

Tower Hamlets wildlife reports 2015

December

31 December 2015, Blackwall Basin: a pair of Great Crested Grebes with 4 young and a second pair of adults, 2 Grey Wagtails (Tom Speller).

31 December 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kingfisher, 2 Egyptian Geese, 2 Canada Geese, 1 Little Grebe, 10 Shelducks, 12 Tufted Ducks, 45 Teal, 4 Long-tailed Tits, 5 Chaffinches (Tom Speller).

31 December 2015, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 Redshank, 2 Shelducks, c50 Teal, 1 Great Black-backed Gull (Tom Speller).

30 December 2015, Blackwall Basin: a pair of Great Crested Grebes with 4 small young (Tom Speller).

29 December 2015, Millwall Docks: a Mute Swan with a colour-ring "4BFU", which was ringed in February 2014 at Bowyers Water near Cheshunt and most recently recorded at Southmere Lake, Thamesmead in March 2015 (Tom Speller).



Mute Swan "4BFU" at Millwall Docks (photo: Tom Speller)

29 December 2015, West India North Dock: 6 Mute Swans including a pair with 2 full-grown juveniles (Tom Speller).

25 December 2015, Blackwall Basin: a pair of Great Crested Grebes with 4 chicks (Sean Huggins).

24 December 2015, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 34 Redshanks (Frank Nugent).

24 December 2015, East India Dock Basin: 6 Reed Buntings, 1 Peregrine, 1 Little Grebe, 12 Shelducks, 148 Teal (Frank Nugent).

23 December 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the Firecrest still in Monument Glade and High Glade, 2 Redwings in Sanctuary Wood (Bob Watts).

23 December 2015, Bow Creek: 41 Redshanks in the high tide roost (Chris Parish).

22 December 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest in the north-east corner of the cemetery in Round Glade at lunchtime (Bob Watts).

22 December 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Grebe, 7 Shelducks, 19 Tufted Ducks, 60 Teal (John Archer).

18 December 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest in Horse Chestnut Glade in holly above the notice board at 1.15pm, 2+ Redwings in Monument Glade (Bob Watts).

17 December 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Meadow Pipit flew south-west at lunchtime, 1 Little Grebe, 11 Shelducks, 17 Tufted Ducks, 65 Teal, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

17 December 2015, Bow Creek: a Song Thrush in scrub along Silvocea Way, 2 Redshanks, 50 Teal (John Archer).

16 December 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest in Monument Glade at lunchtime, 1 Coal Tit in Sanctuary Wood (Bob Watts).

15 December 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kingfisher, 8 Shelducks, 19 Tufted Ducks, 53 Teal (John Archer).

15 December 2015, Mile End Park: 1 Green Woodpecker (Marcus Mitchell).

14 December 2015, Victoria Park: 46 Cormorants roosting on the islands in West Lake (Jan Dobbie).

14 December 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Little Grebe, 5 Shelducks, 10 Tufted Ducks, 34 Teal (John Archer).

10 December 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest still in Cherry Glade, 1 Chiffchaff in Monument Glade (Bob Watts).

9 December 2015, Canary Wharf: a Peregrine flew between the Citi and HSBC towers (Mark Warden).

9 December 2015, Victoria Park: the Firecrest still near Canal Gate, 17 Shovelers and 15 Gadwall on West Lake, 1 Siskin flew over (Brian Gee).

9 December 2015, East India Dock Basin: a Fieldfare in the north-west scrub, 1 Little Grebe, 9 Tufted Ducks, 2 Shelducks, 80+ Teal, 1 Goldcrest, 8+ Long-tailed Tits, 1 Grey Wagtail (Tom Speller & John Archer).



Pair of Teal at East India Dock Basin (photo: Tom Speller)

9 December 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Siskin flew north-west at 7.55am, 1 Coal Tit, 1 adult female Green Woodpecker (Bob Watts).

9 December 2015, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 2 Redshanks, 2 Grey Wagtails, 107 Teal (Tom Speller).



Common Sandpiper at Bow Creek photo: Tom Speller)

8 September 2015, Victoria Park: 1 Kingfisher (James Palmer).

8 December 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Red Kite flew low east at 12.50pm and the male Firecrest was between Cherry Glade and High Glade, near the pond (Bob Watts).

7 December 2015, Bow Creek: 3 Common Sandpipers, 3 Redshanks (Richard Drew).

6 December 2015, East India Dock Basin: 6 Reed Buntings feeding together (Frank Nugent).

6 December 2015, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 3 Redshanks, plenty of Teal all the way up to Bow Locks (Richard Drew).

4 December 2015, Millwall Inner Dock: a Common Gull with Black-headed Gulls (Tom Speller).



Common Gull at Millwall Inner Dock (photo: Tom Speller)

3 December 2015, West India Docks: 1 Little Grebe and 1 Grey Heron on North Dock (Tom Speller).

3 December 2015 East India Dock Basin: a Redwing in the Copse, 1 Kingfisher, 10 Shelducks, 54 Teal, 6 Tufted Ducks (Tom Speller).



Teal at East India Dock Basin (photo: Tom Speller)

3 December 2015, Bow Creek: 33 Redshanks in the high tide roost (Tom Speller).



Redshank at Bow Creek (photo: Tom Speller)

3 December 2015, Poplar Dock Marina: 2 Grey Wagtails (Tom Speller).

2 December 2015, Victoria Park: the Firecrest again by Canal Gate at 3.55pm, 6 Gadwall, 12 Red-crested Pochards, 3 drake Shovelers and 2 Egyptian Geese on

West Pond, 1 Chiffchaff and 10 Long-tailed Tits in West Park (Jan Dobbie & Richard Drew).

2 December 2015, East India Dock Basin: 12 Shelducks, 10 Tufted Ducks, about 60 Teal, 1 Goldcrest (John Archer).

2 December 2015, Mile End Park: a Chiffchaff in the Ecology Park (John Archer).

1 December 2015, Victoria Park: a Firecrest by Canal Gate at 3.45pm, 10 Gadwall, 5 Shovelers, 12 Red-crested Pochards, 12 Pochards and 28 Tufted Ducks on West Lake (Brian Gee).

1 December 2015, East India Dock Basin: the Cetti's Warbler still singing from the northern scrub, 11 Shelducks, 14 Tufted Ducks, 16 Teal, 1 Goldcrest, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

November

30 November 2015, East India Dock Basin: 11 Shelducks, 9 Tufted Ducks, 64 Teal (John Archer).

29 November 2015, Isle of Dogs: 1 adult Yellow-legged Gull and an immature male Peregrine at Saunders Ness (Sean Huggins).

28 November 2015, Victoria Park: a Firecrest near Canal Gate (there may well be 2 Firecrests wintering in the park); birds migrating over the park in the early morning included 2 Lesser Redpolls, 1 Siskin, 1 Linnet, 2 Fieldfares, 3 Redwings, 4 Greenfinches and several Goldfinches and Chaffinches; also 21 Common Gulls in East Park, a Chiffchaff by East Lake, and on West Lake 9 Gadwall, 12 Red-crested Pochards and a pair of Shovelers (Brian Gee).

28 November 2015, East India Dock Basin: a Cetti's Warbler singing again in the north scrub, 2 Fieldfares, 1 Kestrel, 1 or 2 Reed Buntings, 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Goldcrest, 8 Shelducks (James Palmer).

27 November 2015, Victoria Park: a Firecrest and a Coal Tit near the Sunken Garden (Brian Gee).

27 November 2015, King Edward Memorial Park: about 20 [Daisy Earthstars](#) beneath the line of cypress trees by the playground, mostly rather tatty specimens, also 1 Goldcrest with a small flock of Long-tailed Tits, 1 Jay (John Archer).



Daisy Earthstars at KEMP (photo: John Archer)

27 November 2015, Limehouse Basin: 14 Tufted Ducks, 2 Mute Swans (John Archer).

27 November 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest still in Monument Glade at 12.45pm (Bob Watts).

26 November 2015, Victoria Park: a Firecrest just south of the Sunken Garden with 1 Goldcrest, 12 Red-crested Pochards (9 drakes and 3 females), 3 Gadwall, 1 Little Grebe and 1 drake Shoveler all on West Lake, a pair of Shovelers and an Egyptian Goose on East Lake, 2 Greenfinches and 1 Chaffinch by the V&A building (Richard Drew).

26 November 2015, East India Dock Basin: the Lesser Whitethroat still in the Copse, a Cetti's Warbler singing from the northern scrub, 1+ Goldcrest, 1 Pied Wagtail, 2 Egyptian Geese, 6 Tufted Ducks, 3 Shelducks, c60 Teal (John Archer).

26 November 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest still in Monument Glade at 8am, 1 Coal Tit, about 15 Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

25 November 2015, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 4 Redshanks, 1 Great Black-backed Gull (Tom Speller).

25 November 2015, East India Dock Basin: 2 Goldcrests, 8 Long-tailed tits, 11 Shelducks, 29 Teal (Tom Speller).

25 November 2015, Victoria Park: the Firecrest still present near the Glade, 5 Shovelers (3 on West Lake, 2 on East Lake), 12 Red-crested Pochards, 9 Gadwall, 6 Pochards, 11 Tufted Ducks all on West Lake, 2 Goldcrests, 4 Mistle Thrushes (one singing), 1 Jay (Brian Gee & Jan Dobbie).

25 November 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Woodcock flushed from Monument Glade at 7.50am, 1 Coal Tit, 2 Green Woodpeckers (Bob Watts & Dan Hall).

24 November 2015, East India Dock Basin: a highly unseasonal Lesser Whitethroat in the Copse, 2+ Goldcrests, 1 Jay, 2 Tufted Ducks, 8 Shelducks, 85 Teal (John Archer).

23 November 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest still in Monument Glade at lunchtime (Bob Watts).

23 November 2015, Victoria Park: 12 Red-crested Pochards (9 drakes and 3 females) and 4 Gadwall (3 drakes and a female) on West Lake, 3 Jays, 1 Chaffinch and 3 Greenfinches in West Park (Richard Drew).

23 November 2015, East India Dock Basin: 2 Fieldfares in the Copse at lunchtime then flew east, 9 Shelducks, about 100 Teal, 1 Chiffchaff (John Archer). 20 November 2015, Victoria Park: the Firecrest still in hollies near Canal Gate this afternoon, 6 Gadwall and 8 Red-crested Pochards on West Lake (Brian Gee).

20 November 2015, East India Dock Basin: 2 Shelducks (the first here since July), 1 Little Grebe, 64 Teal (John Archer).

19 November 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Coal Tit, 1 Green Woodpecker, 20+ Goldcrests including a flock of 10 (Bob Watts).

19 November 2015, East India Dock Basin: 2 or 3 Kingfishers, 3 Redshanks on the island, 2 Goldcrests, 1 Chiffchaff, c10 Long-tailed Tits, 1 Grey Wagtail, 4+ Blackbirds which might have been migrants, 77 teal, 40+ Black-headed gulls (Tom Speller).

18 November 2015, Victoria Park: 4 Gadwall (3 drakes and a female) and 7 Red-crested Pochards on West Lake (Brian Gee).

18 November 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 5 Fieldfares flew north-west and 1 Redwing flew east around 8am (Bob Watts), 1 Coal Tit, 1 Goldcrest, 1 Chaffinch, several Long-tailed Tits, 2-3 Ring-necked Parakeets (Michael Rank).

18 November: West India Docks: a Grey Heron at the east end of North Dock (Tom Speller).

16 November 2015, Mudchute: at least 1 Monk Parakeet, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 1 Song Thrush, 1 Chiffchaff, 2 Goldcrests (Conrad Ellam).

16 November 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood at lunchtime, 20+ Redwings flew over at 8am (Bob Watts).

16 November 2015, East India Dock Basin: 2 Stock Doves flew west at lunchtime, 2 Chiffchaffs, 1 Goldcrest, 40 Teal (John Archer).

14 November 2015, Victoria Park: 2 adult Great Black-backed Gulls in East park, 220 Woodpigeons flew west in 30 minutes before the rain started (Biran Gee).

13 November 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest still in Horse Chestnut Glade, 2 Redwings, 1 Kestrel, 1 male Sparrowhawk (Bob Watts).

12 November 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 3 Stock Doves and 65 Woodpigeons flew south-west between 7.45 and 8.15am, the male Firecrest still in Horse Chestnut Glade, 1 Coal Tit (Bob Watts).

12 November 2015, Victoria Park: 1 Firecrest (probably a different bird from earlier in the month) and 1 Lesser Redpoll in the Glade, 13 Red-crested Pochards on West Lake, 1 Fieldfare and 5+ Redwings flew Over (Brian Gee).

11 November 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest in Horse Chestnut Glade, 1 Coal Tit in Sanctuary Wood (Bob Watts).

10 November 2015, Mudchute: 19+ Monk Parakeets, 1 female Sparrowhawk, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 2 Goldcrests (John Archer).



Monk Parakeets at Mudchute (photos: John Archer)

10 November 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood (Bob Watts).

9 November 2015, Antill Road E3: a Great Spotted Woodpecker on a garden feeder (Harry Harrison).

9 November 2015, Bow Creek: 1 Cetti's Warbler singing, 1 Common Sandpiper, 4 Redshanks, 1 Grey Wagtail (Tom Speller).

9 November 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kingfisher, 1 Sparrowhawk, 1 Little Grebe, 1 Chiffchaff, 2 Canada Geese, about 120 Teal, 1 Grey Wagtail, 3 Grey Herons, 22 Cormorants on the pier, also a Black-headed Gull colour-ringed by the North Thames Gull Group at Rainham Marshes in January 2015 – the movements of this gull can be tracked on the [North Thames Gull Group website](#) (Tom Speller & John Archer).



Colour-ringed Black-headed gull "yellow 2HJH" (photo: Tom Speller)

8 November 2015, Victoria Park: 2 Fieldfares in East Park (Brian Gee).

7 November 2015, Victoria Park: despite a wet and windy morning, the Bird Barmy Army walk recorded 33 species of birds, including 1 drake Red-crested Pochard, 4 Pochards (1 drake and 3 females), 1 Tufted Duck, 1 Little Grebe, 1 Egyptian Goose, 4 Greylag Geese, 31 Canada Geese, 5 Mute Swans, 37 Mallards, 19 Moorhens, 117 Coots, 13 Cormorants, 1 Redwing, 5 Goldcrests, 15 Goldfinches, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 2 Green Woodpeckers, 1 Jay, 19 Ring-necked Parakeets (David Darrell-Lambert and Bird Barmy Army participants).

6 November: West India Docks: a Kingfisher at the east end of North Dock (Tom Speller).

6 November 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Firecrest moving between Sanctuary Wood and Horse Chestnut Glade (Bob Watts).

5 November 2015, Victoria Park: 4 Red-crested Pochards (3 drakes and a female) on West Lake (Bob Watts).

4 November 2015, Victoria Park: 1 Firecrest and 1 Coal Tit near the Canal Gate, 14 Red-crested Pochards on West Lake (Brian Gee).

3 November 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 15 Redwings flew into Horse Chestnut Glade at 7.45am, 45 Woodpigeon flew over, 1 Coal Tit in Scrapyrd Meadow (Bob Watts).

2 November 2015, Mile End Park: a Woodcock flying back and forth over the woodland walk and playing fields south of Haverfield Road at 12.25pm (Bob Watts).

2 November 2015, Victoria Park: a Skylark flew over (Brian Gee).

2 November 2015, Bethnal Green Nature Reserve: lots of Cyclamen in flower (John Archer).



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

1 November 2015, Victoria Park: 2 Meadow Pipits in East Park, presumably passing migrants grounded by the fog, 1 Firecrest, 1 Coal Tit and 1 Chiffchaff in West Park (Brian Gee).

October

31 October 2015, Victoria Park: 3 Skylarks and 1 Siskin flew over, 14 Red-crested Pochards and 3 Gadwall on West Lake, 1 Coal Tit and 2 Chiffchaffs in West Park (Brian Gee).

30 October 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Firecrests in Horse Chestnut Glade at 1pm, 1 Coal Tit, several Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

30 October 2015, Victoria Park: 1 Firecrest and 1 Coal Tit near the Sunken Garden, 1 Peregrine over East Park (Brian Gee).

30 October 2015, Blackwall Basin: a pair of reared Crested Grebes with 3 fully-grown but still dependent juveniles (Tom Speller).

29 October 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kingfisher, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker in the Copse, 45 Teal (Tom Speller).

29 October 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Firecrests in Sanctuary Wood around midday (Bob Watts).

26 October 2015, Victoria Park: 1 Firecrest still just east of the Sunken Garden in the early afternoon, and in the morning about 70 Redwings, 1 Skylark and 1 lesser Redpoll flew over (Brian Gee).

23 October 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Meadow Pipit flew south, 3 Goldcrests, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 1 Kestrel, 2 Chiffchaffs, 1 Grey Wagtail (Bob Watts & John Archer).

23 October 2015, Leven Road Gas Works: 1 male Black Redstart (Bob Watts).

23 October 2015, Blackwall Basin: a pair of Great Crested Grebes performing their "weed dance" display (Tom Speller).



Great Crested Grebes displaying (photo: Tom Speller)

22 October 2015, East India Dock Basin: the [Estonian-ringed Cormorant "Blue EBY"](#) again on the jetty, 1 Little Grebe, 2 Grey Wagtails, 80+ Teal (John Archer).



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

22 October 2015, Poplar Recreation Ground: 2 Goldcrests (John Archer).

22 October 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest still present, 1 female Blackcap, 15+ Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

21 October 2015, West India Docks: a Kingfisher at the east end of North Dock (Tom Speller).

20 October 2015, Victoria Park: 2 Firecrests together just east of the Sunken Garden in the afternoon (Brian Gee).

20 October 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: at least 2 Siskins flew over early morning, several Song Thrushes, 2 Redwings, 1 Chiffchaff, 8+ Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

20 October 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Godcrest (scarce here), 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 1 Song Thrush flew east, 1 immature male Kestrel, 2 Egyptian Geese, 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Grey Wagtail, plenty of Teal (John Archer).

19 October 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a male Firecrest in Monument Glade, 2 Chiffchaffs, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 Song Thrush, 8+ Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

18 October 2015, Victoria Park: 1 Meadow Pipit, 15 Pied Wagtails, 6 Redwings, 2 Song Thrushes, 3 Siskins and 1 Greenfinch all flew over on migration in an hour in the morning. Also 1 Coal Tit in East Park, 4 Great Black-backed Gulls and 15 Common Gulls on the playing fields (Brian Gee).

17 October 2015, Victoria Park: 2 Coal Tits and 2 Blackcaps near St Mark's Gate (Brian Gee).

16 October 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a small flock of Redwings in Sanctuary Wood at 8am, 1 Chiffchaff, 8+ Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

15 October 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Tufted Duck (the first here since July), 1 Grey Wagtail, 4+ Chiffchaffs, about 100 Teal (John Archer).

14 October 2015, Victoria Park: 26 Redwings, 3 Linnets, 5 Siskins and a Greenfinch flew over on migration in an hour in the morning (Brian Gee).

14 October 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the Firecrest still in Monument Glade at 11am (per Rare Bird Alert), 4 Redwings, 2 Chiffchaffs, 6 Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

13 October 2015, Victoria Park: 34 Pied Wagtails, 2 Redwings, 1 Song Thrush, 1 Siskin, 12 Red-crested Pochards (10 drakes and 2 females) (Brian Gee).

14 October 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 male Kestrel, 1 Little Grebe, about 120 Teal (John Archer).

13 October 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a male Firecrest in Monument Glade (almost certainly a different bird to last week's), 12+ Goldcrests, 1 Chiffchaff (Bob Watts).

13 October 2015, Victoria Park: 10 Red-crested Pochards (8 drakes and 2 females), 1 Kingfisher, 3 Great Spotted Woodpeckers, 1 Mistle Thrush, 1 Jay collecting acorns (Jan Dobbie).

12 October 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Small White and 1 Comma may be candidates for the last butterflies of the year, also 2 Chiffchaffs and 9+ Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

9 October 2015, Mudchute: a Little Egret flew over, 2 female Blackcaps, 1 Song Thrush, several Monk Parakeets (Eric Brown).

9 October 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 adult Little Egret, 2 Egyptian Geese, 5+ Chiffchaffs including a singing male, 46 Teal (John Archer).

9 October 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Coal Tits again (Bob Watts).

8 October 2015, Victoria Park: 2 Lesser Redpolls, 2 Meadow Pipits, 1 Linnet, 1 Siskin and 1 Greenfinch flew over on migration in an hour in the morning. Also 3 drake Red-crested Pochards and a pair of Gadwall on West lake, 1 Coal Tit, 20 Goldcrests, 8 Chiffchaffs, 4 Blackcaps, 1 Green Woodpecker, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 2 Jays, 3 Mistle Thrushes, 4 Long-tailed Tits (Brian Gee & Richard Drew).

8 October 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 female Blackcap, 1 Meadow Pipit flew north (Bob Watts).

7 October 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Grey Wagtail, 2 Egyptian Geese, 96 Teal (John Archer).



Grey Wagtail at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

7 October 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Coal Tit, 2 Chiffchaffs, 4+ Goldcrests but no sign of any Firecrests (Bob Watts).

6 October 2015, East India Dock Basin: a Cetti's Warbler singing from scrub on the north side of the basin is only the second ever record for the site, also 1 Kestrel, 2+ Chiffchaffs, 74 Teal (John Archer & James Palmer).

6 October 2015, Bow Creek: 8 Grey Herons (James Palmer).

5 October 2015, Victoria Park: a Kingfisher on West Lake, 17 Pied Wagtails in East Park (Brian Gee).

5 October 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Firecrests (a singing male and a probable female) in and around Horse Chestnut Glade and Sanctuary Wood are the first records here this autumn, 4+ Chiffchaffs, 3+ Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

5 October 2015, Globe Road, Stepney: about 20 House Sparrows on feeders installed by gateway Housing at their care home (Bob Watts).

2 October 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Coal Tits (a rare bird in Cemetery Park), 1 Brimstone butterfly (Bob Watts).

2 October 2015, West India Docks: 2 Egyptian Geese at the east end of North Dock (Tom Speller).

2 October 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Grebe, 91 Teal (John Archer).

1 October 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2+ Chiffchaffs, 5+ Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

September

30 September 2015, Mile End Park: a female Kestrel flew north (Bob Watts)

30 September 2015, Regent's Canal: an unidentified bat flew just north of Ben Johnson Lock in the early evening (Richard Drew).

29 September 2015, East India Dock Basin: the [Estonian-ringed Cormorant](#) "Blue EBY" back on the jetty for its third winter with 48 other Cormorants, 4+ Chiffchaffs (John Archer).

29 September 2015, Mile End Park: 1 Meadow pipit flew south, 2 Chiffchaffs (John Archer).

28 September 2015, Wapping Canal: 2 Egyptian Geese, 3 Mute Swans (2 adults and a first winter), 4 Canada Geese, 2 Coots, 51 Mallards, 1 Jay (John Archer).



Egyptian Geese on the Wapping Canal (photo: John Archer)

28 September 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 singing Chiffchaffs, 1 male Blackcap, 5+ Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

28 September 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 juvenile Little Egret, 1 Egyptian Goose, 50 Teal, 2+ Chiffchaffs (John Archer).

27 September 2015, Victoria Park: 2 Little Egrets flew south-west over East Park at 8am, 10 Meadow Pipits and 1 Siskin flew over, 1 Red-crested Pochard on West Lake (Brian Gee).

26 September 2015, Victoria Park: 4 Meadow Pipits, 5 Linnets and 1 Song Thrush flew over, 1 drake Gadwall on West Lake (Brian Gee).

25 September 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2+ Chiffchaffs, 5+ Goldcrests, 25+ Long-tailed Tits, 1 Grey Wagtail (Bob Watts).

24 September 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Spotted Flycatcher flew into the park from the south at 12.30pm but could not be relocated. 2 Blackcaps in Scrapyard Meadow (Bob Watts).

23 September 2015, East India Dock Basin: a male Blackcap and 3+ Chiffchaffs with a mixed tit flock, 44 Teal (John Archer).

23 September 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 3+ Goldcrests with the tit flock (Bob Watts).

22 September 2015, Victoria Park: a pair of Gadwall on West Lake (Brian Gee).

22 September 2015, Bow Creek: 3 Egyptian Geese (James Palmer).

22 September 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Grebe (the first site record this year), 1 Kingfisher (James Palmer).

21 September 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 10+ Chiffchaffs in a mixed tit flock in Scrapyrd Meadow, 1 Meadow Pipit flew north, 7 Ring-necked Parakeets (Bob Watts).

21 September 2015, Meath Gardens: 2+ Chiffchaffs (John Archer).

20 September 2015, Victoria Park: 33 Meadow Pipits, 17 Siskins, 6 Pied Wagtails, 12 House Martins, 7 Mistle Thrushes and 12 Chaffinches all flew west over East Park between 7.30 and 8:50am, 1 Lesser Redpoll flew east, 1 Kingfisher and 1 drake Red-crested Pochard on West Lake (Brian Gee).

19 September 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the first site record of the jumping spider *Salticus scenicus*, found by a mum called Celine on the [Bow Beasties](#) spider foray. This is the sixth species of jumping spider recorded in the park, more than anywhere in London except Hampstead Heath (Ken Greenway & Edward Milner).

19 September 2015, Victoria Park: 4 Siskins, 3 Meadow Pipits, 9 Pied Wagtails and 8 House Martins flew west (Brian Gee).

18 September 2015, West India Docks (North Dock): a Kingfisher fishing off the Crossrail building and a pair of Great Crested Grebes performing their weed dance by Billingsgate market (Tom Speller).

18 September 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 200+ House Martins, 1 Sand Martin and 1 Swallow flew south-west, part of a large movement of Swallows and martins through London. Also a Chiffchaff and a Goldcrest in a mixed tit flock in Sanctuary Wood) (Bob Watts).

17 September 2015, Victoria Park: a Kingfisher again by West Lake, 1 Siskin flew over, 10+ Chiffchaffs (Brian Gee).

17 September 2015, Elf Green: lots of pollinating insects in the nectar-rich garden beside the meadow, including Common Carder Bees, Honey Bees and *Syrphus* hoverflies (Simon Woodlock & Paul Wilson).



Hoverfly (*Syrphus* sp.) (left), Common Carder Bee (top right) and Honey Bee (photos: Simon Woodlock)

16 September 2015, Virginia Quay: the male Black Redstart still in and around the fenced-off picnic area at the west end of the Thames path. Nearby 3 Chiffchaffs at East India Dock Basin (John Archer).

15 September 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 male Kestrel, 1 Kingfisher, 55 Teal (John Archer). Nearby the male Black Redstart still present in and around the fenced-off picnic area at the west end of the Thames path by Virginia Quay (Quentin Given).

14 September 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 or 2 Whitethroats (Dan Hall).

13 September 2015, Victoria Park: 2 Spotted Flycatchers in West Park near Pavilion Cafe, 3 Siskins flew over, 8+ Chiffchaffs (Brian Gee).

13 September 2015, Virginia Quay: 2+ Black Redstarts, including an adult male, still in and around the fenced-off picnic area west of Jamestown Way, and a Great Black-backed Gull on the nearby jetty (Katy McGilvray).

11 September 2015, Victoria Park: A Great Black-backed Gull on the playing fields in East Park (Brian Gee).

11 September 2015, Virginia Quay: at least 2 Black Redstarts, including an adult male, in and around the fenced-off picnic area west of Jamestown Way (Conrad Ellam & Alan Hobson).

11 September 2015, Meath Gardens: 1 Chiffchaff (John Archer).

10 September 2015, Victoria Park: 2 Gadwall, 6 House Martins (James Palmer).

10 September 2015, East India Dock Basin: a 15-minute count for the [Tower Hamlets Bee Survey](#) found 3 Brown-banded Carder Bees and 5 Honey Bees. Also 1 Kingfisher, 35 Teal, 1 Chiffchaff (John Archer).

9 September 2015, Victoria Park: a Kingfisher at West Lake, and a small tit flock with 5 Blackcaps, 1 Willow Warbler and 2-3 Goldcrests on East Lake Island (Brian Gee).

9 September 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 male Blackcap, 1 Southern Hawker dragonfly (Bob Watts).

8 September 2015, Victoria Park: 2 Sparrowhawks being mobbed by crows over the Pavilion Cafe, 1 Willow Warbler on East Lake Island (Jan Dobbie).

8 September 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Blackcaps (Bob Watts).

7 September 2015, Victoria Park: a Meadow Pipit flew over, the first of the autumn (Brian Gee).

7 September 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Chiffchaff with a large mixed tit flock (Bob Watts).

7 September 2015, Canary Wharf: a male Kestrel flew east over the Crossrail site in the morning (Ian Ellis).

6 September 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Painted Ladies on the regular butterfly transect (Terry Lyle).

5 September 2015, Victoria Park: a Curlew flying east over the park, calling, at 9.40am was the highlight of the Bird Barmy Army walk. Also among the 35 bird species recorded were 1 Siskin flying over, 3 Goldcrests, 9 Ring-necked Parakeets, 150 Coots, 2 Pochards, 4 Tufted Ducks, 3 Little Grebes, 6 Greylag Geese, 7 Stock Doves, 14 Goldfinches, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 1 Jay, 1 Grey Wagtail and a huge flock of about 150 Blue and Great Tits (David Darrell-Lambert and 15 participants on the Bird Barmy Army walk).

4 September 2015, Victoria Park: a Nuthatch in the Glade (Brian Gee).

3 September 2015, Victoria Park: 3 Spotted Flycatchers and a Coal Tit in the Glade, also a blue Ring-necked Parakeet, an unusual colour mutation (Brian Gee).

2 September 2015, Mudchute: 1 Pied Flycatcher (a female or 1st autumn male) in trees between allotments and paddocks, 1 Spotted Flycatcher by the goat pen, 18 Monk Parakeets (Sean Huggins).

2 September 2015, Bow Creek: 2 Egyptian Geese in the Creek, 2 newly-fledged juvenile Reed Warblers in scrub by Silvocea Way reed bed (John Archer).

1 September 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Spotted Flycatcher, 1 Garden Warbler, 1+ Willow Warbler and 1 Chiffchaff in the Copse, 2 Whitethroats in the north-west scrub, 2 Teal, 2 Mute Swans (John Archer).



Spotted Flycatcher at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

1 September 2015, Mudchute: 2 male Redstarts still in the paddocks and nearby allotment hedge, 1 Spotted Flycatcher on the Nature Trail (Sean Huggins).

1 September 2015, Victoria Park: 6 Spotted Flycatchers in and around the Glade (Brian Gee).

August

31 August 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Tree Pipit flushed from Scrapy Meadow perched briefly on railings then flew north at 6.30pm (Paul Barham).

31 August 2015, Victoria Park: 1 juvenile Green Woodpecker in the Glade, 1 Sparrowhawk flew east, 30+ House Martins over West Park, 1 Jay, 5 Egyptian Geese on East Lake, 2 Pochards, 6+ Tufted Ducks (Jan Dobbie).

30 August 2015, Mudchute: 1 Pied Flycatcher, 1 Redstart, 1 Spotted Flycatcher, about 8 Willow Warblers, 2 Blackcaps (Richard Drew & Jan Dobbie).

28 August 2015, Victoria Park: 2 Blackcaps in the Glade (Richard Drew).

28 August 2015, Mudchute: the Pied Flycatcher, 2 male Redstarts, at least 3 Spotted Flycatchers and a Willow Warbler still in the paddocks, 1 Sparrowhawk, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker (Sean Huggins & Paul Hyland). Also several caterpillars of the Buff Tip moth feeding on oaks south of the allotments (Peter Minvalla).



Buff Tip caterpillars at Mudchute (photo: Peter Minvalla)

27 August 2015, Victoria Park: 13 Mistle Thrushes in a group near East Lake, about 20 House Martins, 1 female Blackcap (Richard Drew).

27 August 2015, Mudchute: 1 Pied Flycatcher, 2 male Redstarts, 4-5 Spotted Flycatchers, 1 Willow Warbler, 5+ House Martins, 1 Great Spotted woodpecker, 1 Sparrowhawk, 1 Red Underwing moth (Ian Stewart & John Archer).



Male Redstart (left) and Spotted Flycatcher at Mudchute (photos: John Archer)

27 August 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 male Redstart in Horse Chestnut Glade (the first in the cemetery for over 10 years), 1 Spotted Flycatcher, 2 Lesser Whitethroats, 1 Willow Warbler, 2 Blackcaps (Bob Watts & Paul Barham).

26 August 2015, Victoria Park: 1 Pied Flycatcher in the Glade in the evening with 1 Spotted Flycatcher, about 8 Willow Warblers and a large flock of Long-tailed Tits (Brian Gee).

24 August 2015, Disused Viaduct by Tent Street E1: a single large specimen of Flannel Bush (*Fremontedendron*), a fairly popular garden shrub rarely if ever recorded in the wild in Britain, growing in waste ground where it does not appear to be a relic of former cultivation (John Archer).



Flannel Bush on Tent Street Viaduct (photo: John Archer)

24 August 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Lesser Whitethroats (scarce in Cemetery Park), 1 Blackcap, 1 Goldcrest (the first of the autumn), 1 Chiffchaff (Bob Watts).

22 August 2015, Victoria Park: a Coal Tit in the large pines by the former Deer Enclosure in East Park, 2 Swifts over with House Martins, 1 female Peregrine flew over (Brian Gee).

21 August 2015, Victoria Park: a Spotted Flycatcher near West Lake, presumably the same bird as on Wednesday (Brian Gee).

19 August 2015, Victoria Park: a Spotted Flycatcher near West Lake (Brian Gee).

20 August 2015, Regent's Canal: blooms of duckweed which cover much of the canal between Limehouse Basin and above Johnson's Lock include a large proportion of Greater Duckweed, which is generally scarce in London (John Archer).



Greater Duckweed (with Lesser and/or Least Duckweed) on the Regent's Canal (John Archer)

20 August 2015, Ragged School Museum: a Jersey Tiger on the cafe window (John Archer, Dave Bedford, Molly Gadenz & Erica Davies).



Jersey Tiger on the Ragged School Museum cafe window (photo: John Archer)

20 August 2015, Limehouse Basin: a Sparrowhawk flew west at 10am (John Archer).

19 August 2015, West India Docks (North Dock by Billingsgate Market): a pair of oots with 4 recently-fledged young, a pair of Great Crested grebes with 1 young and a second pair, 2 near-fledged Herring Gulls on the roof of Billingsgate Market (Tom Speller).

18 August 2015, Victoria Park: 3 Great Spotted Woodpeckers, 3 Green Woodpeckers, 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Grey Wagtail (scarce in the park), 4+ Sand Martins, 3 House Martins, 2 Mistle Thrushes, 2 Egyptian Geese, 12+ Pochards (Jan Dobbie).

18 August 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Hummingbird Hawk-moth in the Soanes Centre garden, a juvenile Green Woodpecker in Lockhart Field and a Whitethroat in Scrapyard Meadow (Bob Watts).

17 August 2015, East India Dock Basin: a 15-minute count for the [Tower Hamlets Bee Survey](#) found 3 Brown-banded Carder Bees, 2 Buff-tailed Bumblebees, 2 Buff- or White-tailed Bumblebees and 6 Honey Bees. Also 2 Drone Flies and at least 3 of the hornet-mimicking hoverfly *Volucella zonaria* (John Archer).

17 August 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Blackcap was the only warbler in a very large mixed tit flock (Bob Watts).

15 August 2015, Mudchute: a Wasp Spider eating a Roesel's Bush-cricket, and a Meadow Grasshopper nymph of the uncommon pink colour-morph, all near the wildlife ponds (Justine Aw).



Pink-morph Meadow Grasshopper (left) and Wasp Spider at Mudchute (photos: Justine Aw)

15 August 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Jersey Tiger (Alan Hobson).

14 August 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 8 House Martins flew north-west at 1pm (Bob Watts).

11 August 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: at least 2 juvenile Willow Warblers and 1 Chiffchaff in a mixed tit flock, also 2 Painted Ladies in Scrapyard Meadow (Bob Watts).

10 August 2015, East India Dock Basin: the last 2 Common Tern chicks have fledged, making a total of nine this year, with 5 juveniles still present (John Archer).

10 August 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Hummingbird Hawk-moth in Scrapyard Meadow, with it or another in Lockhart Field, a Jersey Tiger in Sanctuary Wood and 1 Green Woodpecker (Bob Watts & Terry Lyle).



Hummingbird Hawk-moth in Scrapyard Meadow (photo: Bob Watts).

8 August 2015, Victoria Park: 2 Pied Flycatchers near the Sunken Garden (Brian Gee).

7 August 2015, Isle of Dogs: about 50 House Martins gathering on the roofs of 2 buildings beside the Thames on Mariners Mews, where there were at least 2 nests (Jo Dowle).

7 August 2015, Mile End Park: 1 adult Green Woodpecker, 1 Whitethroat, 1 Chiffchaff just north of the Green Bridge (Bob Watts).

6 August 2015, East India Dock Basin: another 2 of the Common Tern chicks have fledged and are flying around the basin with one of the older juveniles, returning frequently to the raft. Just 2 more chicks remain unfledged (John Archer).



juvenile Common Tern at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

6 August 2015, Wapping Canals: lots of Small Red-eyed Damselflies in the section nearest Shadwell Basin, with a few Blue-tailed Damselflies, Common Darters and Emperor Dragonflies (John Archer).



Blue-tailed (left) and Small Red-eyed Damselflies on the Wapping Canal (photos: John Archer)

5 August 2015, East India Dock Basin: still 4 Common Tern chicks on the raft (one which fell into the water yesterday has managed to get back onto the raft) and one of the 5 fledged juveniles still present along with about 8 adults. Also 9 Canada Geese, a high number for this site (John Archer).

4 August 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Swift flew south at 12.35pm, a recently-fledged juvenile Blackcap being fed by its parents in Scrapyard Meadow (Bob Watts).

2 August 2015, Victoria Park: 1 Coal Tit, a rare visitor here (Brian Gee).

1 August 2015, Victoria Park: 1 Nuthatch (very scarce here), 2 Garden Warblers, 1 Whitethroat (Brian Gee).

July

31 July 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Silver-washed Fritillary (Keir Mottram & Jennifer Woodward).

30 July 2015, Island Gardens: a family group of Mistle Thrushes, which presumably nested in the park (John Archer).

29 July 2015, Mile End Stadium: 4 House Martins hawking insects overhead between 6-7pm (Bob Watts).

29 July 2015, Saffron Avenue Pond: a pair of Moorhens with 3 small chicks and 3 fledged juveniles from an earlier brood (John Archer).

29 July 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Collared Dove feeding on the path beside the Copse (rare here, especially perched, as most recent records have been fly-overs), 3 just-fledged Common Terns (we think 2 more fledged last week and have left) with 4 chicks remaining on the raft (John Archer).



Collared Dove at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

29 July 2015, Mudchute: 3 Monk Parakeets, 2 House Martins, 1 Blackcap (Conrad Ellam).

28 July 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 juvenile Sparrowhawks, suggesting successful local breeding (Paul Barham).

28 July 2015, Spitalfields City Farm: At least 2 individuals of the leafcutter bee *Megachile ligniseca*, 10+ Brown-banded Carder Bees and lots of Buff-tailed Bumblebees seen on a training course for the [Tower Hamlets Bee Survey](#) (John Archer, Esther Pozzani et al).



The leafcutter bee *Megachile ligniseca* (top), Brown-banded Carder Bee (middle) & Buff-tailed Bumblebee at Spitalfields City Farm (photos: John Archer).

26 July 2015, Tower Bridge: a Little Egret flew downriver at 12.55pm (John Cadera).

23 July 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Hummingbird Hawk-moth in Scrapyard Meadow (Bob Watts).

22 July 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Kestrel hovering high overhead, 4 Goldfinches, 25+ Long-tailed Tits (Bob Watts).

21 July 2015, East India Dock Basin: a 15-minute count for the [Tower Hamlets Bee Survey](#) recorded 3 Tree Bumblebees, 3 Early Bumblebees, 2 Buff-tailed Bumblebees (and another 18 either Buff-tailed or White-tailed), 2 unidentified bumblebees and 15 Honey Bees. Also 2 of the hornet-mimic hoverfly *Volucella zonaria*, 1 juvenile Shelduck, 1 Little Ringed Plover, 20 adult Common Terns with at least 9 chicks (4 of them close to fledging), 1 Tufted Duck, 1 singing Reed Warbler (John Archer).



Volucella zonaria at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

19 July 2015, Isle of Dogs: a juvenile Yellow-legged Gull on the foreshore at Saunders Ness (Sean Huggins).

17 July 2015, East India Dock Basin: 4 Swifts flew west at 1.15pm, still at least 8 Common Tern chicks, 2 Egyptian Geese, 1 *Volucella zonaria* (a large, Hornet-mimicking hoverfly) (John Archer).

17 July 2015, Mile End: 6 Swifts screaming over Mile End Road (Bob Watts).

15 July 2015, Victoria Park: 5+ Sand Martins, 4 well-grown Egyptian Goose goslings, 4 well-grown Mute Swan cygnets (Bob Watts).

15 July 2015, Mile End Park: a Swift over the Art Park (Bob Watts).

14 July 2015, East India Dock Basin: at least 8 Common Tern chicks (3 broods of 2 and 2 more broods of at least one), plus a fledged juvenile (probably not bred here) and about 15 adults, 2 adult Little Ringed Plovers, 5 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).



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

7 July 2015, Victoria Park: 2 broods of young Mallards (Matt Reed).

4 July 2015, Victoria Park: 28 species of birds including 10 Sand Martins, 10 Swifts, 1 Red-crested Pochard, 4 Pochards, 20 Tufted Ducks, 50 Coots, 3 Stock Doves, 5 Ring-necked Parakeets, 1 Jay, 2 Goldcrests, 1 Great Spotted woodpecker (David Darrell-Lambert and participants on the Bird Barmy Army walk).



Red-crested Pochard (top) and Pochard (photos: David Darrell-Lambert)

2 July 2015, Tower Bridge: a female Peregrine sitting on one of the bridge towers for most of the day (Paul Whiteman).

June

30 June 2015, Tower Bridge: a Little Egret flew east at 9.30am (G. Sutton).

29 June 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Silver-washed Fritillary (Terry Lyle).

29 June 2015, Antill Road E3: a Little Egret flew over (Harry Harrison).

25 June 2015, Tower Bridge: 1 Swift, 2 House Martins (Paul Whiteman).

22 June 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: lots of Brown-banded Carder Bees in the Soanes Centre garden and nearby meadow areas, 1 Forest Cuckoo Bumblebee in Scrapyrd Meadow (John Archer).

21 June 2015, Sycamore Avenue E3: a Red-belted Clearwing moth in the street (Kay Kelleher).



Red-belted Clearwing on Sycamore Avenue (Kirsty Kelleher)

19 June 2015, Ackroyd Drive Green Link: a Hornet Moth, which is very rare in London, around Grey Poplars close to Bow Common Lane (Ken Greenway).



Hornet Moth at Ackroyd Drive Green Link (photo: Ken Greenway)

18 June 2015, East India Dock Basin: 12+ Common Terns, with about 6 incubating, 2 Egyptian Geese, 3 Shelducks, 4 Tufted Ducks, 1 Mute Swan, 2 Emperor Dragonflies (John Archer).

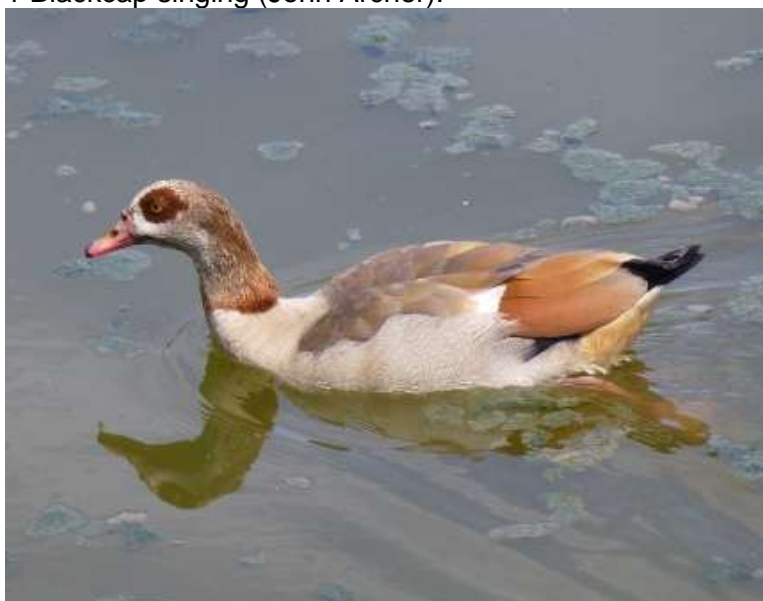


Emperor Dragonfly at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

18 June 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 male Sparrowhawk, 2 Swifts, 3 Sand Martins, 1 Small Tortoiseshell (Bob Watts).

17 June 2015, Victoria Park: 5+ Swifts, 4+ Sand Martins, 1 House Martin, a pair of Egyptian Geese with 4 goslings, a pair of Mute Swans with 4 cygnets, all on West Lake (Bob Watts).

16 June 2015, East India Dock Basin: a 15-minute count for the [Tower Hamlets Bee Survey](#) produced 3 Brown-banded Carder Bees, 1 Tree Bumblebee, 1 Buff-tailed Bumblebee and 3 unidentified bumblebees. Birds present included 2 pairs of Egyptian Geese seemingly battling for a territory, 16+ Common Terns on the raft including several apparently incubating, 2 Shelducks, 1 Mute Swan, 4 Tufted Ducks, 1 Blackcap singing (John Archer).



Egyptian Goose at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

16 June 2015, Canary Wharf: a Song Thrush carrying food in Jubilee park, indicating a nest nearby (Mark Wardman).

15 June 2015, Regent's Canal, Mile End: an adult Grey Wagtail feeding at least one fledgling by Mile End Road bridge (Neal Hunt).

15 June 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Linnet, 2 Egyptian Geese, 2 Shelducks, 6 Reed Warblers (Mark Wardman).

12 June 2015, Regent's Canal, Mile End: a juvenile Grey Wagtail by Mile End Lock (per London Bird Club wiki).

12 June 2015, Victoria Park: a pair of Egyptian Goose with a young brood of goslings, 1 Little Grebe, 1 Red-crested Pochard, 6 broods of Coots and another 7 on nests, 2 broods of Moorhens (Matt Reed).

12 June 2015, Cranbrook Community Food Garden: 3+ Tree Bumblebees, 1 Common Carder Bee, 2 White-tailed or Buff-tailed Bumblebees (John Archer).

12 June 2015, East India Dock Basin: 2 Little Ringed Plovers, about 12 Common Terns, 4 Tufted Ducks (Richard Drew).

12 June 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Sand Martin flew north at lunchtime (Bob Watts).

11 June 2015, Mile End Park: 1 Green Woodpecker, 2 broods of Coots on the Art Pond and 1 brood on the Ecology Pond, 1 brood of Moorhens on the Art Pond (Matt Reed).

11 June 2015, Limehouse Basin: 1 brood of baby Coots (Matt Reed).

11 June 2015, Blackwall Basin: a pair of Canada Geese with 4 well-grown goslings (John Archer).

9 June 2015, East India Dock Basin: 2 Little Ringed Plovers, 2 Egyptian Geese, a pair of Lesser Black-backed Gulls mating, 5 Shelducks, 13 Common Terns, 7 Tufted Ducks (Tom Speller).

8 June 2015, East India Dock Basin: 15 Common Terns including 2 pairs mating and up to 3 birds possibly incubating, 2 Egyptian Geese, 1 Mute Swan, 3 Shelducks, 5 Tufted Ducks, 1 Blackcap singing, 1 Reed Warbler (John Archer).

8 June 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Red Kite flew over, mobbed by gulls (Paul Braham).

5 June 2014, Canary Wharf: a Great Black-backed Gull on Middle Dock (D. Bates).

5 June 2015, Victoria Park: a pair of Red-crested Pochards with 2 small ducklings on West Lake, 1 Sand Martin (Bob Watts).

4 June 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Whitethroat singing in Scrapyard meadow, 5 Swifts (Bob Watts).

1 June 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Common Sandpiper (very unusual in London in June), 1 Little Ringed Plover, 1 Swift flew west ahead of a rain shower, 2 Egyptian Geese, 4 Shelducks, 1 Tufted Duck, 4 Common Terns with one possibly incubating, at least 1 Reed Warbler singing, 1 Song Thrush (John Archer & Jo Dowle).

May

29 May 2015, Bow Creek: 2 Egyptian Geese, a pair of Canada Geese with 5 goslings, 1 Holly Blue (Tom Speller).



Holly Blue at East India Dock Basin (photo: Tom Speller)

29 May 2015, East India Dock Basin: 2 Shelducks, 4 Common Terns, 2 Reed Warblers, 40+ Black-headed Gulls (Tom Speller).

28 May 2015, Ackroyd Drive Allotments: 1 Red Admiral (the first of the year here), several Common Blues, Brimstones and Peacocks (Richard Drew).

28 May 2015, Mile End Park: a Whitethroat still singing in the Art Park and a pair of Mistle Thrushes with a recently-fledged juvenile just north of Mile End Road (Bob Watts).

28 May 2015, Victoria Park: 15+ Sand Martins feeding over West Lake (Bob Watts).

28 May 2015, Limehouse: 4 House Martins feeding around Lidl and 2 over Westferry DLR station (John Archer).

27 May 2015, Regent's Canal, Limehouse: 3 Grey Wagtails including at least 2 recently-fledged juveniles (Richard Drew).

26 May 2015, Saffron Avenue Pond: 4+ House Sparrows feeding on emerging damselflies, 1 Common Tern fishing (John Archer).

26 May 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Painted Lady in Scrapyard Meadow, the first of the year (Bob Watts).

26 May 2015, East India Dock Basin: a 15-minute count for the [Tower Hamlets Bee Survey](#) recorded 1 Brown-banded Carder Bee, 2 Early Bumblebees, 4 Buff-tailed Bumblebees, 4 Buff- or White-tailed Bumblebees, 1 unidentified bumblebee and 1 Honey Bee. Also the first Common Blue butterflies of the year (John Archer).

21 May 2015, Blackwall Basin: a pair of Great Crested Grebes with 2 small chicks (Tom Speller).

21 May 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Swallow, 2 House Martins, 8 Swifts (Paul Barham).

20 May 2015, Saffron Avenue Pond: 1 or 2 House Sparrows (John Archer).

20 May 2015, East India Dock Basin: 3 adult Little Ringed Plovers, 4 Canada Geese, 7+ Common Terns, 1 Whitethroat singing (John Archer).

19 May 2015, Victoria Park: 2 Swifts, 20+ Sand Martins and 2 House Martins feeding low over the lakes in a thunderstorm, also 3 drake Red-crested Pochards, 5+ Pochards, 16+ Tufted Ducks, a pair of Egyptian Geese with 6 goslings, 12+ Greylag Geese, 3 Mistle Thrushes (Jan Dobbie).

19 May 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a male Peregrine and a Collared Dove flew south-west and 2 Sand Martins flew north-west, all between 12:30 and 12.45pm (Bob Watts).

18 May 2015, Bethnal Green Nature Reserve: 1 Blackcap singing (John Archer).

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

18 May 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Oystercatcher roosting on the island. 1 Kestrel, 1 Swallow flew west, 1 Sand Martin, 6+ Common Terns but none appear to be incubating, 3 Shelducks, 4 Tufted Ducks, 1 Blackcap singing, 1 Reed Warbler singing, 1 abnormally small Red Admiral butterfly about the size of a Gatekeeper (John Archer).



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

17 May 2015, Victoria Park: a Red Kite flew south-west at 8.20am (Brian Gee).

16 May 2015, Victoria Park: a Little Egret flew south-west at 3.30pm (Brian Gee).

15 May 2015, Mile End: 2 Swifts flew over Mile End Road at 8.30am then later over Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park and again over Mile End in the afternoon (Bob Watts).

15 May 2015, West India Docks: a pair of Mute Swans with 3 small cygnets at the western end of Middle Dock (John Archer).

13 May 2015, Mile End: a Collared Dove on a TV aerial behind Rhondda Grove. A pair were seen in the same area last year, so could be breeding (Bob Watts).

13 May 2015, Limehouse Basin: 1 Grey Wagtail (Neal Hunt).

13 May 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 House Martins flew high north at 1pm (Bob Watts).

11 May 2015, Limehouse Cut: 6 Sand Martins feeding low over the water between Burdett Road and Upper North Street (Neal Hunt).

11 May 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a male Grey Wagtail collecting food near High Glade Pond, indicating nesting nearby (Bob Watts).

11 May 2015, East India Dock Basin: a House Martin and a probable Swallow flew west, 11+ Common Terns on and around the raft, 2 Shelducks, 2 Mute Swans, 1 drake Tufted Duck, 2 Blackcaps singing, 2 Reed Warblers singing (John Archer).

9 May 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 House Martin flew over, 1 Chiffchaff, 8 Blackcaps (Mark Wardman).

8 May 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Hobby flew north at 12.50pm, the second ever record for the site (Bob Watts).

7 May 2015, Silvocea Way E14: about 30 plants of Jersey Cudweed (initially found by Bob Gilbert on 1 May) and a single plant of Field Pansy (John Swindells).



Jersey Cudweed (left) and Field Pansy at Silvocea Way (photos: John Archer)

7 May 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 6 Swifts flew south at 12.30pm, 1 Sparrowhawk displaying, 1 Chiffchaff singing, 4 Blackcaps (Bob Watts & Mark Wardman).

7 May 2015, East India Dock Basin: 2 Garden Warblers, 1 Lesser Whitethroat, 3 Blackcaps, 1 Whitethroat, 1 Chiffchaff, 6 Common Terns, 4 Shelducks (Paul Hyland).

7 May 2015, Victoria Park: a Sparrowhawk flew south, 2 Swifts, a pair of Goldcrests, 3 drake Red-crested Pochards, 6+ Pochards, 3 Mistle Thrushes including a pair feeding young (Jan Dobbie).

5 May 2015, Shadwell Basin: a pair of Great Crested Grebes at a nest (Mark Baynes).

4 May 2015, Weavers Fields: 20-30 House Sparrows (Mark Wardman).

3 May 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Cuckoo singing was the first record since about 1990 (Roger Cox & Paul Barnham).

2 May 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Ringed Plover (David Darrell-Lambert).



Little Ringed Plover at East India Dock Basin (photo: David Darrell-Lambert)

2 May 2015, Victoria Park: 37 species of birds, including a Little Egret flying west, a pair of Sparrowhawks at a nest, 3 Little Grebes, 3 drake Red-crested Pochards, 7 Pochards, 12 Tufted Ducks, a pair of Egyptian Geese with 8 goslings, 5 Greylag Geese, 1 singing Lesser Whitethroat, 4 singing Blackcaps, 1 Collared Dove, 5 Stock Doves, 15 Ring-necked Parakeets, 2 pairs of Mistle Thrushes (one with a juvenile), 2 Great Spotted woodpeckers, 3 Jays (David Darrell-Lambert and participants on the Bird Barmy Army walk).

1 May 2015, East India Dock Basin: 2 Little Ringed Plovers, 1 Whitethroat, 2 Reed Warblers singing, 3 Blackcaps singing, 1 Song Thrush singing, 4 Common Terns, 2 Mute Swans, a pair of Canada Geese nesting on the pier, 3 Shelducks, 4 Tufted Ducks (Tom Speller & John Archer).

April

28 April 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Whitethroat singing in Scrapyard Meadow (Bob Watts).

27 April 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 3 Blackcaps singing, a pair of Long-tailed Tits feeding young, 3 Orange Tip butterflies (Bob Watts).

24 April 2015, Bow Creek: 1 Greylag Goose, 2 Kestrels, 2 Oystercatchers (Alex Massey).

24 April 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Reed Warbler (the first of the spring here), 7 Common Terns, 2 Little Ringed Plovers, 15 Tufted Ducks, 4 Shelducks, 1 Blackcap singing, 1 Jay (Paul Hyland & Alex Massey).

23 April 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 signing Song Thrushes, several Blackcaps singing, loads of butterflies including Orange Tips, Brimstones, Peacocks, Small Tortoiseshells, Large and Small Whites and a Comma, 1 queen Brown-banded Carder Bee, several Hairy-footed Flower Bees, lots of wild flowers blooming including Ramsons, Bluebells, Lesser Celandine, Summer Snowflake, Tuberous Comfrey, Hidcote Comfrey, Wild Strawberry and Sweet Violets (John Archer & Terry Lyle).



Tuberous (left) and Hidcote Comfrees (photos: John Archer)

23 April 2015, Millwall Outer Dock: 28 Mute Swans, including one on a nest, is an exceptional count here. Also 2 broods of 2 Mallard ducklings, 2 Tufted Ducks, 2 Canada Geese and a pair of Great Crested Grebes displaying (John Archer).

23 April 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Blackcap, 3 Common Terns including 2 on the raft, 4 Shelducks, 22 Tufted Ducks (Tom Speller).

22 April 2015, Poplar Recreation Ground: a Goldcrest singing from conifers in the Green Team's depot (John Archer & Lesley Pearce).

21 April 2015, East India Dock Basin: 2 Common Terns, 1 Little Ringed Plover, 2 Blackcaps singing, 2 Shelducks, 12 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

17 April 2015, Canada Square: a pair of Goldfinches nest-building (Tom Speller).

17 April 2015, East India Dock Basin: 2 Egyptian Geese, a pair of Common Terns on the north-west raft (John Archer).

15 April 2015, Regent's Canal: a pair of Mute Swans at a nest, a pair of Grey Wagtails, a pair of Egyptian Geese by the Ragged School Museum (John Archer).

15 April 2015, East India Dock Basin: 3 Common Terns (the first of the spring and including a pair already prospecting the rafts), 1 Kestrel, lots of butterflies including Brimstone, Speckled Wood, Peacock and Small White (John Archer).

15 April 2015, Mudchute: 1 Large Bee-fly, 1 Orange-tip butterfly (Justine Aw).

15 April 2015, Poplar Dock Marina: a pair of Great Crested Grebes and a pair of Coots both nest-building (Tom Speller).

13 April 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 singing Willow Warbler, 1 singing Blackcap (both first records here this spring), 1 Common Sandpiper, 2 Little Ringed Plovers, 2 Linnets, 2 Shelducks, 9 Tufted Ducks, 5 Teal, 2 Canada Geese, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

11 April 2015, Mudchute: 2 Willow Warblers, 2 Blackcaps, 1 Chiffchaff (Conrad Ellam).

10 April 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 singing Blackcap, 1 singing Chiffchaff (Bob Watts & Neal Hunt).

9 April 2015, East India Dock Basin: a Red Kite and a Common Buzzard briefly sparred high over the Basin before the Buzzard headed north and the Kite north-east, also a Peregrine and a Sparrowhawk in the air at the same time - 4 species of raptors up at one is surely a first for Tower Hamlets? Also 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker and a singing Chiffchaff in the Copse, 2 Little Ringed Plovers, 3 Shelducks, 20 Tufted Ducks, 21 Teal, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

8 April 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Common Buzzard over (Paul Barham).

8 April 2015, East India Dock Basin: a 15-minute bee count for the [Tower Hamlets Bee Survey](#) produced 1 Brown-banded Carder Bee, 1 Buff-tailed Bumblebee, 1 unidentified bumblebee, 3 Hairy-footed Flower Bees and 16 Tawny Mining Bees. Also a Red Kite flew west at 12.40pm, 3 Meadow Pipits flew north, 2 Little Ringed Plovers, 4 Shelducks, 22 Tufted Ducks, 50 Teal, 1 Chiffchaff (John Archer).

7 April 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Jackdaw flew over, a very scarce bird in Tower Hamlets (Paul Barham).

7 April 2015, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 Reed Bunting, 1 Canada Goose, 26 Teal, 1 Jay (John Archer).

7 April 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Great Crested Grebe on the Thames, 2 or 3 Stock Doves, 2 Little Ringed Plovers, 4 Shelducks, 2 Canada geese, 19 Tufted Ducks, 35 Teal, 3+ Peacock butterflies, 2 Small Tortoiseshells, 1 queen Common or Brown-banded Carder Bee, 2 queen Buff-tailed Bumblebees, lots of Tawny Mining Bees (John Archer).



Male (left) and female Tawny Mining Bees at East India Dock Basin (John Archer)

7 April 2015, Saffron Avenue Pond: 2 pairs of Coots with 3 and 2 small chicks respectively (John Archer).

6 April 2015, Shadwell Basin: 2 Kingfishers - see the [Love Wapping](#) website for more info (Mark Baynes/Love Wapping).

3 April 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Ringed Plover, 2 pairs of Shelcucks, 24 Tufted Ducks, c50 Teal (Tom Speller).

3 April 2015, Bow Creek: 3 Redshanks, 2 Grey Wagtails (Tom Speller).

2 April 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Chiffchaff (Bob Watts).

1 April 2015, Canary Riverside: an unidentified seal fishing in the Thames (Steve Stride).

1 April 2015, Victoria Park: a pair of Red-crested Pochards, 3 Egyptian Geese (Bob Watts).

1 April 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 female Kestrel, 1 singing Chiffchaff, 9 Tufted Ducks, 33 Teal, Wood Anemone in flower in the south-eastern woodland, lots of Sweet Violets flowering in the Copse (John Archer).

1 April 2015, Regent's Canal, Mile End: a Chiffchaff singing just south of Roman Road bridge, 1 Egyptian Goose just north of Roman Road bridge (Bob Watts).

March

31 March 2014, East India Dock Basin: 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Jay, 2 Mute Swans, 9 Tufted Ducks, 43 Teal (John Archer).



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

31 March 2015, Allen Gardens: a Sparrowhawk being mobbed by a pair of Pied Wagtails (John Archer).

30 March 2015, East India Dock Basin: 2 Chiffchaffs, 1 Kingfisher, 2 Shelducks (Paul Hyland).

30 March 2015, Saffron Avenue Pond: a pair of Coots with 2 newly-hatched chicks (John Archer).

26 March 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Ringed Plover, a pair of Oystercatchers on the Thames foreshore, 2 Mute Swans, 1 Canada Goose, 4 Shelducks, 17 Tufted Ducks, 32 teal (John Archer).

26 March 2015, Mile End Park: 1 singing Chiffchaff, 1 Green Woodpecker and 3 singing Dunnocks between the Green Bridge and the canal (Bob Watts).

24 March 2015, East India Dock Basin: a pair of Kestrels displaying overhead then flew south, 1 Sparrowhawk, 1 Little Ringed Plover, 4 Shelducks, 24 Tufted Ducks, about 150 Teal, 1 Pied Wagtail (John Archer).

23 March 2015, Cable Street Community Garden: lots of Common Frogs spawning in the ponds (Jane Sill).

23 March 2015, Wapping Canal: a large Eel, estimated about 1.5 metres long (per Mark Baynes).

23 March 2015, Tower Bridge: 2 Little Egrets flew ESE low over the bridge at about 8.20am (Paul Whiteman)

23 March 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Ringed Plover (the first of the spring), 4 Shelducks, 220 Teal, 13 Tufted Ducks, a pair of Mute Swans, 2 Grey Wagtails (Paul Hyland & John Archer).

23 March 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 4 Redwings, 1 Goldcrest, 1 Brimstone butterfly (Bob Watts).

22 March 2015, Victoria Park: a Firecrest on the island on East Lake with 3 Chiffchaffs and several Goldcrests and Long-tailed Tits (Brian Gee).

20 March 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Woodcock over Hurricane Wood at 5.55pm (Stephen Kershaw).

20 March 2015, Victoria Park: 1 Goldcrest singing, 5 Shovelers, 1 Gadwall, 4 Pochards, 25+ Tufted Ducks, 2 Little Grebes, 1 Mistle Thrush, 2 Green Woodpeckers, 2 Jays (Jan Dobbie).

18 March 2015, Mlle End Park: 2 Kingfishers by the Ecology Ponds (Harry Harrison).

17 March 2015, East India Dock Basin/Bow Creek: 1 Chiffchaff (the first here this spring), 2 Common Sandpipers, 11 Redshanks (Paul Hyland).

12 March 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Hummingbird Hawk-moth in Horse Chestnut Glade was a big surprise, as this moth is usually a migrant to Britain in late summer and autumn (Terry Lyle, Ken Greenway & Tess Pettinger).

10 March 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kingfisher, 4 Shelducks, 18 Tufted Ducks, 2 teal, 1 Grey Wagtail (Tom Speller).

10 March 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: lots of Buff-tailed Bumblebee queens, 2 Brimstones, 1 Small Tortoiseshell, 1 Sparrowhawk, 4 Redwings, 1 Goldcrest, loads of spring flowers out, including numerous Daffodil and Crocus varieties, Sweet Violet, Lesser Celandine, Primrose, Snowdrop, Spring Snowflake and an unidentified low-growing Comfrey (John Archer, the Tower Habitats Steering Group & Bob Watts).

10 March 2015, Burdett Estate: a Blackcap singing on the corner of Masjid Lane (Neal Hunt).

9 March 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Reed Bunting (the first here this year), 4 Shelducks, 18+ Tufted Ducks, 8 Teal (John Archer).

7 March 2015, Victoria Park: a pair of Sparrowhawks, about 100 Ring-necked Parakeets flying out of roost, 8 Red-crested Pochards, 6 Shovelers, 13 Gadwall, 20 Pochards, 59 Tufted Ducks, 1 Pochard x Tufted Duck hybrid, 1 Little Grebe giving its territorial trilling call, 2 Egyptian Geese, 10 Greylag Geese, 1 Meadow Pipit, 5 Fieldfares, 5 Redwings, 5 Mistle Thrushes including 2 pairs in territorial dispute, 15 Stock Doves, 2 Green Woodpeckers (David Darrell-Lambert and 12 participants on the Bird Barmy Army dawn chorus walk).



Red-crested Pochard (left) and Pochard x Tufted Duck hybrid (photos: David Darrell-Lambert)

6 March 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Brimstone butterflies, the first of the year (Bob Watts).

5 March 2015, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 Redshank, 2 Shelducks (Tom Speller).

5 March 2015, East India Dock Basin: 20 Tufted Ducks (Tom Speller).

5 March 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Small Tortoiseshell butterfly, 4 Redwings (via Bob Watts).

4 March 2015, Bow Creek: 3 Redshanks, 2 Great Black-backed Gulls, 1 Grey Wagtail (Tom Speller).

4 March 2015, East India Dock Basin: 4 Teal, 15 Tufted Ducks (Tom Speller).

4 March 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the Firecrest still singing and showing very well in Sanctuary Wood this morning and a Song Thrush singing (David Darrell-Lambert & Bob Watts).



Firecrest in Cemetery Park (photo: David Darrell-Lambert)

2 March 2015, Bow Creek: 6 Linnets, 2 Grey Wagtails, 2 Shelducks, 2 Common Sandpipers, 28 Redshanks, 15 Teal (Nick Tanner).

2 March 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood at lunchtime (Bob Watts, Nick Tanner et al).

2 March 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 singing Song Thrush, 254 Teal, 2 Shelducks, 15 Tufted Ducks, 2 Canada Geese (Nick Tanner & John Archer).

1 March 2015, Victoria Park: 2 Shovelers, 20 Pochards, about 30 Tufted Ducks, 6 Greylag Geese, 1 hybrid Greylag x Canada Goose, 15 Cormorants (Mark Wardman).

1 March 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood, loosely associating with the Long-tailed Tit flock (Nick Tanner & Mark Wardman).

February

27 February 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood at lunchtime and showing very well (Bob Watts).

24 February 2015, East India Dock Basin: 2 Canada Geese, 2 Shelducks, 13 Tufted Ducks and just 6 Teal. The first Cow Parsley flowers and Crocuses just appearing, and the Snowdrops still in full flower (John Archer).

24 February 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood at lunchtime (Bob Watts).

24 February 2015, Wapping Canal: 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

24 February 2014, Matilda House: 4+ Chaffinches and a Greenfinch feeding beneath the trees (John Archer).

22 February 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Chiffchaff in Sanctuary Wood and the male Firecrest still present (Nick Tanner).

19 February 2015, Victoria Park: 5 Red-crested Pochards (3 drakes and 2 females), 1 drake Shoveler, 4+ Gadwall, lots of Pochards and Tufted Ducks, 4 Egyptian Geese, 5+ Stock Doves (John Archer).



Female Pochard in Victoria Park (photo: John Archer)

18 February 2015, Hertford Union Canal: a Grey Wagtail by Middle Lock (Richard Drew).

18 February 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kingfisher, 1 Song Thrush, 245 Teal, 16 Tufted Ducks, 4 Shelducks, 1 Canada Goose (John Archer & Tom Speller).

18 February 2015, Bow Creek: 28 Redshanks in the high tide roost, 2 Shelducks, 18 Teal, 8 Greenfinches (Tom Speller & John Archer).

17 February 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kingfisher, 236 Teal, 2 Shelducks, 16 Tufted Ducks (Paul Hyland & John Archer).

17 February 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood at lunchtime, calling a lot and singing occasionally (Bob Watts), also at least 1 Goldcrest, a pair of Great Spotted Woodpeckers, 1 Jay (Richard Drew).

17 February 2015, Bow Creek: 24 Redshanks in the high tide roost, 22 Teal, 1 Grey Wagtail (Paul Hyland & John Archer).

15 February 2015, East India Dock Basin: 3 Egyptian Geese, about 230 Teal (Alan Hobson).

15 February 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the Firecrest still present and very active, moving between Monument Glade and Poplar Wood (Alastair Dent).

14 February 2015, Harley Grove E3: a male Smooth Newt and 2 Common Frogs in a garden (Christine Ford).

13 February 2015, Bow Creek: 2 Common Sandpipers, 2 Redshanks, 3 Shelducks, 1 Grey Wagtail (Ian Stewart & James Palmer).

13 February 2015, East India Dock Basin: 2 Egyptian Geese, 3 Shelducks, 171 Teal, 17 Tufted Ducks (Ian Stewart).

12 February 2015, Victoria Park: 11 Red-crested Pochards (8 drakes and 3 females), 2 Shovelers, 10 Gadwall, about 30 Pochards, about 70 Tufted Ducks, 1 Little Grebe, 2 Egyptian Geese, 20+ Canada Geese, 9 Greylag Geese, 1 Canada x Greylag Goose hybrid, 4 Mute Swans (John Archer).



Hybrid Canada x Greylag Goose (above) and Red-crested Pochards (photos: John Archer)

12 February 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest in Poplar Wood, just south of Monument Glade, with Long-tailed Tits (Bob Watts).

11 February 2015, East India Dock Basin: 2 Egyptian Geese, 2 Shelducks, 23 Tufted Ducks, c70 Teal (Tom Speller).



Egyptian Geese at East India Dock Basin (photo: Tom Speller)

11 February 2015, Bow Creek: 2 Common Sandpipers, 4 Redshanks, 2 Shelducks, 1 Grey Wagtail (Tom Speller).

11 February 2015, Hermitage Basin: a pair of Shovelers (Mark Baynes).

10 February 2015, East India Dock Basin: 2 Egyptian Geese, 2 Shelducks, 26 Tufted Ducks, 45 Teal (John Archer).



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

10 February 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the Firecrest still in Monument Glade (via Rare Bird Alert).

9 February 2015, Wapping Canal: a pair of Mute Swans at a nest with 6 eggs - more on the [Love Wapping website](#) (Mark Baynes).

9 February 2015, Bethnal Green Nature Reserve: a good display of early spring flowers, including Sweet Violet, Winter Aconite, Crocuses, Snowdrops and Winter Heliotrope (John Archer, Michael Smythe & Elaine Crush).

9 February 2015, Canary Wharf: a pair of Great Crested Grebes with a downy chick (probably 2-3 weeks old) on the dock south of Heron Quays (Nick Croft).

9 February 2015, Regent's Canal at Mile End: 2 Egyptian Geese near the Ragged School Museum, and a butterfly, probably a Small Tortoiseshell, flew over – perhaps the first butterfly of the year seen in Tower Hamlets (John Archer).

9 February 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest associating with Long-tailed Tits and singing occasionally in the sunshine in Sanctuary Wood (Bob Watts).

9 February 2015, Limehouse Basin: 20 Tufted Ducks, 2 Mute Swans, 2 Canada Geese, about 10 Coots (John Archer).

6 February 2015, Mile End station: a Merlin flew past at 8.15am, mobbed by a Carrion Crow and a Black-headed Gull (Paul Whiteman).

6 February 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest again in Monument Glade at lunchtime, on its own and not calling, which might explain why it has been so hard to find this week (Bob Watts).

5 February 2015, East India DLR station: a Black Redstart around the north side of the station and nearby buildings on Naval Row in the late afternoon (Francis Tusa).

5 February 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 3 Goldcrests, 2 Redwings but again no sign of the Firecrest (Bob Watts).

4 February 2015, East India Dock Basin: a Black Redstart on the Thames Path just west of the Basin, the [Estonian-ringed Cormorant](#) again on the pier, 357 Teal, 17 Shelducks, 29 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).



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

4 February 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 6+ Redwings and 2 Goldcrests, but no sign of the Firecrest in two visits this week (Bob Watts).

3 February 2015, Wapping Canal: 2 drake Shovelers and a possible female - more on the [Love Wapping website](#) (Mark Baynes).

3 February 2015, Mile End Park: a Kingfisher by the Ecology Pond then flew across the canal (Richard Drew).

3 February 2015, East India Dock Basin: the Cormorant with an [Estonian colour-ring](#) again on the pier, a 1st winter Mute Swan on the Thames, 1 Kingfisher, 18 Tufted Ducks, 12 Shelducks, 291 Teal, Snowdrops just starting to flower in the Copse (John Archer).



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

2 February 2015, Blackwall Basin: 20 Tufted Ducks, 15 Canada Geese, 1 Great Crested Grebe, 2 Mute Swans (John Archer & Chantal Dave).

2 February 2015, Victoria Park: 5 Red-crested Pochards, 5 Gadwall, 2 Shovelers, 1 Little Grebe, 3 Egyptian Geese, 7 Fieldfares, 1 Redwing, 4 Mistle Thrushes, about 25 Goldfinches (Richard Drew).

2 February 2015, Millwall Slipway: a few plants of Jersey Cudweed still in flower, with many more seeding (John Archer & Chantal Dave).



Jersey Cudweed at Millwall Slipway (photo: John Archer)

2 February 2015, Bow Creek: 1 Little Grebe, 2 Shelducks, 290 Teal, 2 Common Sandpipers, 27 Redshanks, 1 Grey Wagtail (Nick Tanner & Tom Speller).

2 February 2015, East India Dock Basin: 13 Shelducks (including 7 flying north), 136 Teal, 2 Tufted Ducks (Nick Tanner).

January

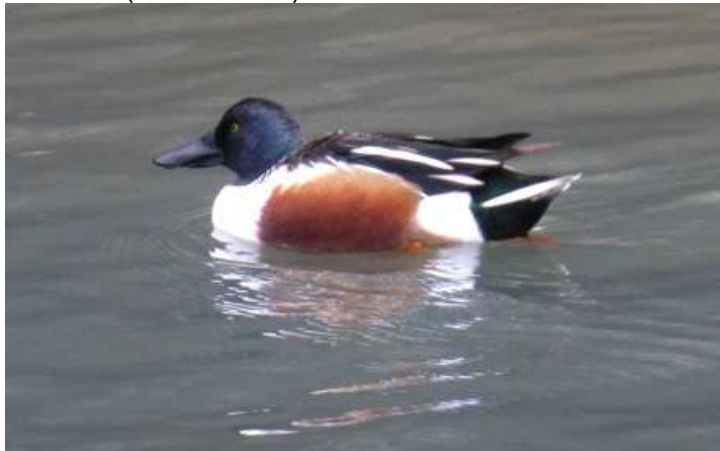
30 January 2015, Shadwell Basin: 1 Great Crested Grebe, 17 Tufted Ducks, 1 Moorhen, 5 Coots, 6 Mallards, 7 Cormorants (John Archer).

30 January 2015, Wapping Wood: 1 Jay (John Archer).

28 January 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest still in Monument Glade (Bob Watts).

26 January 2015, Victoria Park: 8 Red-crested Pochards (5 drakes), 10+ Pochards, 20+ Tufted Ducks, 4 Gadwall, 3 Shovelers, 4 Egyptian Geese, 14 Cormorants, 1 Great Black-backed Gull, 1 Mistle Thrush (Jan Dobbie).

26 January 2015, Wapping Canal: a drake Shoveler was an unexpected sight near Tobacco Dock, also 2 Mute Swans, 2 Canada Geese, 3 Coots, 1 Grey Heron and 40 Mallards (John Archer).



Shoveler on the Wapping Canal (photo: John Archer)

26 January 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the Firecrest still in Monument Glade (Bob Watts & Alan Hobson).

26 January 2015, Shadwell DLR station: a female Sparrowhawk flew west at 3pm (John Archer).

24 January 2015, East India Dock Basin: 169 Teal, about 15 Shelducks, about 30 Tufted Ducks (David Darrell-Lambert).



Teal at East India Dock Basin (photo: David Darrell-Lambert)

23 January 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the Firecrest still near Monument Glade with a tit flock, 1 Redwing, 3+ Goldcrests, several Great Spotted Woodpeckers including one drumming (Bob Watts & John Archer).

22 January 2015, Victoria Park: 2 pairs of Red-crested Pochards, 4 pairs of Gadwall, 8 Greenfinches (an unusually high count for the site), 6 Fieldfares, 1 Mistle Thrush (Richard Drew).

22 January 2015, Blackwall Basin: 2 Great Crested Grebes (Tom Speller).

22 January 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the Firecrest still in Monument Glade, 4 Goldcrests, and a flock of 11 Starlings flew west - more than are usually seen in the area in midwinter (Bob Watts).

21 January 2015, Blackwall Basin: 2 Little Grebes (Tom Speller).



Little Grebe at Blackwall Basin (photo: Tom Speller)

20 January 2015, East India Dock Basin: the [Estonian-ringed Cormorant](#) again on the pier, 15 Shelducks, 275 Teal, 8 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

20 January 2015, Bow Creek: 1 Linnet, 1 singing Song Thrush, 3 Grey Wagtails, 2 Common Sandpipers, 27 Redshanks, about 20 Teal (John Archer).

20 January 2015, Blackwall Basin: 2 Little Grebes (Tom Speller).

19 January 2015, Victoria Park: 8 Red-crested Pochards, 25+ Pochards, 8 Gadwall, 2 Shovelers, 6 Stock Doves (JW Davies).

19 January 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood associating with a tit flock, also 1 male Sparrowhawk, 1 Redwing (Bob Watts).

19 January 2015, East India Dock Basin: A very unseasonal plant of Field Scabious in full flower, also 9 Shelducks, 189 Teal, 9 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).



Field Scabious at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

16 January 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the Firecrest again in Monument Glade, 2+ Goldcrests, several Ring-necked Parakeets prospecting a nest box (Bob Watts).

14 January 2015, Weavers Woodland Walk: a male Sparrowhawk hunting along the hedge at the edge of the woodland narrowly failed to catch a Robin, also 3 Chaffinches, 2 Long-tailed Tits and both Hazel and Greater Snowdrops in flower (John Archer).



Greater Snowdrop (left) and Hazel in flower at Weavers Woodland Walk (photos: John Archer)

14 January 2015, East India Dock Basin: 2 Shelducks, 7 Tufted Ducks, 20 teal (Tom Speller).

14 January 2015, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 6 Redshanks, 2 Shelducks, c80 Teal (Tom Speller).

14 January 2015, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Goldcrests but no sign of the Firecrest today or yesterday (Bob Watts).

13 January 2015, Victoria Park: 4 Egyptian Geese, 9 Greylag Geese, 14 Cormorant, 7 Gadwall, 16 Tufted Ducks, 15 Pochards, 6 Red-crested Pochards (4 drakes, 2 females), 7 Shovelers, 1 Little Grebe, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 1 adult Great Black-backed Gull, several Ring-necked Parakeets prospecting old woodpecker nest holes (Jan Dobbie & Richard Drew).

12 January 2015, Isle of Dogs: 20 Monk Parakeets around a nest in trees on Thermopylae Gate (John Archer & Sarah Crowley).

9 January 2015, East India Dock Basin: an adult male Peregrine flew low east at lunchtime, a pair of Mute Swans, 26 Tufted Ducks, 10 Shelducks, 21 Teal (John Archer & James Palmer).

9 January 2015, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper (James Palmer).

8 January 2015, East India Dock Basin: 20 Shelducks, 2 Redshanks, 21 Tufted Ducks, 222 Teal, 8+ Long-tailed Tits, 1 adult Great Black-backed Gull (Ian Stewart & John Archer)

8 January 2015, Bow Creek: 55 Redshanks, 1 Common Sandpiper and about 80 Teal in the high tide roost (Ian Stewart).

7 January 2015, East India Dock Basin: a Black Redstart on the Thames path about 200 metres west of the basin, 1 Kingfisher, 21 Tufted Ducks, 13 Shelducks, 12 Canada geese, 22 Teal (Tom Speller & John Archer).

7 January 2015, Wapping Canal: 1 Tufted Duck, 2 adult Mute Swans, 50 Mallards, 2 Coots, 2 Moorhens, 2 Canada Geese, 1 Grey Heron, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

7 January 2014, Hermitage Basin: 2 pairs of Coots having a territorial dispute, 2 adult Mute Swans, 5 Mallards, 1 Grey Heron (John Archer).

6 January 2015, Limehouse Basin: 9 Tufted Ducks, 2 Mute Swans (an adult and a first winter), 2 Canada Geese, 4 Mallards, 1 Moorhen, 9 Coots (John Archer).

6 January 2015, East India Dock Basin: 30 Tufted Ducks, 13 Shelducks, 34 Teal, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

6 January 2015, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 50 Redshanks and 170 Teal in the high tide roost (John Archer).

5 January 2015, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kingfisher, 10 Shelducks, 17 Tufted Ducks, 130 Teal (John Archer).



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

5 January 2015, Limehouse Basin: 8 Tufted Ducks (Martin Ling).

4 January 2015, Limehouse Cut: one Kingfisher (Jon Ridge).

3 January 2015, Victoria Park: 37 species of bird, including 1 drake Red-crested Pochard, 5 Gadwall, 1 Shoveler, 14 Pochards, about 40 Tufted Ducks, 1 Little Grebe, 3 Mute Swans, 2 Egyptian Geese, 10 Canada Geese, about 20 Greylag Geese, about 60 Coots, 15 Moorhens, 2 Grey Herons, 8 Cormorants, about 30 Common Gulls, 3 Stock Doves, 15 Ring-necked Parakeets, 4 Fieldfares, 3 Jays, 4 Mistle Thrushes, 2 Goldcrests (David Darrell-Lambert and 11 participants on the Bird Barmy Army walk).