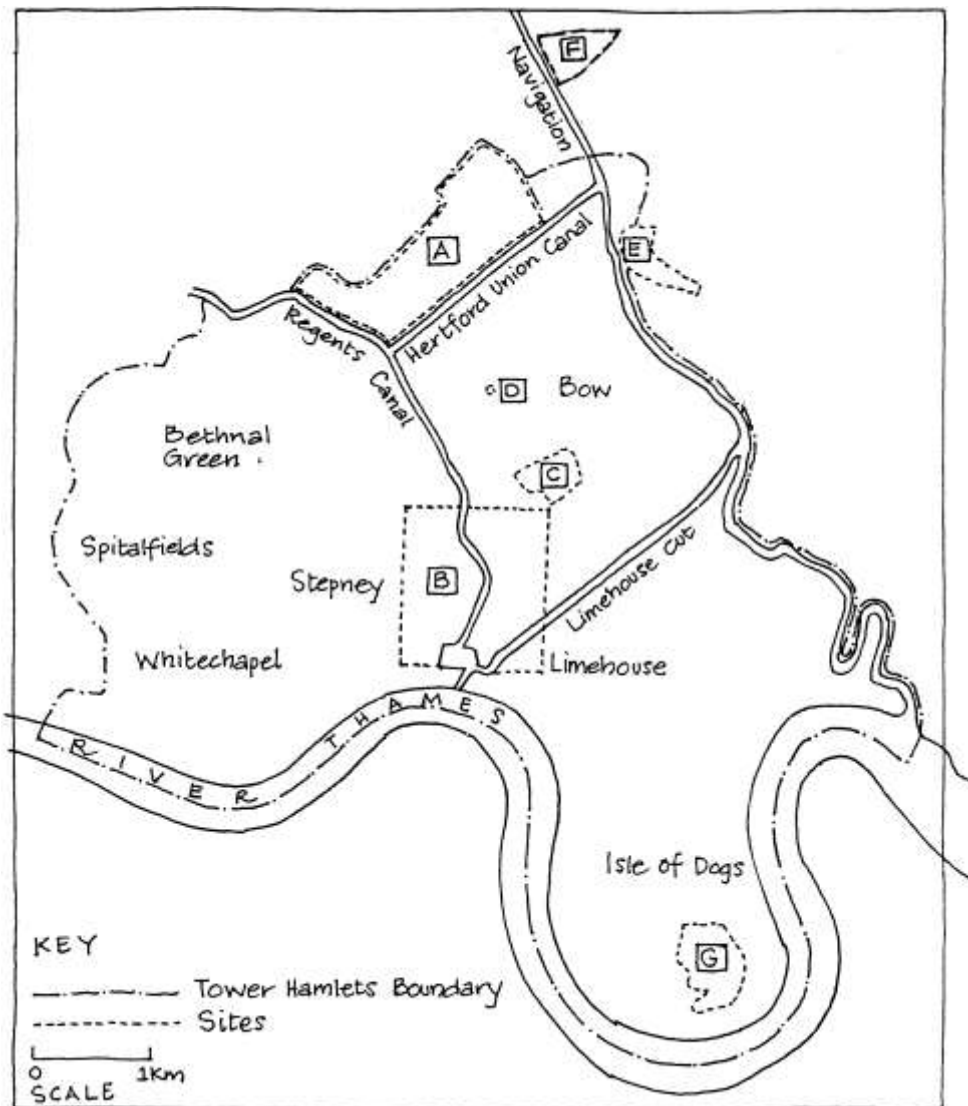


EAST END BIRD REPORT 2012

This report is a record of birds observed on seven sites in the East End of London during 2012. Each site was visited once a month and all birds seen, heard or flying over recorded. Visits normally take one hour, with the same route taken on each visit.

The sites selected are varied, but the one thing they have in common is that they represent habitats which are "green" and therefore likely to contain birds not normally associated with densely populated Inner City areas.



- A : VICTORIA PARK 54 species
 - B : LIMEHOUSE 45 species
 - C : TOWER HAMLETS CEMETERY 30 species
 - D : GARDEN 24 species
 - E : GREENWAY: No access to site owing to Olympics
 - F : WICK FIELD 41 species
 - G : MUDCHUTE FARM 39 species
- TOTAL 68 species**

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Victoria Park : Grid ref: TQ 363 840 : Area: 90 ha

The Park dominates the northern part of the Borough, it is bounded on two sides by the Hertford Union and Regent's Canals; the busy A102M motorway passes close to the eastern edge. The Park is cut in two at its centre by Grove Road. There are ornamental lakes in the western and eastern sections of the Park. Although most of the Park is dominated by close mown grass used for pitches and recreation there are pockets of trees and shrubbery.

SPECIES	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Little Grebe					1	1			2		2	
Cormorant	1		1	3	3		2		3		1	
Heron			2	1							1	
Mute Swan	4	2	2	2	1	2	2		3	2	2	
Greylag Goose			4	2	7	4	24			12	12	
Canada Goose	24	2	24	15	19	10	1		38	21	36	20
Egyptian Goose					1	1	5					
Mandarin Duck			1	1	1	2			1	1		
Mallard	6	6	20	17	28	16	23		46	31	9	6
Pochard					6	4	4		4	12	4	1
Red Crested Pochard							2					
Tufted Duck					4	3	3		7	8	2	1
Moorhen	1	4	7	4	2	3	3		5	14	9	8
Coot	7	19	20	17	12	30	19		33	41	46	52
Black Headed Gull	468	173	434			1	6		4	19	212	228
Common Gull	20	54	25								26	
Herring Gull						4						
Lesser Black backed Gull	19		2	13	1	11			1	5	4	2
Common Tern						2						
Feral Rock Dove	87	22	114	49	73	43	33		51	26	45	21
Stock Dove						3						
Wood Pigeon	74	34	58	27	23	32	29		30	28	79	40
Swift					2	10	9					
Ring necked Parakeet	1	5	3		4	4	4		4	2	5	3
Green Woodpecker	2	1	2	1						1		
Great Spotted Woodpecker	1	2	3	3	1	3			1			1
House Martin						6	20					
Yellow Wagtail									5			
Pied Wagtail			2				8		1	7	2	1
Wren	1	1	5	11	9	11	10		6	5	3	
Dunnock		2	4	4	1	3	1		2			2
Robin	12	11	15	11	12	6	4		9	16	10	9
Wheatear									1			
Blackbird	15	30	22	30	33	17	38		31	16	24	33
Song Thrush				1								
Mistle Thrush	4	2	1	8	2	11	16		14	3	1	
Redwing	6	20										
Fieldfare		34										
Reed Warbler									1			
Blackcap				1	5	1	1			2		
Chiffchaff				1	1				1	3		
Goldcrest												3
Long Tailed Tit	7	4	3	1	2	7			10	7		1
Blue Tit	24	18	13	15	11	11	8		7	5	11	16
Great Tit	18	14	16	13	10	4	6		8	11	12	18
Nuthatch											1	
Jay							1		2	4	1	2
Magpie	15	14	13	13	9	13	14		12	9	11	13
Carrion Crow	24	33	48	61	33	56	55		29	20	33	33
Starling	15	3	10	12	37	119	52		10	7	3	5
House Sparrow										1		
Chaffinch	14	8	9	9	9	6	1		1	4	2	10
Greenfinch		5	1	1		2	1					
Goldfinch	4	2	18	2	9	17	2		10	6	2	19

Tower Hamlets Cemetery: Grid ref:TQ 367 824 : Area:11 ha

Tower Hamlets Cemetery is an oasis of greenery in the East End providing a blend of history and natural history. The Cemetery provides almost all the woodland in the Borough. The last burial was in 1996.

SPECIES	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Cormorant		1	1	3	1							
Canada Goose		2	3									
Mallard			3									
Sparrowhawk	1									1	1	1
Black headed Gull	2	2			2		1		1	3	3	4
Lesser Black backed Gull				1								
Common Gull			1								1	
Ferel Rock Dove	4	7	7	3	9	6	4		2	6	6	4
Woodpigeon	11	8	13	12	9	6	3		13	1	3	6
Ring necked Parakeet	4	2	2	4	2	2			3	2	10	3
Green Woodpecker	1											
Great Spotted Woodpecker	2	1	2	1		1				1	1	2
Wren	6	6	13	13	11	8	11		6	13	8	6
Dunnock		2	3	2	2	2	1			1	1	
Robin	7	4	6	6	7	8	3		8	12	9	3
Blackbird	13	19	16	16	18	16	8		12	19	12	10
Song Thrush			1	1	1		2					
Redwing		23	3							1		
Mistle Thrush			1									
Blackcap				2	4	3	1					
Chiffchaff				2	2	1	1					
Goldcrest												2
Long Tailed Tit	5	3		2	2				7	1	2	15
Blue Tit	8	10	14	8	8	3	2		12	6	6	9
Great Tit	8	14	10	9	7	2	2		10	4	10	8
Jay		1	1	6	1	1						1
Magpie	6	8	6	6	5	6	5		2	7	12	9
Carrion Crow	22	21	10	16	10	4			4	10	9	17
Chaffinch	5	4		2							2	
Goldfinch			1			1				2	8	

Garden : Antill Road E3 : Area : 75msq

Small, end of terrace garden with bird feeders situated in the midst of typical East End streets with back to back gardens.

SPECIES	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Cormorant						F						
Sparrowhawk			X			X					X	
Black Headed Gull	X	X	X	x							X	X
Collared Dove						X						
Feral Pigeon							X					
Woodpigeon	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
Ring necked Parakeet				F								
Swift					F	F	F					
House Martin									F			
Wren	X										X	X
Dunnock	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Robin	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Blackbird	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Blackcap	X	X	X			X						X
Chiffchaff									X			
Goldcrest									X		X	
Long Tailed Tit											X	X
Blue Tit	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Great Tit	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Jay						X						
Magpie	X	X		X	X	X						
Starling		X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
House Sparrow				X	X	X	X					
Greenfinch	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Goldfinch	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		

present in garden
 F flying over garden
 H heard from garden

Greenway: Grid ref: TQ 374 839 : Area: 7.6 ha

The Greenway consists of a steep-sided bank over the Northern Outfall Sewer and supports a mixture of rough vegetation and scrub. The Greenway crosses the Lee Navigation which also forms the eastern boundary of the site. The site has shrunk considerably in size owing to the erection of the Olympic Stadium in the last couple of years.

Wick Field : Area : 10 ha

Wick Field is situated in the London Borough of Newham on a triangular site with the busy A12 East Cross route on the southern boundary, Homerton Road to the north and the River Lee Navigation to the west. The site has a variety of habitats including scrub and low plantation, woodland, recent tree planting and water, with the sports pitches of Hackney Marsh on the other side of Homerton Road.

SPECIES	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Comorant	2	5	2	2	3	4	1			1	2	
Grey Heron				1	1	1						
Mute Swan	2	2	2						4	2		16
Canada Goose	2	1	2								3	11
Mallard		3	6		2	5			6	1	7	14
Sparrowhawk	1		1	1								
Moorhen	2	3			1						1	1
Coot	7	5	6	4		4	6		5	2	4	9
Woodcock			1									
Black Headed Gull	18	21	3						2	15	8	35
Common Gull		1									1	
Lesser Black backed Gull	2	2	1	2	2	1	1		1	1	1	1
Feral Rock Dove	6	6	1	8	5	3	4		20	4	2	4
Woodpigeon	10	7	6	10	8	10	4		7	130	1	4
Swift					2	1	4					
Ring-necked Parakeet					1						1	3
Green Woodpecker		1										
Great Spotted Woodpecker	1		2									
Wren	4	4	11	12	9	8	8		3	1	3	7
Dunnock	1	3	3	2	1	2	1			1		6
Robin	7	6	5	7	5	2			4	6	11	11
Blackbird	12	13	6	11	12	10	2		5	5	13	18
Song Thrush	1					2	1					
Mistle Thrush	1	1	1									
Fieldfare										55	1	
Blackcap				8	5	5	5					
Whitethroat									1			
Reed Warbler				1								
Chiffchaff				3		1				3		
Goldcrest	2	3									4	
Long Tailed Tit	14	13	3		2					2	17	2
Blue Tit	10	8	10	8	4	4	1		2	1	3	7
Great Tit	10	6	9	7	7	5	1		1	2	5	6
Jay		2	2	2		1	1		2	3	2	
Magpie	3	1	2	3	6	1	1		4	3	3	8
Carrion Crow	5	10	6	5	5	2	3		2	2	2	6
Starling	1			1	4	1				11		
Chaffinch	1	6	3	3	2	2	1				1	
Greenfinch				2			1			1		
Lesser Redpoll	25		2									
Goldfinch	24	24								2		

Mudchute Farm: Grid ref :TQ 381 789 : Area : 12 ha

The Mudchute is a mixed habitat with woodland, scrub, allotments, pond and is the largest city farm in Europe situated on a raised mound on the southern tip of the Isle of Dogs with the towering blocks of Canary Wharf as a neighbour.

SPECIES	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Cormorant						2				1		
Grey Heron	1		1									
Canada Goose					5							
Mallard	2	2	1									
Peregrine Falcon						2	1					
Black Headed Gull	6	7	3				1			20	9	9
Common Gull		4										
Lesser B b Gull	1			3		1	1		2		1	
Feral Rock Dove	25	2	3	9	11	15	46		23	29	65	34
Woodpigeon	17	17	30	31	17	12	40		35	49	31	29
Monk Parakeet		4		1	2		2			19		
Ring-necked Parakeet						3			3		3	3
Grey Wagtail									1	1		
Pied Wagtail										2		
Wren	11	16	12	9	13	13	10		6	5	2	2
Dunnock	6	9	5	4	2	8	6		5	3		3
Robin	9	12	10	7	6	3	2		9	9	3	7
Blackbird	12	21	19	15	15	17	9		13	21	13	20
Redwing										5		3
Song Thrush	2	3	3	1	2	4	1			1		
Mistle Thrush	2	2		3		3				3		1
Garden Warbler					1	1						
Whitethroat					2	1	5					
Blackcap			2	4	7	5	2					
Willow warbler				2								
Chiffchaff				3	4	2	6		2	1		
Goldcrest											1	
Long Tailed Tit	4	1	3			2	7		11	1		2
Blue Tit	9	6	13	4	11	2	4		5	3	3	4
Great Tit	8	5	10	6		8	4		7	2	5	2
Jay									1			
Magpie	11	15	11	5	7	8	11		9	8	12	11
Carrion Crow	25	29	33	11	23	18	21		19	33	21	26
Starling		10	4	24	7	1	130			2	77	127
House Sparrow	4	6	6	5	9	9	3		1		1	1
Chaffinch	12	4							6	2	6	4
Greenfinch	12	14	15	4	7	13	18			1	2	7
Goldfinch	1	5	2	4	6	5	6		7	15	7	4
Linnet							1					

SPECIES	Victoria Park	Limehouse	Cemetery	Garden	Greenway	Wick Field	Mudchute	TOTAL
Little Grebe	6							6
Great Crested Grebe		1						1
Cormorant	14	38	6	F		22	3	83
Grey Heron	4	4				3	2	13
Mute Swan	22	18				28		68
Greylag Goose	65	3						68
Canada Goose	210	80	5			19	5	319
Egyptian Goose	7	1						8
Mandarin Duck	7							7
Mallard	202	170	3			44	5	424
Pochard	35	2						37
Red Crested Pochard	2							2
Tufted Duck	28	148						176
Sparrowhawk		1	4	X		3		8
Peregrine Falcon							3	3
Moorhen	60	47				8		115
Coot	296	290				52		638
Woodcock						1		1
Black headed Gull	1545	337	18	F		102	55	2057
Common Gull	125		2			2	4	133
Herring Gull	4	4						8
Lesser Black backed Gull	58	16	1			15	9	99
Common Tern	2							2
Feral Rock Dove	564	1218	58	X		63	262	2165
Stock Dove	3							3
Collared Dove				X				
Woodpigeon	454	188	85			197	308	1232
Monk Parakeet							28	28
Ring necked Parakeet	35	8	34	F		5	12	94
Swift	21	4		F		7		32
Green Woodpecker	7		1			1		9
Gt Spotted Woodpecker	15	2	11			3		31
Sand Martin		7						7
House Martin	26			F				26
Swallow		1						1
Yellow Wagtail	5							5
Grey Wagtail		8					2	10
Pied Wagtail	21	5					2	28
Wren	62	51	101	X		70	99	383
Dunnock	19	13	14	X		20	51	117
Robin	115	54	73	X		64	77	383
Wheatear	1							1
Blackbird	289	263	159	X		107	175	993
Fieldfare	34					56		90
Song Thrush	1		5			4	17	27
Redwing	26	57	27				8	118
Mistle Thrush	62	15	1			3	14	95
Garden Warbler							2	2
Blackcap	10	1	10	X		23	20	64
Whitethroat						1	8	9
Reed Warbler	1					1		2
Willow Warbler							2	2
Chiffchaff	6	4	6	X		7	18	41
Goldcrest	3		2	X		9	1	15
Long Tailed Tit	42	6	37	X		53	31	169
Blue Tit	139	81	86	X		58	64	428
Great Tit	130	77	84	X		59	57	407
Nuthatch	1							1

SPECIES	Victoria Park	Limehouse	Cemetery	Garden	Greenway	Wick Field	Mudchute	TOTAL
Jay	10	2	11	X		15	1	39
Magpie	136	65	72	X		35	108	416
Carrion Crow	425	328	123			48	259	1183
Starling	273	226		X		18	382	899
House Sparrow	1	168		X			45	214
Chaffinch	73	32	13			19	34	171
Greenfinch	10	8		X		4	93	115
Lesser Redpoll						27		27
Goldfinch	82	105	12	X		50	62	311
Linnet		2					1	3
TOTAL	5794	4159	1064			1326	2329	14672
SPECIES	54	45	30	24		41	39	

Population changes in number of birds seen between 2002 and 2012

2002/2012 List	Species	2002	2011	2012	2002/2012	2011/2012
1	Little Grebe	1	1	6	600%	600%
2	Great crested Grebe	13	0	1	-94%	100%
3	Cormorant	176	139	83	-53%	-40%
4	Liittle Egret	0	0	0	0%	0%
5	Grey Heron	29	18	13	-55%	-38%
6	Mute Swan	43	67	68	158%	101%
7	Greylag Goose	186	74	68	-64%	-8%
8	Canada Goose	687	365	319	-54%	-13%
9	Egyptian Goose	0	15	8	800%	-47%
10	Mandarin Duck	0	6	7	600%	116%
11	Teal	0	0	0	0	0
12	Mallard	667	356	424	36%	127%
13	Gadwall	0	12	0	0	-100%
14	Pintail	0	2	0	0	-100%
15	Shoveller	6	0	0	-100%	-100%
16	Pochard	111	10	37	-68%	360%
17	Red Crested Pochard	0	1	2	200%	-200%
18	Tufted Duck	306	150	176	-42%	117%
19	Ruddy Duck	0	0	0	0	0%
20	Sparrowhawk	8	8	8	0%	0%
21	Kestrel	8	1	0	-100%	-100%
22	Peregrine Falcon	0	0	3	300%	300%
23	Hobby	0	0	0	0	0
24	Pheasant	1	0	0	-100%	0
25	Moorhen	237	131	115	-52%	-13%
26	Coot	565	757	639	113%	-16%
27	Whimbrel	0	0	0	0	-100%
28	Woodcock	0	0	1	100%	100%
29	Common Snipe	0	0	0	0	0
30	Common Sandpiper	0	0	0	0	0
31	Black headed Gull	951	2005	2057	216%	102%
32	Common Gull	73	208	133	182%	-36%
33	Herring Gull	2	4	8	400%	200%
34	Lesser Black backed Gull	31	62	99	319%	160%
35	Great Black backed Gull	2	0	0	-100%	0%
36	Common Tern	12	2	2	-84%	0%
37	Stock Dove	4	3	3	-25%	0%
38	Feral Rock Dove	2930	2315	2165	-16%	-7%
39	Woodpigeon	1103	1355	1232	112%	-10%
40	Collared Dove	0	2	1	0	-50%
41	Cuckoo	0	0	0	0	0
42	Rose Ringed Parakeet	0	41	94	9400%	229%
43	Monk Parakeet	0	64	28	2800%	-66%
44	Swift	64	18	32	-50%	178%
45	Kingfisher	0	1	0	0%	-100%
46	Green Woodpecker	18	14	9	-50%	-36%
47	Great Spotted Woodpecker	32	36	31	-3%	-14%
48	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	0	0	0	0	0
49	Sand Martin	3	16	7	233%	-66%
50	Swallow	2	13	1	-50%	-94%
51	Skylark	0	2	0	0	-100%
52	House Martin	41	2	26	-36%	1300%
53	Tree Pipit	0	0	0	0	0
54	Meadow Pipit	0	0	0	0	0
55	Yellow Wagtail	0	0	5	500%	500%
56	Grey Wagtail	22	6	10	-55%	166%
57	Pied Wagtail	48	32	28	-42%	-12%
58	Wren	478	371	383	-20%	103%
59	Dunnock	150	85	117	-22%	138%
60	Robin	382	352	383	0%	109%
61	Redstart	0	0	0	0	0
62	Black Redstart	0	0	0	0	0
63	Wheatear	0	1	1	100%	0%

2002/2012 List	Species	2002	2011	2012	2002/2012	2011/2012
64	Whinchat	0	0	0	0	0
65	Stonechat	0	0	0	0	0
66	Blackbird	1312	805	993	-25%	123%
67	Ring Ouzel	0	0	0	0	0
68	Fieldfare	25	47	90	360%	191%
69	Song Thrush	67	23	27	-60%	117%
70	Redwing	47	106	118	251%	111%
71	Mistle Thrush	84	89	95	113%	107%
72	Sedge Warbler	0	0	0	0	0
73	Reed Warbler	1	2	2	200%	200%
74	Lesser Whitethroat	1	0	0	-100%	-100%
75	Whitethroat	21	8	9	-57%	112%
76	Garden Warbler	4	0	2	-50%	200%
77	Blackcap	42	71	64	152%	-10%
78	Chiffchaff	23	37	41	178%	135%
79	Willow Warbler	7	3	2	-71%	-33%
80	Goldcrest	15	14	15	0%	107%
81	Firecrest	1	2	0	-100%	-100%
82	Spotted Flycatcher	3	0	0	-100%	-100%
83	Long Tailed Tit	163	143	169	103%	117%
84	Blue Tit	686	487	428	-38%	-12%
85	Great Tit	266	450	407	153%	-10%
86	Treecreeper	0	0	0	0	0
87	Nuthatch	0	0	1	100%	100%
88	Jay	37	27	39	1%	144%
89	Magpie	302	455	416	138%	-9%
90	Carrion Crow	993	1164	1183	119%	101%
91	Starling	901	913	899	0%	-2%
92	House Sparrow	582	251	214	-63%	-15%
93	Chaffinch	213	208	171	-20%	-18%
94	Greenfinch	104	132	115	111%	-12%
95	Goldfinch	109	266	311	285%	116%
96	Siskin	1	0	0	-100%	0
97	Linnet	80	24	3	-98%	-88%
98	Lesser Redpoll	0	0	27	2700%	2700%
99	Bullfinch	0	0	0	0	0
100	Yellowhammer	0	0	0	0	0
101	Reed Bunting	0	1	0	0	-100%
102	Cockatiel	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL NUMBER	15631	14900	14139		
	TOTAL SPECIES	63	68	68		

Abundance list based on a minimum of 100 sightings during 2012

- 1 Feral Rock Dove
- 2 Black Headed Gull
- 3 Starling
- 4 Woodpigeon
- 5 Carrion Crow
- 6 Blackbird
- 7 Coot
- 8 Mallard
- 9 Blue Tit
- 10 Magpie
- 11 Great Tit
- 12 Wren
- 13 Robin
- 14 Goldfinch
- 15 Canada Goose
- 16 Tufted Duck
- 17 Long Tailed Tit
- 18 Chaffinch
- 19 House Sparrow
- 20 Common Gull
- 21 Redwing
- 22 Greenfinch
- 23 Dunnock
- 24 Moorhen