over Newby Place (Nick Tanner).

18 April 2014, East India Dock Basin: 4 Common Terns on the rafts, 1 Shelduck, 27 Tufted Ducks, 7 Canada Geese, 2 Greylag Geese, 2 Mute Swans, 1 singing Reed Bunting, 1 singing Song Thrush, 2 singing Blackcaps (Nick Tanner).

18 April 2014, Bow Creek: a pair of Stock Doves prospecting a drainpipe as a possible nest site, 1 Little Ringed Plover, 7 Canada Geese, 4 Common Sandpipers, 4 singing Blackcaps, 1 singing Chiffchaff, 1 singing Reed Bunting (Nick Tanner).

15 April 2014, Mudchute: 1 Yellow Wagtail, 2 Chiffchaffs, 3 Blackcaps, 2 Ring-necked Parakeets, several Monk Parakeets (Stuart Fisher).

15 April 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 7+ singing Blackcaps (Bob Watts).

15 April 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 singing Lesser Whitethroat, 2 singing Blackcaps, 27 Tufted Ducks, 1 Teal, 1 Shelduck (John Archer).

15 April 2014, Lady Mico's Almshouses garden, Stepney: 1 Hairy-footed Flower Bee, 1 singing Dunnock (John Archer).

14 April 2014, Mile End Park: 2 singing Blackcaps, a pair of Grey Wagtails (Bob Watts).

13 April 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 Common Tern, 1 singing Willow Warbler, 4 Blackcaps (3 singing males and a female), 1 Little Ringed Plover, 18 Tufted Ducks (Nick Tanner).



13 April 2014, Bow Creek: 1 Kestrel, 1 Swallow flew north, 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 singing Blackcap, 1 Shelduck, 3 Canada Geese (Nick Tanner).

12 April 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 3 singing Blackcaps, 3 Shelducks, 16 Tufted Ducks (Nick Tanner).

12 April 2014, Bow Creek: 2 Stock Doves, 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 Teal, 2 Shelducks, 1 singing Blackcap, 1 Grey Wagtail (Nick Tanner).

11 April 2014, East India Dock Basin: 2 Common Terns, 1 singing Willow Warbler, 3 singing Blackcaps, 2 Mute Swans, 2 Shelducks, 5 Tufted Ducks (Jo Dowle, Stuart Fisher & John Archer).

10 April 2014, Shadwell Basin: 1 singing Blackcap (Neal Hunt).

10 April 2014, Regent's Canal, Limehouse: a Grey Wagtail singing by Salmon Lane Bridge and another singing at Limehouse basin (Neal Hunt).

10 April 2014, Saffron Avenue Pond: a pair of Coots with 4 small young, and a second pair at a nest (John Archer).

10 April 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 singing Willow Warbler, 1 singing Blackcap, 2 Little Ringed Plovers, 2 Shelducks, 2 Mute Swans, 11 Tufted Ducks, 2 Pied Wagtails (John Archer).

9 April 2014, Spitalfields City Farm: 5 Great Crested Newts, 3 Alpine Newts, about 20 Smooth Newts, 1 Common Frog, 10+ Hairy-footed Flower Bees, plenty of House Sparrows (Eddie Brede, Michelle Sinden, John Archer and others on the Froglife training course).



Great Crested (top), Alpine (left) and Smooth (right) Newts, (photos: Michelle Sinden)  
Note: the Crested Newt is being handled by Eddie Brede, who is licenced to handle them

9 April 2014, East India Dock Basin: 4 Common Terns, 4 Greylag Geese, 4 Shelducks, 4 Teal, 14 Tufted Ducks, 3 Mute Swans (Nick Tanner).

9 April 2014, Bow Creek: 4 Shelducks, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 Mute Swan, 3 Canada Geese (Nick Tanner).

8 April 2014, Mudchute: 1 singing Willow Warbler, 1 Chiffchaff, 4+ male Blackcaps (Stuart Fisher).

8 April 2014, Bow Creek: 5 Sand Martins (James Palmer).

7 April 2014, East India Dock Basin: a pair of Egyptian Geese with 4+ small goslings on the Thames by Orchard Wharf, 4 Common Terns, 2 Little Ringed Plovers, 1 Sparrowhawk, 46 Tufted Ducks, 6 Teal (Stephen Harris & John Archer).

7 April 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Willow Warbler, 1 Redpoll flew north (Bob Watts).

6 April 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 Blackcap, 5 Shelducks, 45 Tufted Ducks, 1 Mute Swan, 4 Canada Geese, 6 Teal, 1 Pied Wagtail (Nick Tanner).

6 April 2014, Bow Creek: 2 Sand Martins, 1 female Kestrel, 1 singing Song Thrush, 2 adult Great Black-backed Gulls, 2 Common Sandpipers, 3 Teal, 2 Canada Geese (Nick Tanner).

4 April 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 Common Tern, 2 singing Blackcaps, 3 Mute Swans (a pair + a first-summer), 3 Greylag Geese, 6 Canada Geese, 3 Shelducks, 16 Teal, 42 Tufted Ducks (Nick Tanner & John Archer).

4 April 2014, Bow Creek: 1 male Kestrel hunting over Leamouth Peninsula, 1 Common Sandpiper, 5 Teal, 2 Jays (Nick Tanner).

3 April 2014, Millwall Docks: a Grey Seal near Pepper Street (Abdul Khan).

3 April 2014, Victoria Park: 2 singing Blackcaps, 1 singing Chiffchaff, 5 Red-crested Pochards. a pair of Egyptian Geese (Bob Watts).

2 April 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 singing Blackcap, 1 Holly Blue butterfly (Bob Watts), Orange Tip and Speckled Wood butterflies have been out for several days (Ken Greenway).

1 April 2014, Trinity Gardens: 1 Lesser Redpoll flew north, 1 Mistle Thrush, 1 Tawny Mining Bee (John Archer).



Mistle Thrush in Trinity Gardens (photo: John Archer)

1 April 2014, Bow Creek: 1 Little Ringed Plover, 1 Chiffchaff (Paul Hyland).

1 April 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 male Blackcap, 2 Reed Buntings, 2 Song Thrushes, 4 Greylag Geese, 5 Canada Geese, 4 Shelducks (Paul Hyland).

## **March**

31 March 2014, Victoria Park: a Great Crested Grebe on West Lake was the first in the park for years, also 2 Little Grebes, a pair of Egyptian Geese, 7 Red-crested Pochards, a Mute Swan on a nest, 10+ Greylag Geese, 4 Pochards, 10+ Tufted Ducks, 1 Grey Heron, 1 singing Chiffchaff, 1 Green Woodpecker, 2 Mistle Thrushes, a pair of Great Spotted Woodpeckers at a nest hole (Jan Dobbie).

31 March 2014, Bow Creek: 1 Sand Martin, 1 Collared Dove, 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 female Reed Bunting, 2 Shelducks, 2 Canada Geese, 6 Teal (John Archer).

31 March 2014, East India Dock Basin: 8 Sand Martins flew north and 5pm, 2+ Song Thrushes in the Copse (the first record this year), 38 Tufted Ducks, 31 Teal, 2 Shelducks, 1 Reed Bunting, 1 Jay (John Archer).

28 March 2014, Bow Creek: 1 Peregrine, 1 male Kestrel, 3 Common Sandpipers, 1 Chiffchaff, 2 Jays (John Archer).

27 March 2014, Kenilworth Road, Bow E3: 4 Ring-necked Parakeets flying around the trees in the early morning (Kim Toohey).

27 March 2014, Canary Wharf: a pair of Mute Swans nesting on the floating reed bed in Middle Dock (Phil Laurie).

27 March 2014, Mudchute: 10 Monk Parakeets, 2 Ring-necked Parakeets, 1 Chiffchaff (Stuart Fisher).

26 March 2014, Victoria Park: 6 Red-crested Pochards (4 drakes, 2 females) on West Lake (Bob Watts).

26 March 2014, Mile End: a pair of Collared Doves on an aerial behind Gateway Housing offices in Mile End Road (Bob Watts).

24 March 2014, Victoria Park: 8 Red-crested Pochards, a pair of mute Swans nest-building, 1 female Green Woodpecker, 1 female Great Spotted Woodpecker, a pair of Chaffinches, an active Blue Tit nest, lots of Long-tailed Tits (Richard Drew).

24 March 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 Collared Dove, 1 Little Ringed Plover, 2 singing Chiffchaffs, 4 Shelducks, 45 Teal, 19 Tufted Ducks (Paul Hyland & John Archer).

24 March 2014, Bow Creek: 1 female Kestrel, 1 Reed Bunting, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 Pied Wagtail, 8 Teal (John Archer).

22 March 2014, Leamouth Peninsula: 1 male Wheatear (Gary James).

21 March 2014, East India Dock Basin: a Red Kite flew west at 12.55pm, 1 male Sparrowhawk, 1 Little Ringed Plover, 2 singing Chiffchaffs, 2 Linnets, 4 Shelducks, 19 Tufted Ducks, 21 Teal (John Archer).

20 March 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 singing Chiffchaffs, 1 Mistle Thrush, 6+ Ring-necked Parakeets (Bob Watts).

20 March 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Ringed Plover, 2 Chiffchaffs, 4 Shelducks, 77 Teal, 19 Tufted Ducks (Paul Hyland & John Archer).

18 March 2014, Blackwall: a House Martin flew over the A12 just north of the Blackwall Tunnel, the first to be seen in London this spring (Geoff Harding).



17 March 2014, Canary Wharf: a Common Buzzard flew south-east at 2pm, a pair of Great Black-backed Gulls (Stuart Fisher).

17 March 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 Peregrine, a pair of Kestrels, 2 Shelducks, 72 Teal, 21 Tufted Ducks, 2 Linnets, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

16 March 2014, Bow Creek: 2 Collared Doves flew south-west, 1 Stock Dove, 1 Kingfisher, 1 Shelduck, 2 Canada Geese, 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 Jay (Nick Tanner).

16 March 2014, East India Dock Basin: 4 Greylag Geese, 42 teal, 11 Tufted Ducks, 1 Reed Bunting, 1 Grey Wagtail (Nick Tanner).

14 March 2014, Victoria Park: a Kingfisher by West Lake and a Chiffchaff by the Regent's Canal (Bob Watts).

13 March 2014, Bow Creek: 1 Kingfisher, 1 immature male Kestrel caught and devoured a small rodent, 1 male Reed Bunting, 2 Common Sandpipers, 3 Redshanks, 1 Shelduck, 15 Teal, 1 Pied Wagtail, 2 Small Tortoiseshells (John Archer).



Kestrel at Bow Creek (photo: John Archer)

13 March 2014, East India Dock Basin: the [Estonian-ringed Cormorant](#) again on the pier, 2 Jays, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 adult Mute Swan on the Thames, 10 Teal, 15 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

12 March 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: lots of butterflies in the lunchtime sunshine: 4 Commas, 2 Small Tortoiseshells, 2 Peacocks and a Brimstone. Also a singing Chiffchaff, 6 Ring-necked Parakeets, 3 Stock Doves and a Great Spotted Woodpecker (Bob Watts).

11 March 2014, Victoria Park: a pair of Red-crested Pochards and a pair of Little Grebes (James Palmer & Bob Watts).

10 March 2014, Mudchute: 4 Monk Parakeets (Stuart Fisher).

10 March 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 4 Redwings - none wintered here, so these are clearly migrants moving though (Bob Watts).

10 March 2014, East India Dock Basin: 2 Greylag Geese (the first site record this year), 132 Teal, 2 Shelducks, 27 Tufted Ducks, 5 Linnets (James Palmer & John Archer).

5 March 2014, Mudchute: plenty of mating Common Frogs in the pond, with at least 6 clumps of spawn, and the blossom on the Blackthorn and Plum trees is spectacular (John Archer).



Frog spawn at Mudchute (photo: John Archer)

5 March 2014, Bow Creek: a Peregrine flew over, also 69 Teal, 3 Redshanks (John Archer).

4 March 2014, East India Dock Basin: a Buff-tailed Bumblebee exploring the Copse in the lunchtime sunshine, and Glory-of-the-snow in flower (John Archer).



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

4 March 2014, Bow Creek: 3 Redshanks, 3 Shelducks, 37 Teal (John Archer).

3 March 2014, East India Dock Basin: 2 Shelducks, 26 Tufted Ducks, 48 Teal, 4 Canada Geese, 1 first-winter Mute Swan (John Archer).

1 March 2014, Victoria Park: 1 Kingfisher, 7 Red-crested Pochards, 26 Shovelers, 1 Sparrowhawk, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 26 Fieldfares, 2 Redwings (David Darrell-Lambert and 13 participants on the Bird Barmy Army walk).



Great Spotted Woodpecker on the Burdett Coutts Fountain (David Darrell-Lambert)

## February

28 February 2014, Victoria Park: 2 Little Grebes, 2 Red-crested Pochards, 20+ Shovelers, 13+ Pochards, 28 Tufted Ducks, 3 Egyptian Geese, 10 Greylag geese, 1 Sparrowhawk, 30+ Fieldfares, 2 Redwings, 1 Mistle Thrush, 2 Goldcrests (Jan Dobbie).

28 February 2014, Bow Creek: 3 Linnets, 1 Common Sandpiper, 16 Redshanks, 2 Mute Swans (an adult and a first winter), 21 Teal, 1 Pied Wagtail (John Archer).

28 February 2014, East India Dock Basin: the [Estonian-ringed Cormorant](#) again on the pier, 125 Teal, 1 first winter Mute Swan, 2 Canada Geese, 22 Tufted Ducks, 2 Shelducks (John Archer).

27 February 2014, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 16 Redshanks, 2 adult Mute Swans, 35 Teal (John Archer).

25 February 2014, The Cow Garden, Eric Street: the first bumblebee of the year (Paul Wilson).

25 February 2014, Victoria Park: 7 Fieldfares, 1 Red-crested Pochard, 1 Egyptian Goose (James Palmer).

25 February 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Mistle Thrush singing in trees by Hamlets Way (Ken Greenway).

24 February 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Brimstone was the first butterfly sighting of the year (John Clarkson).

24 February 2014, Mudchute: 2 Egyptian Geese, 2 Redwings, 1 Fieldfare (Sean Huggins).

21 February 2014, Victoria Park: 5 Red-crested Pochards, 27+ Shovelers and a pair of Great Black-backed Gulls all on West Lake (Bob Watts).

21 February 2014, East India Dock Basin: 15 Shelducks, 22 Tufted Ducks, 7 Teal, 9 Canada Geese, 1 Pied Wagtail (John Archer).

20 February 2014, Poplar Park: lots of crocuses of several types in flower, along with the first few daffodils and the last of the snowdrops (John Archer).





Assorted crocuses at Poplar Park (photo: John Archer)

18 February 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Goldcrests singing (Bob Watts).

18 February 2014, Limehouse: 100+ Cormorants on the River Thames (Paul Hyland).

17 February 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Woodcock (Paul Barnham).

17 February 2014, Mudchute: a Chiffchaff singing (Sean Huggins).

17 February 2014, Regent's Canal at Mile End: a Kingfisher and a pair of Mute Swans by the Ragged School Museum (John Archer).

13 February 2014, East India Dock Basin: 103 Teal (an obvious influx, with a further 89 on Bow Creek, compared to the recent low numbers), 1 adult Mute Swan, 8 Shelducks, 17 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

13 February 2014, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 20 Redshanks, 89 Teal, 1 first winter Mute Swan (John Archer).

11 February 2014, East India Dock Basin: the [Estonian-ringed Cormorant](#) again on the pier, now resplendent in summer plumage with white head and thigh patches (John Archer).



Cormorant "Blue EBY" at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

9 February 2014, East India Dock Basin: an adult Iceland Gull reported late morning would be the first record for the Borough if confirmed (via Rare Bird Alert).

7 February 2014, Parnham Street Wildlife Garden: lots of Primroses in flower, which seems very early (John Archer).

7 February 2014, Limehouse Basin: 23 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

5 February 2014, East India Dock Basin: 39 Tufted Ducks (the highest count of the winter so far), 21 Shelducks, 12 Teal (John Archer).

4 February 2014, Weavers Fields: Winter Aconites, Sweet Violets and Greater Snowdrops in flower in the woodland, and Dogwood starting to flower in the hedge (John Archer).



Greater Snowdrop (left) and Winter Aconite in Weavers Woodland (photos: John Archer)

3 February 2014, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 2 Redshanks, 45 Teal (John Archer).

3 February 2014, East India Dock Basin: the [Estonian-ringed Cormorant](#) again on the pier, 13 Shelducks, 29 Tufted Ducks, 11 teal, 220 Black-headed Gulls roosting on the island, 1 Pied Wagtail (John Archer).

1 February 2014, Mile End Park: 2 Mallards, 2 Coots and 1 Moorhen in the Ecology Park, 1 Coot on the Arts Pond (Matt Reed).

## January

28 January 2014, East India Dock Basin: the Estonian-ringed Cormorant again on the pier, 20 Teal, 13 Tufted Ducks, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 Pied Wagtail (Paul Hyland & John Archer).

28 January 2014, Bow Creek: 17 Redshanks, 1 Common Sandpiper, 57 Teal, 2 Meadow Pipits, 1 Pied Wagtail (Paul Hyland & John Archer).

27 January 2014, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, Daffodils, Snowdrops and Crocuses all in flower (Justine Aw).

24 January 2014, Victoria Park: 1 Green Woodpecker, 9 Fieldfares, 3 Mistle Thrushes (James Palmer).

24 January 2014, East India Dock Basin: an escaped Canary with Goldfinches in the Copse, 18 Shelducks, 18 Tufted Ducks, 6 Teal, 1 Pied Wagtail, Cow Parsley and Snowdrops in flower (John Archer).



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

23 January 2014, Victoria Park: 4 Red-crested Pochards (3 drakes and a female), 3 Gadwall, 13 Shovelers, 2 Pochards, 24 Tufted Ducks, 19 Greylag Geese, 2 Great Black-backed Gulls (Jan Dobbie).

23 January 2014, Poplar DLR station: a Common Sandpiper flew over calling around 5pm (John Archer).

22 January 2014, Leamouth Peninsula: about 25 Linnets feeding with Starlings, the largest flock in the area for about 2 years (John Archer).

21 January 2014, Mile End Park: 2 pairs of Mistle Thrushes (John Archer).

21 January 2014, Victoria Park: 1 female Red-crested Pochard, 14 Pochards, 11 Shovelers, 18 Greylag Geese, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker (John Archer).



Red-crested Pochard at Victoria Park (Photo: John Archer)

21 January 2014, Bethnal Green Nature Reserve: Sweet Violets, Winter Aconites and Snowdrops all in flower (John Archer, Rhodri Jones & Margaret Cox).





Sweet Violet (left) and Winter Aconite at Bethnal Green NR (photos: John Archer)

19 January 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 Mute Swan, 3 Canada Geese, 15 Shelducks, 3 Teal, 29 Tufted Ducks (Nick Tanner).

19 January 2014, Bow Creek: 1 Sparrowhawk, 1 Peregrine flew west, 1 Chiffchaff, 109 Teal, 26 Redshanks, 1 Grey Wagtail singing, 1 Jay (Nick Tanner).

19 January 2014, Victoria Park: 8 Red-crested Pochards, 10 Shovelers, 4 Gadwall, 14 Pochards, 3 Little Grebes, 51 Tufted Ducks, about 135 Coots, 7 Mute Swans, 15 Greylag Geese, 17 Canada Geese, 4 Stock Doves, 4 Ring-necked Parakeets, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker drumming, 1 Pied Wagtail, 1 Mistle Thrush singing, 2 Jays (Nick Tanner).

18 January 2014, East India Dock Basin: 37 Tufted Ducks, 12 Shelducks, 2 Teal, 3 Canada Geese, 1 Mute Swan, 1 Pied Wagtail (Nick Tanner).

18 January 2014, Bow Creek: 2 Egyptian Geese flew south, 1 Kestrel, 136 Teal, 1 Tufted Duck, 2 Common Sandpipers, 27 Redshanks, 1 Meadow Pipit, 2 Grey Wagtails (Nick Tanner).

17 January 2014, East India Dock Basin: 28 Shelducks, 1 Mute Swan, 8 Teal, 19 Tufted Ducks, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 Pied Wagtail, the [Estonian-ringed Cormorant](#) still on the pier (Paul Hyland & John Archer).

17 January 2014, Bow Creek: 2 Common Sandpipers, 25 Redshanks, 90 Teal, 1 Tufted Duck, 4 Meadow Pipits, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

15 January 2014, Regent's Canal in Mile End: a Grey Heron eating a large Perch near the Roman Road bridge, 5+ House Sparrows in the hedge opposite the entrance to Victoria Park (Bob Watts).

15 January 2014, Victoria Park: 1 Little Grebe on East Lake, the pair of Great Black-backed Gulls still on West Lake (Bob Watts).

15 January 2014, East India Dock Basin: the [Estonian-ringed Cormorant](#) again on the pier, 1 Mute Swan, 14 Shelducks, 88 Teal, 20 Tufted Ducks, 1 Jay, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).



The Estonian-ringed Cormorant "Blue EBY" at East India Dock Basin (John Archer)

14 January 2014, Victoria Park West Lake: 2 pairs of Gadwall, 10+ Shovelers, 1 female Red-crested Pochard, 2 adult Great Black-backed Gulls (Bob Watts).

13 January 2014, Bow Creek: 32 Redshanks and 1 Common Sandpiper in the high tide roost, 100+ Teal (John Archer).

13 January 2014, East India Dock Basin: the [Estonian-ringed Cormorant](#) again on the pier, 5 Shelducks, 58 Teal, 19 Tufted Ducks, 1 Jay (John Archer).

12 January 2014, Bow Creek: 2 Peregrines, 1 Sparrowhawk, 1 Canada x Greylag Goose hybrid with a Canada Goose, 1 Mistle Thrush singing, 1 Mute Swan, 2 Shelducks, 235 Teal, 3 Common Sandpipers, 17 Redshanks, 1 Meadow Pipit, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 Pied Wagtail (Nick Tanner).

12 January 2014, East India Dock Basin: 2 Egyptian Geese flew west, 3 Shelducks, 8 Teal, 7 Tufted Ducks, 1 Grey Wagtail, 2 Pied Wagtails, 4 Chaffinches (Nick Tanner).

12 January 2014, Limehouse Cut: 1 Kingfisher (James Palmer).

11 January 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 drake Shoveler, 9 Shelducks, 11 Teal, 10 Tufted Ducks, 1 Jay, 1 Pied Wagtail, 5 Chaffinches (Nick Tanner).

11 January 2014, Bow Creek: 2 Reed Buntings, 1 Mute Swan, 81 Teal, 4 Common Sandpipers, 21 Redshanks, 1 Meadow Pipit flew south, 1 Pied Wagtail (Nick Tanner).

10 January 2014, Victoria Park: 1 Kingfisher on East Lake. On West Lake, a pair of Gadwall, 1 female Red-crested Pochard, 3 drake Shovelers, 1 Little Grebe and the usual family group of Mute Swans (Richard Drew).

10 January 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 Black Redstart in the Copse and on Orchard Wharf, 1 Mute Swan, 7 Shelducks, 33 Teal, 10 Tufted Ducks, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).



Black Redstart at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

8 January 2014, Victoria Park: 1 Kingfisher fishing in East Lake, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker drumming on West Lake island, 1 Goldcrest (Jan Dobbie).

8 January 2014, Poplar Dock Marina: Jersey Cudweed still flowering, 1 Great Crested Grebe, 16 Tufted Ducks, 2 Mute Swans (John Archer).

7 January 2014, West India Docks: 1 Little Grebe at the west end of South Dock (Nick Croft).

7 January 2014, Mudchute: 14 Monk Parakeets, 2 Mistle Thrushes, 1 Song Thrush (Ian Stewart).

7 January 2014, Bow Creek: 68 Mallards, 54 Teal, 2 Common Sandpipers, 2 Redshanks (Ian Stewart).

7 January 2014, Limehouse Basin: 25 Tufted Ducks, 2 Canada Geese (John Archer).

6 January 2014, Meath Gardens: 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker drumming, 1 Mistle Thrush singing (Harry Harrison).

5 January 2014, Bow Creek: 76 Teal, 2 Tufted Ducks, 3 Common Sandpipers, 13 Redshanks, 1 Pied Wagtail (Nick Tanner).

4 January 2014, Victoria Park: 32 species of birds including 2 Kingfishers by East Lake, 4 Gadwall, 5 Shovelers, 1 Little Grebe, 5 Red-crested Pochards, 29 Pochards, 40 Tufted Ducks, 9 Mute Swans, 19 Greylag Geese, 133 Coots, 2 Great Black-backed Gulls, 17 Cormorants, 3 Redwings, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 1 Goldcrest, 4 Jays, 1 Mistle Thrush, 5 Ring-necked Parakeets, 4 Stock Doves (David Darrell-Lambert and participants on the Bird Barmy Army walk).





Pair of Gadwall at Victoria Park (photo: David Darrell-Lambert)

4 January 2014, Anthill Road E3: a pair of Blackcaps in a back garden (Harry Harrison).

4 January 2014, East India Dock Basin: 16 Shelducks, 1 Teal, 15 Tufted Ducks (Nick Tanner).

4 January 2014, Bow Creek: 58 Teal, 1 Tufted Duck, 1 Common Sandpiper, 16 Redshanks, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 Pied Wagtail (Nick Tanner).

3 January 2014, Victoria Park: 5 Red-crested Pochards (3 drakes, 2 females), 18+ Pochards, 5 Shovelers (all drakes), 1 Tufted Duck, 2 Egyptian Geese, 2 Greylag Geese, 1 Jay, 1 Mistle Thrush (Jan Dobbie).

3 January 2014, Bow Creek: 1 Meadow Pipit, 1 Common Sandpiper, 69 Teal, 2 Shelducks, 1 Tufted Duck, 19 Redshanks (John Archer & Nick Tanner).

3 January 2014, East India Dock Basin: 34 Tufted Ducks, 10 Shelducks, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer & Nick Tanner).

2 January 2014, Regent's Canal, Mile End: 2 Egyptian Geese (Martin Ling).

2 January 2014, Mile End Park: 1 Song Thrush singing (Harry Harrison).

2 January 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 Fieldfare flew west at 10am, 1 Sparrowhawk, 19 Shelducks, 29 Tufted Ducks, 21 Teal, 5 Canada Geese, 5 Chaffinches, 1 Jay (Nick Tanner & John Archer).

2 January 2014, Bow Creek: 2 Kestrels, 10 Grey Herons roosting on the Leamouth Peninsula, 24 Redshanks, 2 Common Sandpipers, 6 Teal, 1 first winter Mute Swan, 1 Stock Dove, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer & Nick Tanner).

1 January 2014, Victoria Park: 1 Firecrest with 2 Goldcrests (Harry Harrison).

1 January 2014, East India Dock Basin: 15 Shelducks, 24 Tufted Ducks, 4 Teal, 2 Grey Wagtails, 1 Pied Wagtail, 5 Chaffinches (Nick Tanner).

1 January 2014, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 17 Redshanks, 2 Shelducks, 56 Teal, 1 Tufted Duck, 2 Pied Wagtails (Nick Tanner).