

Tower Hamlets wildlife reports 2016

December 2016

30 December 2016, Tower of London: 5 House Sparrows (John Colmans).

28 December 2016, Isle of Dogs: a Blackcap in a garden (Sean Huggins).

27 December 2016, Victoria Park: a female Teal on East Lake is a very rare bird in the park; on West Lake 20+ Gadwall, 3 Shovelers, 12 Red-crested Pochards, a pair of Great Crested Grebes displaying; elsewhere 4 Egyptian Geese, 1 Goldcrest, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 3 Mistle Thrushes (Richard Drew).

24 December 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Water Rail, 1 female Kingfisher, 2 Shelducks, 1 Grey Wagtail, 37 Teal, 1 Fox (Frank Nugent).

24 December 2016, Bow Creek: 18 Redshanks in the high tide roost, 80 Teal (Frank Nugent).

22 December 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Water Rail, 1 female Kingfisher, 1 Shelduck, 3 Tufted Ducks, 65 Teal, 1 Grey Wagtail (Tom Speller).

21 December 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 juvenile Mute Swan on the Thames, 3 Shelducks, 4 Tufted Ducks, 127 Teal, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

20 December 2016, West India Docks: a Pied Wagtail by North Dock - Pied Wagtails are surprisingly scarce on the Isle of Dogs (Tom Speller).

17 December 2016, Victoria Park: 12 Red-crested Pochards on West Lake (J.W. Davies).

16 December 2016, Mulberry Place: a Pied Wagtail flew past the Town Hall - they have been remarkably scarce around East India Dock this year (John Archer).

16 December 2016, East India Dock Basin: a drake Mandarin Duck is only the fourth ever record here (the third was in September this year), 1 hybrid Canada x Greylag Goose, 30 Canada Geese, 3 Shelducks, 7 Tufted Ducks, 60 Teal, 1 Reed Bunting (Tom Speller & John Archer).



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

14 December 2016, East India Dock Basin: the Cormorant with an [Estonian colour-ring](#) again on the jetty, a female Great Spotted Woodpecker in the Copse, 5 Shelducks, 13 Canada Geese, 5 Tufted Ducks, 50 Teal, 1 Grey Wagtail (Tom Speller & John Archer).



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

14 December 2016, Blackwall Basin: 1 Little Grebe, 11 Tufted Ducks (Tom Speller).

12 December 2016, Saffron Avenue Pond: 4 Canada Geese, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

12 December 2016, East India Dock Basin: 6 Shelducks, 70 Teal (John Archer).

9 December 2016, Antill Road E3: 2 male Blackcaps in a garden (Harry Harrison).

8 December 2016, Victoria Park: a male Kingfisher and 3 Pochards on East Lake, 13 Red-crested Pochards, 6+ Gadwall, 6+ Pochards, 3 Tufted Ducks and a Great Crested Grebe all on West Lake, 5 Mistle Thrushes including one singing (Jan Dobbie).

8 December 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Water Rail showing well in the north-west corner, 5 Tufted Ducks, 80 Teal, 1 Jay (John Archer).



Water Rail at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

8 December 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a male Firecrest in Horse Chestnut Glade, 6+ Redwings, 4 Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

6 December 2016, East India Dock Basin: 5 Lapwings on the island (the first here since 2013), 1 female Pochard (the first record here since 2012), 1 Redwing flew over, 1 adult Shelduck, 6 Tufted Ducks, 4 Canada Geese, 82 Teal, 1 Reed Bunting, 1 Jay (John Archer).



Pochard (left) and Lapwings at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

4 December 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Goldcrest (the first here this autumn), 1 juvenile Shelduck, 3 Tufted Ducks, 56 Teal (John Archer).

3 December 2016, Bow Creek: 2 Common Sandpipers and 16 Redshanks in the high tide roost (Frank Nugent).

2 December 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kestrel, 8 Tufted Ducks, 1 Shelduck, 60 Teal, 2 Jays (John Archer).

2 December 2016, Saffron Avenue Pond: 1 Little Grebe (John Archer).

November 2016

29 November 2016, Victoria Park: 12 Red-crested Pochards, 18 Gadwall, 13 Pochards, 23 Tufted Ducks and a pair of displaying Great Crested Grebes, all on West Lake (Brian Gee).

28 November 2016, Victoria Park: 2 drake Shovelers on West lake were the first of the autumn here (Brian Gee).

27 November 2016, East India Dock Basin: 2 Egyptian Geese flew over, 17 Canada Geese, 1 Little Grebe, 1 Shelduck, about 120 Teal (Tom Speller & John Archer).

27 November 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood (Bob Watts).

26 November 2016, East India Dock Basin: the Water Rail still on the northern edge, 6 Reed Buntings, 2 Tufted Ducks, 270+ Teal (Frank Nugent).

26 November 2016, Bow Creek: 20 Redshanks and 1 Common Sandpiper in the high tide roost, 1 Sparrowhawk, 1 Shelduck (Frank Nugent). 25 November 2016, East India Dock Basin: the Water Rail still present, 2 Kingfishers, 2 Jays, 2 Grey Wagtails (Paul Hyland).

25 November 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Firecrest (possibly a female) in Sanctuary Wood at 8am (Bob Watts). 2 female Brimstones will surely be the last butterflies of the year? (Terry Lyle).

24 November 2016, Victoria Park (West Lake): 11 Red-crested Pochards, 7 Gadwall, 8+ Pochards, 16+ Tufted Ducks, 2 Great Crested Grebes, 1 Great Black-backed Gull eating a Carp on the island (Jan Dobbie). 24 November 2016, East India Basin: the Water Rail still showing well on the north edge, 1 male Sparrowhawk, 1 Little Grebe, 4 Canada Geese, 2 Shelducks, 55 Teal (Tom Speller).



Water Rail at East India Dock Basin (photo: Tom Speller)

24 November 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Redwing, 8+ Goldcrests but no sign of the Firecrest (Bob Watts).

23 November 2016, East India Dock Basin: a Water Rail showing well on the mud on the north edge of the basin at lunchtime, 6 Reed Buntings, 1 Shelduck, 2 drake Tufted Ducks, 44 Teal (John Archer).

23 November 2016, Saffron Avenue Pond: 1 Little Grebe, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

22 November 2016, East India Dock Basin: 16 Redshanks roosting on the island then flew to Bow Creek at 7.40am, 8 Shelducks of which 5 flew off south at 8am, 1 Sparrowhawk, 9 Grey Herons on the island, 1 Little Grebe, 1 drake Tufted Duck, 47 Teal, 71 Mallards, about 140 Black-headed Gulls, 11 Cormorants on the jetty (Tom Speller).

22 November 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood (Bob Watts).

19 November 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kestrel, 1 Kingfisher, 4 Reed Buntings, 1 Little Grebe, 61 Teal (Frank Nugent).

19 November 2016, Bow Creek: 17 Redshanks in the high tide roost (Frank Nugent).

18 November 2016, Blackwall Basin: a pair of Great Crested Grebes still with 1 juvenile, which is now fishing independently (Tom Speller).



Juvenile Great Crested Grebe with a Perch (photo: Tom Speller)

18 November 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood at 7.30am (Bob Watts).

18 November 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Grebe, 1 Egyptian Goose, 4 Canada Geese, 10 Shelducks (9 of which flew off south at 7.50am), 33 Teal, a flock of about 180 Woodpigeons flew south (Tom Speller).

18 November 2016, Poplar Dock Marina: still 2 Little Grebes (Tom Speller).

17 November 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood early morning, 1 Chiffchaff, 36 Woodpigeons flew west between 7.75 and 8.20am (Bob Watts).

16 November 2016, Mile End Park: several fruiting bodies of the nationally-rare and spectacular fungus *Hemipholiota populnea* in Copperfield Road Woodland Walk, on one of the big poplar logs (Keir Mottram).



Hemipholiota populnea and its spore print (photo: Keir Mottram)

16 November 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kestrel, 1 Little Grebe, 1 Shelduck, 67 Teal, 2 Grey Wagtails (John Archer).

16 November 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood (Bob Watts). 2 very late female Holly Blue butterflies (Terry Lyle).

15 November 2016, Blackwall Basin: the pair of Great Crested Grebes still with 1 chick (Tom Speller).

15 November 2016, Poplar Dock Marina: 2 Little Grebes (Tom Speller).

15 November 2016, Saffron Avenue Pond: 1 Little Grebe (probably the first site record), 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

15 November 2016, Mulberry Place: a male Peregrine flew south at 9am (John Archer).

15 November 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a male Firecrest in Sanctuary Wood (Bob Watts).

15 November 2016, East India Dock Basin: 15 Shelducks till 8am when 14 of them flew south, 1 Little Grebe, 1 Kingfisher, 156 Teal, 2 Grey Wagtails (Tom Speller & John Archer).

15 November 2016, Bow Creek: 1 female Kingfisher, 1 Redshank (Tom Speller).

14 November 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Firecrests (both unringed) in Lodge Wood, one a bright male, the other probably a female (Bob Watts).

11 November 2016, Phoenix School: a Woodcock feeding on the compost heap (Derek Stride).

10 November 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Tufted Duck, 102 Teal, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

10 November 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood (Bob Watts).

9 November 2016, King Edward Memorial Park: lots of Daisy Earthstars under the Leyland Cypresses by the playground, 2 clumps of Shaggy Scalycap and 1 clump of Chicken-of-the-woods on a False Acacia in the middle of the park (Keir Mottram, Edward Buckton & John Archer).



Daisy Earthstars at KEMP (photo: John Archer)



Shaggy Scalycaps at KEMP (photo: John Archer)



Chicken-of-the-woods at KEMP (John Archer)

8 November 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: an unringed male Firecrest in Sanctuary Wood (Bob Watts).

8 November 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Meadow Pipit flew north-west at 7.55am, 1 male Blackcap (Bob Watts).

7 November 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Grebe, 4 Shelducks, 1 Tufted Duck, 108 Teal, 133 Black-headed Gulls including 2 colour-ringed birds (one ringed at Pisea Landfill, Essex in April 2016, the other from further afield, possibly Scotland or Scandinavia) (Tom Speller).

7 November 2016, Bow Creek: 8 Redshanks (Tom Speller).

6 November 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Water Rail (a rare bird here), 1 Little Grebe, 2 Tufted Ducks, 146 Teal at high tide (Frank Nugent).

6 November 2016, Bow Creek: a Woodcock flew over at 3.10pm, 1 Little Egret, 1 Kingfisher, 3 Common Sandpipers, 12 Redshanks in the high tide roost (Frank Nugent).

5 November 2016, Victoria Park: 41 species of birds including 1 Rook flying west at 11.51am, 1 Jackdaw flying west at 11.47am (both very rare at Victoria Park), 4 Mute Swans, 7 Greylag Geese, 30 Canada Geese, 2 Egyptian eese, 8 Gadwall, 6 Red-crested Pochards, 10 Pochards, 7 Tufted Ducks, 16 Cormorants roosting on the island in West Lake, 3 Little Grebes, 2 Great Crested Grebes, 111 Coots, 1 Green Woodpecker, 2 Great Spotted Woodpeckers, 5 Ring-necked Parakeets, 4 Jays, 4 Goldcrests, 12 Long-tailed Tits, 2 Mistle Thrushes, 2 Grey Wagtails (David Darrell-Lambert and participants on the Bird Barmy Army walk).



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

4 November 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 male Firecrest in Horse Chestnut Glade (unringed, so not the bird present in late October, which was ringed on 15 October), 21 Redwings flew north at 8am, 12+ Goldcrests, 1 Grey Heron feeding in the pond by Scrappyard meadow (Bob Watts).

4 November 2016, Mudchute: 12 Monk Parakeets, 2+ Ring-necked Parakeets (John Archer, Tom Davis & Justine Aw).

3 November 2016, Victoria Park: 11 Fieldfares flew north-east, 2 Song Thrushes and 1 Redwing in East Park, 8 Gadwall and 1 Kingfisher on West Lake (Brian Gee).

2 November 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 male Holly Blues and 1 Speckled Wood might be the last butterflies of the year. 1 male Sparrowhawk, 1 Chiffchaff (Terry Lyle & Bob Watts).

2 November 2016, Millwall Inner Dock: this first-winter Common Gull showed very well (Tom Speller)



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

October

31 October 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Snipe (surprisingly rare here), 2 Little Egrets, 1 Little Grebe, 1 Sparrowhawk, 4+ Chaffinches, 75+ Teal (Paul Hyland & John Archer).

31 October 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: hundreds of Harlequin Ladybirds on the wing, a male Pheasant in Monument Glade (Ken Greenway).

29 October 2016, Bow Creek: 1 Kingfisher, 1 Chiffchaff, 3 Common Sandpipers, 15 Redshanks, 60 Teal (Frank Nugent).

29 October 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Peregrine, 2 Little Egrets, 1 Little Grebe, 1 Cetti's Warbler, 70 Teal (Frank Nugent).

28 October 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a male Pheasant (perhaps one of the Balfron Tower birds - see below) narrowly escaped being caught by a cat at lunchtime (Neal Hunt).

28 October 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Egret feeding in the basin then flew off north at 7.55am, 1 singing Cetti's Warbler, 1 Kingfisher, 1 Reed Bunting, 130 Teal (Tom Speller & John Archer).

28 October 2016, Bow Creek: 1 Red Admiral (perhaps a candidate for the last butterfly of the year?), 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 Reed Bunting, 1 Grey Wagtail, plenty of Teal at low tide (Tom Speller & John Archer).

28 October 2016, Blackwall Basin: the pair of Great Crested Grebes still with 1 small chick (Tom Speller).

27 October 2016, Balfron Tower: a pair of Pheasants wandering about on the green at the foot of the tower, a really bizarre sight! (John Cairns).



Male Pheasant outside Balfron Tower (photo: John Cairns)

27 October 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Egret, 1 Kingfisher, 165 Teal (John Archer).

27 October 2016, Bow Creek: 1 Kestrel (John Archer).

27 October 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 3 Sparrowhawks (2 females and a male) in the air together around 7.45am, 7 Redwings flew north-west between 7.30 and 7.50am, 8+ Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

26 October 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 juvenile Little Egret, 1 Kingfisher, 1 Little Grebe, 1 singing Cetti's Warbler, 1 Grey Wagtail, 160 Teal (John Archer).

26 October 2016, Bow Creek: 13 Redshanks in the high tide roost, 1 Kingfisher (Alex Massey).

25 October 2016, Blackwall Basin: the pair of Great Crested Grebes still with 1 small chick (Tom Speller).

25 October 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 10 Redwings and a Song Thrush flew north-west between 7.30 and 7.45am (Bob Watts).

24 October 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Egret feeding in the basin then flew off north at 8.15am, 1 Cetti's Warbler, 1 Common Sandpiper flew along the Thames, 4 Canada Geese, 150 Teal (Tom Speller).



Little Egret at East India Dock Basin (photo: Tom Speller)

23 October 2016, Bow Creek: a Little Egret feeding at low tide (Frank Nugent).

21 October 2016, Victoria Park: 4 Meadow pipits flew south-west, 1 Siskin, 1 innert and 1 Fieldfare all flew north-east, 74 Goldfinches and 32 Pied Wagtails feeding together in East Park, 3 Chiffchaffs, 1 Red Admiral (Brian Gee).

21 October 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 juvenile Willow Warbler (an exceptionally late record), 1 Firecrest, 1 Chiffchaff, 4+ Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

21 October 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Mistle Thrush, 2 Egyptian Geese, 80+ Teal, 53 Mallards (Tom Speller).

20 October 2016, Victoria Park: 5 Meadow Pipits flew south-west and about 50 Redwings flew over, 2 Song Thrushes in West Park, a marked increase in Goldcrest numbers, 1 Kingfisher on West Lake (Brian Gee).

20 October 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Fieldfare and 321 Redwings flew north-west between 7.25 and 8am, the male Firecrest still present, 4 Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

20 October 2016, East India Dock Basin: about 180 Teal (John Archer).

20 October 2016, Disused railway behind Fairfoot Road E3: 1 Skylark flew over at 9.30am, 1 Song Thrush flew in from the east, 1 Goldcrest (John Archer).

19 October 2016, Victoria Park: 1 Lesser Redpoll, 1 Siskin and 20 Redwings flew over West Park (Brian Gee).

19 October 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the Firecrest still present, 2 Chaffinches flew north-west, 1 Song Thrush, 5 Goldcrests (Bob Watts & G.Gram).

18 October 2016, Victoria Park: 1 Coal Tit and 5 Redwings near St Agnes Gate in East Park (Brian Gee).

17 October 2016, Blackwall Basin: a pair of Great Crested Grebes with 1 small chick (Tom Speller).

17 October 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the ringed male Firecrest still in Sanctuary Wood, a Meadow Pipit flew south-west at 8am, 3 Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

17 October 2016, Victoria Park: 1 Kingfisher, 2 Grey Wagtails, 1 Great Crested Grebe, 12 Red-crested Pochards, 3 Gadwall all on and around West Lake, 38 Pied Wagtails in East Park, 4 Chiffchaffs (Brian Gee).

17 October 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Reed Warbler (a very late record), 2 Chiffchaffs, 8 Long-tailed Tits, 150 Teal (Tom Speller).

17 October 2016, Bow Creek: 1 Kestrel, 7 Redshanks in the high tide roost, 1 Chiffchaff, 30 Teal (Tom Speller & John Archer).

15 October 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a male Firecrest trapped and ringed during a bird ringing demonstration, small numbers of Redwings, Song Thrushes and Blackbirds moving west or south-west during the morning (Bill Haines).



Firecrest (left) and Goldcrest at Cemetery Park (photo: Dan Hall/[FoTHCP](#))

15 October 2016, Cable Street Community Garden: 1 Clouded Yellow (Gary Howes).

13 October 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Firecrest in a mixed tit flock, the first sighting this autumn of this speciality of the site (Bob Watts).

12 October 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Grebe, 1 Kingfisher, c70 Teal (John Archer).

12 October 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a probable Willow Warbler (which would be an extremely late record if confirmed) and a Chiffchaff with a tit flock (Bob Watts).

11 October 2016, Millwall Inner Dock: 2 Great Black-backed Gulls (Tom Speller).

10 October 2016, East India Dock Basin: 132 Teal at high tide (Tom Speller).



Moulting drake Teal on a raft at East India Dock Basin (photo: Tom Speller)

10 October 2016, Bow Creek: 42 Teal in the high tide roost (Tom Speller).

6 October 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 juvenile Great Spotted Woodpecker, 1 Goldcrest, 3 very flighty Song Thrushes in the Copse were clearly migrants, 1 Reed Warbler, 1 Chiffchaff, 4 Canada Geese, 110 Teal (John Archer).

6 October 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Chiffchaffs, 1 Green Woodpecker (Bob Watts).

5 October 2016, Victoria Park: volunteers and Green Team staff moved about 250 Common Frogs, 25 Common Toads and 3 Smooth Newts to safety as the bedding plants were stripped from the Sunken Garden. Also a Sparrowhawk over the Sunken Garden, 7 Red-crested Pochards and a Great Crested Grebe on West Lake (John Archer, Jan Dobbie, Beverley Poynter *et al*).



Common Toad at Victoria Park (photo: Beverley Poynter)

4 October 2016, Lindley Street E1: 3 Red Admirals on a buddleia bush (Tony Valsamidis).

4 October 2016, Victoria Park: volunteers and Green Team staff moved about 450 Common Frogs, 60 Common Toads and 30 Smooth Newts to safety as the bedding plants were stripped from the Sunken Garden. Also 1 Kingfisher and 3 Red-crested Pochards on West Lake, 2+ Redwings and a female Sparrowhawk over the Sunken Garden (John Archer, Jan Dobbie, Beverley Poynter & Richard Drew).



Common Toad (left), Smooth Newt (centre) & Common Frog) (photo: John Archer)

4 October 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kingfisher, 1 Mistle Thrush, 1 singing Chiffchaff, 10+ Blackbirds (more than usual suggesting some are migrants), about 110 Teal, and the hoverflies *Eupeodes luniger*, *Myathropa florea* and *Syrphus ribesii* (Tom Speller).



Eupeodes luniger (top left), *Myathropa florea* (bottom), *Syrphus ribesii* (top right) (Tom Speller)

4 October 2016, Mile End Park: 4+ Chiffchaffs and a Goldcrest in a large tit flock, 2 Song Thrushes flew over (Bob Watts).

3 October 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Meadow Pipit, 2 Chiffchaffs (Bob Watts).

3 October 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Lesser Whitethroat (the second year running there has been a late one here), 2 Reed Warblers, 2 Chiffchaffs, 1 Kingfisher, 97 Teal, 2 Canada Geese, 2 Jays (John Archer).

2 October 2016, Victoria Park: 6 Red-crested Pochards, a pair of Gadwall, a pair of Great Crested Grebes, 2 Little Grebes, 3 terrapins and 12+ Common Darter dragonflies on West Lake but no Pochards or Tufted Ducks, 1 Green Woodpecker in The Glade (Richard Drew).

September

30 September 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kingfisher, 2 Blackcaps, 2 Chiffchaffs, 1 Reed Warbler, 1 Jay, 90 Teal (John Archer).

29 September 2016, Victoria Park: 1 male Kingfisher and 2 drake Gadwall on West Lake, 1 sub-adult Great Black-backed Gull in East Park (Brian Gee).

29 September 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kingfisher, 1 female Sparrowhawk, 2 Chiffchaffs, 65 Teal (John Archer).

28 September 2016, Disused Railway behind Fairfoot Road E3: a large mixed bird flock including 2+ Chiffchaffs, 1 Goldcrest, 25+ Long-tailed Tits, 6+ Blue Tits and 6+ Great Tits (Bob Watts).

28 September 2016, Victoria Park: the Spotted Flycatcher still in East Park, a Meadow Pipit flew over West Park, 2 Kingfishers and a drake Gadwall on West Lake (Brian Gee).

28 September 2016, East India Dock Basin: the Cormorant with an [Estonian colour-ring "Blue EBY"](#) back on the jetty for its fourth winter here, 1 male Peregrine, 1 Cetti's Warbler, 1 Jay, 69 Teal (John Archer).



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

27 September 2016, Victoria Park: a Great Black-backed Gull flew over East Park in the morning (Brian Gee).

27 September 2016, East India Dock Basin: a Peregrine flew along the Thames then south to land on the O2, 1 Chiffchaff singing in the Copse, 43 Teal (Tom Speller).

27 September 2016, Bow Creek: 2 Common Sandpipers, 24 Teal (Tom Speller).

27 September 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 3 Chiffchaffs, 1 Goldcrest (Bob Watts).

26 September 2016, Victoria Park: 1 Spotted Flycatcher in East Park, 1 Meadow Pipit flew over East Park, 2 Great Crested Grebes on West Lake, 3 Blackcaps, 6 Chiffchaffs, 8 Pied Wagtails (Brian Gee).

26 September 2016, Mudchute: 2 House Martins, about 4 Chiffchaffs, 13 Monk Parakeets, 3 Ring-necked Parakeets (John Archer).

26 September 2016, East India Dock Basin: 92 Teal, 1 Pied Wagtail, about 4 Chiffchaffs, 1 Jay (John Archer).

26 September 2016, Bow Creek: 2 Chiffchaffs (John Archer).

23 September 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 3 Chiffchaffs, 2 Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

22 September 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 juvenile male Sparrowhawk, 1 Song Thrush, 1 Chiffchaff, 57 Teal (John Archer).

21 September 2016, Mile End: 5 Swallows flew south at 8am and a Meadow Pipit flew south at 9.30am (Bob Watts).

21 September 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Blackcap, 2 Chiffchaffs, 2 Reed Warblers, 1 Jay, 51 Teal (John Archer).

20 September 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Blackcaps, 2 Chiffchaffs, 2 Goldcrests, 2 Song Thrushes, 1 Grey heron flew over (Bob Watts).

19 September 2016, Victoria Park: 2 Blackcaps, 5+ Chiffchaffs, 12 Mistle Thrushes (John Archer).

19 September 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Small Copper in Scrapyrd Meadow, 2 Blackcaps, 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Grey Wagtail (Bob Watts).



Small Copper in Scrapyrd Meadow (photo: Bob Watts)

18 September 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Egret, 52 Teal (Frank Nugent).

16 September 2016, Mudchute: 1 Sparrowhawk, 1 singing Chiffchaff, 3 Monk Parakeets (John Archer).

16 September 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Common Sandpiper on the Thames, 1 Kingfisher, 1 juvenile Little Egret, 1 singing Chiffchaff, 1 Jay, 28+ Teal (John Archer).

14 September 2016, Mile End Park: 1 Willow Warbler, 7 Migrant Hawker dragonflies and 2 Common Darters in the Ecology Park; 4 Migrant hawkers, 3 Common Darters 5 Common Blue Damselflies and 2 Small Red-eyed Damselflies on the Arts Lake (Richard Drew).

14 September 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 juvenile Little Egret, 30 Teal, 1 Jay (John Archer).



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

13 September 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Blackcaps (male and female) in Scrapyard Meadow (Bob Watts).

13 September 2016, Victoria Park: 15 Migrant Hawkers and 5 Common Blue Damselflies on East Lake (Richard Drew).

12 September 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Chiffchaffs and a Goldcrest in a large tit flock (Bob Watts).

12 September 2016, East India Dock Basin: a 15-minute count for the [Tower Hamlets Bee Survey](#) recorded 3 Brown-banded Carder Bees, 1 Common Carder Bee, 1 unidentified bumblebee and 2 Honey Bees. Also 1 Painted Lady butterfly (John Archer).

12 September 2016, Mudchute: a Marsh Frog in the wildlife pond, 8 Monk Parakeets, 5+ Chiffchaffs (John Archer, Justine Aw, John Swindells & Margaret Tracey).



Marsh Frog at Mudchute (photo: John Archer)

10 September 2016, Victoria Park: 37 species of birds, including 2 Gadwall, 1 Tufted Duck, 2 Little Grebes, 2 Great Crested Grebes, 2 Mute Swans, 7 Greylag Geese, 2 Egyptian Geese, 1 Great Black-backed Gull, 2 Green Woodpeckers, 3 Ring-necked Parakeets, 2 Jays, 4 Goldcrests, 5 Chiffchaffs, 2 Blackcaps, 31 House Martins, 16 Long-tailed Tits, 12 Mistle Thrushes (David Darrell-Lambert & participants on the Bird Barmy Army walk).

9 September 2016, Jolly's Green: one large and very spectacular plant of Hungarian Mullein (*Verbascum speciosum*) in the corner of the woodland area (Bob Gilbert).



Hungarian Mullein at Jolly's Green (photos: John Archer)

8 September 2016, Bethnal Green: 3 Meadow Pipits flew south-west at 10.30am (Bob Watts).

8 September 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Clouded Yellow, 1 Small Copper and 1 Adonis Ladybird in Scrapyard Meadow, 2 Blackcaps, 1 singing Chiffchaff (Bob Watts & Gino Brignoli).



Clouded Yellow (left) and Adonis Ladybird in Scrapyard Meadow (photos: Bob Watts/Gino Brignoli)

7 September 2106, Mudchute: a Spotted Flycatcher in the paddocks (Richard Harrison).

7 September 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kingfisher, 1 Reed Warbler, 20+ Teal (Toni Piccolo).

7 September 2016, Bow Creek: 1 juvenile Sparrowhawk, 1 Common Sandpiper (Toni Piccolo).

7 September 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Small Copper on Buddleia behind the War Memorial (Terry Lyle).

3 September 2016, Mile End Park: 12+ Small Red-eyed Damselflies and about 12 Common Darters on the Arts Lake (Richard Drew).

1 September 2016, Victoria Park (East Lake): 5 Blue-tailed Damselflies, 6 Common Blue Damselflies, 18 Common Darters, 5 Migrant Hawks, 18+ Mistle Thrushes (Richard Drew).

1 September 2016, Mile End Park: a Grey Wagtail by the Ecology Ponds, lots of damselflies (either Red-eyed or Small Red-eyed) on the Arts Lake (Richard Drew).

1 September 2016, Cameron Community Garden: 2 Holly Blues, 2 Common Carder Bees (John Archer).

1 September 2016, Bow Creek: 5 Arctic Terns circled high, calling, at 9.55am then flew west, 1 Chiffchaff in trees by the footbridge (John Archer).

1 September 2016, East India Dock Basin: a Willow Warbler sub-singing very quietly, 12 Teal, 1 Jay (John Archer).

August

31 August 2016, Bethnal Green Nature Reserve: 1 queen Common Carder Bee feeding on nectar from Cyclamen flowers, 1 Red Admiral, 1 Large White (John Archer).



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

30 August 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Goldcrest in Horse Chestnut Glade (Bob Watts).

30 August 2016, Robin Hood Gardens: quite a few plants of Blue Eryngo (*Eryngium planum*) established in the grassland, presumably a garden escape (John Archer).



Blue Eryngo at Robin Hood Gardens (photo: John Archer)

26 August 2016, Victoria Park: 2 Spotted Flycatchers and about 5 Willow Warblers (2 of them singing) in The Glade (Brian Gee).

26 August 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Small Copper butterfly in Scrapyard Meadow, the first of the year (Terry Lyle).

25 August 2016, Victoria Park: a Spotted Flycatcher by East Lake, 9 Willow Warblers, 2 Chiffchaffs, 5 Blackcaps, 8 Pied Wagtails, the pair of Great Crested Grebes still on West Lake (Brian Gee).

25 August 2016, Millwall Outer Dock: an adult Egyptian Goose with 4 juveniles. Nearby, 3 juvenile Mistle Thrushes by Mudchute station (Tom Speller).

24 August 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Yellow Wagtail flew high east at 8.05am, possibly the first site record (Bob Watts).

23 August 2016, Poplar Dock Marina: about 40 House Sparrows, including lots of juveniles (Tom Speller).



House Sparrow at Poplar Dock Marina (photo: Tom Speller)

22 August 2016, Bow Creek: 2 Egyptian Geese, 3 Reed Warblers (Tom Speller).



Egyptian Geese at Bow Creek (photo: Tom Speller)

22 August 2016, Poplar Dock Marina: a female Tufted Duck with 4 small ducklings, a pair of Coots with 1 well-grown chick, 1 Great Crested Grebe, an adult Mute Swan with 2 juveniles, 5 Canada Geese, 4 Mallards (John Archer).



Female Tufted Duck with duckling at Poplar Dock Marina (photo: John Archer)

22 August 2016, Victoria Park: a juvenile Willow Warbler by West Lake and a Jersey Tiger moth by the gate near Old Ford Lock (Bob Watts).

22 August 2016, Saffron Avenue Pond: a pair of Moorhens with a new brood of 4 small chicks (John Archer).



Half of the Moorhen family at Saffron Avenue Pond (photo: John Archer)

22 August 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Common Tern, a family group of 4+ Reed Warblers, 8 Teal, 5 Canada Geese (John Archer).

19 August 2016, Mile End Park: 4 House Martins flew south-west at 12.30pm (Bob Watts).

18 August 2016, Bow Creek: a pair of Shelducks with 2 ducklings, 2 Egyptian Geese (Tom Speller).

18 August 2016, East India Dock Basin: 9 Teal, 7 Grey Herons on the island, 2 Reed Warblers, 2 Common Gulls on the jetty (Tom Speller).

17 August 2016, Hermitage Basin: 50+ Small Red-eyed Damselflies, 2+ Common Blue Damselflies, 1 Common Darter, lots of juvenile Carp indicating successful spawning (John Archer).



Small Red-eyed Damselfly at Hermitage Basin (photo: John Archer)

17 August 2016, Matilda House: 1 Chiffchaff (John Archer).

17 August 2016, Wapping Canal: 1 male Ruddy Darter, 6 Common Darters, about 15 Common Blue Damselflies, 1 Blue-tailed Damselfly, lots of Three-spined Sticklebacks, 7 large Carp (John Archer).



Common Darter (left) and Common Blue Damselfly at Wapping Canal (photos: John Archer)

16 August 2016, Poplar Dock Marina: a female Tufted Duck with a brood of 4 small ducklings (Tom Speller).



Tufted Duck family at Poplar Dock Marina (photo: Tom Speller)

16 August 2016, Driffield Road E3: a Jersey Tiger in a garden (Sue Phillips).

16 August 2016, Millwall Docks: a female Tufted Duck still with 4 well-grown ducklings (Tom Speller).

16 August 2016, Saunders Ness: an adult Black-headed Gull with a yellow colour ring "2LDH" on the Thames foreshore. It was ringed at Pitsea Landfill, Essex as an adult in October 2015, and last seen at Waddon Ponds, Croydon in February this year (Tom Speller).



colour-ringed Black-headed Gull "2LDH" at Saunders Ness (photo: Tom Speller)

16 August 2016, Antill Road E3: 1 Coal Tit, 12+ House Sparrows including a new brood being fed by their parents (Harry Harrison).

16 August 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Grey Wagtail, 6 Teal, 1 Speckled Wood butterfly (John Archer).

16 August 2016, Mudchute: 1 juvenile Willow Warbler, c10 Monk Parakeets, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker (Tom Speller & John Archer).

15 August 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kingfisher, the first of the autumn here (Barbara Harrison). 1 Clouded Yellow butterfly, 2 juvenile Yellow-legged Gulls, 2 juvenile Grey Herons, 200+ Black-headed Gulls (Philip Kite & Jacky Foot).

12 August 2016, Saffron Avenue Pond: lots of Small Red-eyed Damselflies, 1 Common Darter, 1 Emperor Dragonfly, 1 Goldcrest moving west through nearby trees along the road and past Mulberry Place (John Archer).

11 August 2016, Mile End Park: a pair of Grey Wagtails with a recently-fledged juvenile beside the Arts Lake, 10+ House Martins over the Regent's Canal (Jan Dobbie).

11 August 2016, Wapping Canal: a pair of Mute Swans with 1 juvenile, 4 half-grown Moorhen chicks and an adult (presumably a parent) about 100m away, 3 pairs of Coots and 1 juvenile, 1 Canada Goose, 25 Mallards, and the locally-rare Small Pondweed and Common Stonewort both recovering from the water supply problems earlier in the year (John Archer).



Moorhen chicks beside nest at Wapping Canal (photo: John Archer)

11 August 2016, Shadwell Basin: 1 Great Crested Grebe, 1 Jay (John Archer).

11 August 2016, Hermitage Basin: 1 Greylag Goose, 1 Canada Goose, a pair of Coots, 1 Mallard, 2 House Martins, 2 large Carp (John Archer).

10 August 2016, East India Dock Basin: 5 Teal, 2+ juvenile Reed Warblers (Tom Speller).



juvenile Reed Warbler at East India Dock Basin (photo: Tom Speller)

10 August 2016, Bow Creek: 2 pairs of Shelducks with broods of 7 and 2 ducklings, 2 Egyptian Geese, a female Mallard with 2 ducklings (Tom Speller).



Shelduck family on Bow Creek (photos: Tom Speller)

10 August 2016, Victoria Park: a male Kingfisher at East Lake, 3 very noisy juvenile Sparrowhawks, the pair of Great Crested Grebes again nest-building on West Lake, 1 Swift, 1 Grey Wagtail (Brian Gee).

10 August 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Long-tailed Blue butterfly in Lockhart Field this morning was taken into care as it looked exhausted and the weather is cool and cloudy. It will be released tomorrow morning. In the meantime anyone wanting to see it can visit the Soanes Centre before 5pm today (10 August) or 9-11am tomorrow (11 August). This is the first site record (and second for Tower Hamlets following [one at East India Dock Basin in 2012](#)) of this scarce migrant to Britain (Terry Lyle).



Long-tailed Blue at Cemetery Park (photo: Paul Whiteman)

9 August 2016, Driffield Road E3: a Jersey Tiger in a garden (Sue Phillips).



Jersey Tiger at Driffield Road (photo: Sue Phillips)

9 August 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Goldcrest, the first here since the spring (Bob Watts).

8 August 2016, Victoria Park: 3 juvenile Sparrowhawks still on and around the nest (Jan Dobbie).

5 August 2016, East India Dock Basin: a 15-minute count for the [Big Butterfly Count](#) recorded 1 Holly Blue, 11 Gatekeepers, 4 Small Whites, 5 Large Whites and 11 Green-veined Whites. Also 1 Chiffchaff and 3 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

4 August 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Teal (the first of the autumn), a Canada Goose, 3 Tufted Ducks, at least 4 of the hornet-mimicking hoverfly *Volucella zonaria* nectaring on Common Ragwort (John Archer).



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

1 August 2016, Mile End Park: 20+ House Martins overhead (Harry Harrison).

July

31 July 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Clouded Yellow and 1 Speckled Bush-cricket in Scrapyard Meadow (Gino Brignoli).



Speckled Bush-cricket in Scrapyard Meadow (photo: Gino Brignoli)

29 July 2016, Bow Creek: 2 pairs of Shelducks with broods of 5 and 2 ducklings (Tom Speller).



Shelduck family at Bow Creek (photo: Tom Speller)

29 July 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Sedge Warbler, 3+ Reed warblers, 1 Jay, 1 Sand Martin, 2 Tufted Ducks, 38 Mallards, 14 Cormorants on the jetty, Coots and Moorhens with young, 1 Harlequin Ladybird (Tom Speller).



Harlequin Ladybird at East India Dock Basin (photo: Tom Speller)

29 July 2016, Blackwall Basin: a pair of Great Crested Grebes with 2 chicks (Tom Speller).

27 July 2016, East India Dock Basin: 2 Wood-carving Leafcutter Bees (*Megachile ligniseca*) nectaring on Spear Thistle (John Archer).



Wood-carving Leafcutter Bee at East India Dock Basin (John Archer)

27 July 2016, Victoria Park: in East Park, 2 Little Grebes and 5 Tufted Ducks on the Boating Lake and 4 Mistle Thrushes; on and around West Lake, 2 Pochards, a pair of Red-crested Pochards with 2 juveniles, a pair of Great Crested Grebes, 1 Little Grebe, 4 Egyptian Geese, 2 Swifts, a Herring Gull taking Coot chicks; also in West Park, the 3 fledged juvenile Sparrowhawks very noisy and active (Jan Dobbie).

27 July 2016, Blackwall Basin: a Great Crested Grebe with a chick on its back, almost certainly from the nest on Poplar Dock, 3 Grey Wagtails (Tom Speller).

26 July 2016, Millwall Inner Dock: the pair of Great Crested Grebes still at a nest but no sign of young, a female Tufted Duck with 4 ducklings, a female Mallard with 6 very small ducklings, a Coot with a small chick, 1 Grey Wagtail (Tom Speller).



Tufted Duck family at Millwall Inner Dock (photo: Tom Speller)

25 July 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Brimstone butterfly and 1 Painted Lady in Round Glade (Bob Watts).

25 July 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 juvenile Little Ringed Plover, 11 Tufted Ducks, 1 Canada Goose, 1 singing Reed Warbler, 1 Sand Martin (John Archer).

24 July 2016, Tower Hill Underground station: 1 Jersey Tiger moth (Bill Kavanagh).

24 July 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Marbled White in Lockhart Field, the second ever site record (Terry Lyle).

24 July 2016, Mudchute: 2 Little Egrets flew over, 1 Garden Warbler, 4+ House Martins, Whitethroats and Blackcaps feeding young, 1 Chiffchaff, 6 House Sparrows (Harry Harrison).

22 July 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Shelduck, 9 Tufted Ducks, 5 Canada Geese, 3+ Sand Martins (John Archer).

20 July 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a White-letter Hairstreak on the ground near Round Glade, 2+ Essex Skippers (Bob Watts).



White-letter Hairstreak at Cemetery Park (photo: Bob Watts)

20 July 2016, East India Dock Basin: 2 Shelducks, 2 Canada Geese, 6 Tufted Ducks, 1 Grey Wagtail, 6+ Sand Martins, 1 Large Skipper (John Archer).

20 July 2016, Victoria Park: the pair of Great Crested Grebes displaying again, with no sign of the chick, which has presumably been taken by a predator. One more-or-less fully-feathered juvenile Sparrowhawk being fed by the female on the edge of the nest, the other two young have fledged (Jan Dobbie & Richard Drew).

19 July 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 adult Mediterranean Gull, 1 juvenile Little Egret, 5 Little Ringed Plovers (3 adults and 2 juveniles), 1 Shelduck, 5 Tufted Ducks, 2 Sand Martins. A 15-minute count for the [Big Butterfly Count](#) recorded 1 Comma, 4 Gatekeepers, 1 Six-spot Burnet, 1 Green-veined White, 3 Small Whites and 8 Large Whites (John Archer).



Mediterranean Gull (centre) at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

18 July 2016, Victoria Park: the Great Crested Grebe chick still riding on its parent's back on West Lake (Bob Watts).

18 July 2016, Mile End Park: a Reed Warbler singing again in the Ecology Park reed bed (Bob Watts).

18 July 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 juvenile Little Egret, an adult Little Ringed Plover with 2 juveniles (suggesting that they found somewhere fairly close to breed this year, though they almost certainly didn't nest at the Basin), 1 singing Blackcap, 5 Tufted Ducks, 1 Comma butterfly (John Archer).



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

17 July 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 White-letter Hairstreak butterfly near the Dissenters' Chapel, a Six-belted Clearwing moth in Scrapyard Meadow, and a Banded General soldierfly (*Stratiomys potamida*) (Gino Brignoli).



Two wasp-mimics: Six-belted Clearwing (left) and Banded General (photos: Gino Brignoli)

16 July 2016, Victoria Park: 100+ Black-headed Gulls feeding on aerial insects above the Lovebox festival, 50 Starlings flew west (Bob Watts).

15 July 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Sand Martins flew over (Bob Watts).

15 July 2016, Victoria Park: the pair of Great Crested Grebes have hatched at least one chick on West Lake (Jan Dobbie).

15 July 2016, Mile End: 9 Swifts over Mile End Road, 7 House Sparrows by the tube station (Bob Watts).

14 July 2016, West India Docks: a female Tufted Duck with 3 ducklings on North Dock (Tom Speller).

14 July 2016, Poplar Dock Marina: a female Mallard with 3 ducklings, a pair of Great Crested Grebes still on nest (Tom Speller).

13 July 2016, Mile End Park: 15+ House Martins feeding over the stadium (Bob Watts).

13 July 2016, Millwall Inner Dock: the pair of Great Crested Grebes still incubating 2 eggs (Tom Speller).

13 July 2016, Victoria Park (West Park): still 3 young Sparrowhawks in the nest, 5 Red-crested Pochards (2 drakes, 1 female, 2 juveniles), 7+ Tufted Ducks including broods of 3 and 1 ducklings, 1 Great Crested Grebe, 5 Egyptian Geese, a pair of Mute Swans with 2 cygnets (Jan Dobbie).



Tufted Duck family in Victoria Park (photo: David Darrell-Lambert/[BirdBrainUK](#))

13 July 2016, East India Dock Basin: a 15-minute count for the [Tower Hamlets Bee Survey](#) recorded 17 Buff-tailed Bumblebees, 2 Buff- or White-tailed Bumblebees, 4 Brown-banded Carder Bees, 1 Tree Bumblebee and 1 Honey Bee, mostly on Lavender. Also, an Oystercatcher flew over towards Bow Creek, 1 Shelduck, 3+ Sand Martins, 24 Tufted Ducks, 1 Emperor Dragonfly and 4 of the hornet-mimic hoverfly *Volucella zonaria* (John Archer).

12 July 2016, Blackwall Basin: an adult Mute Swan with 5 well-grown cygnets, a pair of Great Crested Grebes, 4 Tufted Ducks, but no sign of any terns on the raft suggesting any breeding attempts have failed (John Archer).

12 July 2016, Poplar Dock Marina: a pair of Great Crested Grebes on a nest, 1 Canada x Greylag Goose hybrid, 22 Canada geese including a brood of 3 well-grown goslings, 14 Mallards including a brood of 2 very small ducklings, 6 Coots including 2 fledged juveniles (John Archer).

11 July 2016, East India Dock Basin: 25+ Tufted Ducks, 6+ Sand Martins (John Archer).

10 July 2016, Victoria Park: a female Sparrowhawk with 3 chicks in a nest, 15 House Martins, 1 Sand Martin, 1 Swift, 1 Great Crested Grebe, 5 Red-crested Pochards, 2 Pochards, 10 Tufted Ducks including a brood of 3 ducklings, 3 Greylag geese, 10 Canada Geese, 30 Coots including several families, 2 Goldcrests (David Darrell-Lambert).



Sparrowhawk chick in Victoria Park (photo: David Darrell-Lambert/[BirdBrainUK](#))

10 July 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 5 Blackcaps, 1 Green Woodpecker, 1 Great Spotted woodpecker, 2 Stock Doves, 1 Swift (David Darrell-Lambert).

10 July 2016, Tredegar Square Gardens: 2 plants of Wild Strawberry on the southern edge of the square, a very strange record for a plant usually associated with chalk grassland and woodland (Allan Cousens).



Wild Strawberry at Tredegar Square (photo: Allan Cousens)

8 July 2016, East India Dock Basin: 2 adult Little Ringed Plovers, 4+ Sand Martins, 20 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

7 July 2016, Grove Hall Park: 3 Goldcrests, presumably a family party (Jo Dowle).

7 July 2016, East India Dock Basin: a Mandarin Duck is the first record here since 2012, 2 Egyptian Geese, 16 Tufted Ducks, 2 Shelducks, a singing male Blackcap and a recently-fledged juvenile, 2 singing Reed Warblers (John Archer).



Mandarin Duck at East India Dock Basin (photo: John Archer)

7 July 2016, Mile End: 8 Swifts over Mile End Road mid-morning (Bob Watts).

7 July 2016, Victoria Park (West Lake): a brood of 3 Tufted Duck ducklings, 10+ Swifts, 5+ Sand Martins (Bob Watts).

7 July 2016, Mile End Park: a Reed Warbler still singing in the reed bed by the canal at Meath bridge (Bob Watts).

5 July 2016, West India Docks: a big territorial battle between two families of Mute Swans on North Dock, with the resident pair with 5 cygnets chasing off a pair with 4 smaller cygnets, which are probably the pair which nested at Millwall Outer Dock. Also on North Dock, 2+ Grey Wagtails, a pair of Coots at a nest and a pair of Great Crested Grebes at a nest, and another pair of Great Crested Grebes with 1 chick in Bellmouth Passage (Tom Speller).



Mute Swans fighting (photos: Tom Speller)

5 July 2016, Millwall Docks: a pair of Great Crested Grebes incubating 2 eggs at the north end of Inner Dock (Tom Speller).

4 July 2016, Victoria Park (East Park): 21 Pied Wagtails (mostly juveniles) on recently-mown grass, 1 male Kestrel flew over (Brian Gee).

4 July 2016, Mile End Park: a Reed Warbler singing again in the reed bed by the canal at Meath bridge (Bob Watts).

4 July 2016, Saffron Avenue Pond: 3 juvenile Peregrines (2 males and a female) playing overhead and calling loudly at lunchtime, 1 singing Reed Warbler (John Archer).

4 July 2016, East India Dock Basin: 2 Stock Doves, 5+ Sand Martins, 1 Shelduck, 8 Tufted Ducks, 2 singing Blackcaps, 2 Reed warblers, 1 Essex Skipper butterfly (John Archer).

3 July 2016, Victoria Park (East Park): a female Peregrine flew over, 4 Pied Wagtails flew east, 5 Black-headed Gulls were the first returning birds of the autumn (Brian Gee).

2 July 2016, Victoria Park: the Bird Barmy Army walk recorded 40 species of birds including 2 Common Sandpipers (the first in the park since 2010), a female

Sparrowhawk feeding at least 3 young, 5 Red-crested Pochards, 2 Pochards, 8 Tufted Ducks, 1 Little Grebe, 2 Great Crested Grebes, a pair of Mute Swans with 2 cygnets, 30 Canada Geese, 2 Egyptian Geese, 2 Greylag Geese, 1 Collared Dove, 1 Stock Dove, 2 Blackcaps, 2 Goldcrests, 2 Grey Wagtails, 4 House Martins, 10 Sand Martins, 10 Swifts, also single Emperor and Southern Hawker dragonflies and a Painted Lady butterfly (David Darrell-Lambert and 15 participants, with additional information from Brian Gee).



Sparrowhawk (top) and Painted Lady at Victoria Park (photos: David Darrell-Lambert/[BirdBrainUK](#))

1 July 2016, East India Dock Basin: 3+ Sand Martins, 1 Egyptian Goose, 1 Shelduck, 2 Common Terns, 12 Tufted Ducks, 1 singing Blackcap, 2+ singing Reed Warblers (John Archer).

1 July 2016, Saffron Avenue Pond: 1 singing Reed Warbler, a pair of Coots with 4 small young from a second brood, a second pair of Coots with 1 large chick, a pair of Moorhens with 5 chicks and 2 fledged juveniles from an earlier brood (John Archer).

1 July 2016, Victoria Park: 2 drake Red-crested Pochards and a female with 2 large ducklings, 2 Pochards, a pair of Great Crested Grebes, 6+ Tufted Ducks, 10+ Sand Martins, 4 Egyptian Geese, a pair of Mute Swans with 2 cygnets, a female Sparrowhawk feeding at least 2 young in a nest (Jan Dobbie & Richard Drew).

June

30 June 2016, Mile End Park: a Reed Warbler still singing in the Ecology Park reed bed, 1 Whitethroat singing in the Arts Park (Bob Watts).

28 June 2016, Victoria Park: a female Sparrowhawk still feeding young in a nest in West Park, the pair of Great Crested Grebes still on a nest on West Lake, where there were also a pair of Red-crested Pochards with 2 juveniles, 2 Pochards, 22+ Tufted Ducks and 4 Egyptian Geese (Jan Dobbie).

28 June 2016, Mile End Park: the Reed Warbler still singing in the Ecology Park reed bed (Bob Watts).

27 June 2016, Mile End Park: Reed Warblers still singing in the Ecology Park reed bed and in the reed bed beside the bridge over the canal to Meath Gardens (Bob Watts).

26 June 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: lots of bees seen on a guided walk, including two species which are rare in London – a male Clover Melitta (*Melitta leporina*) (normally regarded as a chalk grassland specialist and last recorded in London at Leyton Marshes in 2005) and a male Fork-tailed Flower Bee (*Anthophora furcata*) (only 36 records in London from 11 sites). Also of note was a Ruby Wasp (*Hedychrum* sp) (Mark Patterson).



Clover Melittis (left) and Ruby Wasp at Cemetery Park (photos: Mark Patterson)

21 June 2016, Shadwell: a juvenile Peregrine on Stockholm House (Jim Ford).



juvenile Peregrine on Stockholm House (photo: Jim Ford)

21 June 2016, Victoria Park: a Sparrowhawk feeding young in a nest in West Park, the pair of Great Crested Grebes again on a nest on West Lake, where there were also a pair of Red-crested Pochards with 2 juveniles, 1 Pochard, 10 Tufted Ducks, 5 Egyptian Geese and 15+ Swifts. On and around East Lake, 2 Pochards, 1 Tufted Duck and 5 Swifts (Jan Dobbie & Bob Watts).

21 June 2016, Mile End Park: Reed Warblers still singing in the Ecology Park reed bed and in the reed bed beside the bridge over the canal to Meath Gardens, 5+ Swifts (Bob Watts).

21 June 2016, Blackwall Basin: 4 Common Terns on the raft, two broods Mallards (one of 7 & one of 2) (Tom Speller).

21 June 2016, Mile End: 5+ House Sparrows, 5+ Swifts (Bob Watts)

20 June 2016, West India North Dock: 2 Grey Wagtails, 13 Mute Swans including two families – a pair with 5 well grown cygnets – (first seen at Poplar Dock on 11 May) and a pair with 4 younger cygnets (possibly pair that breed at Millwall Outer Dock recently) (Tom Speller).

20 June 2016, Mile End Park: Reed Warblers still singing in the Ecology Park reed bed and in the reed bed beside the bridge over the canal to Meath Gardens (Bob Watts).

18 June 2016, Mudchute: a pair of Hornet Clearwing moths mating (Nick Golson).



Hornet Clearwings at Mudchute (photo: Nick Golson)

18 June 2016, Bow Creek: a Little Egret fed on the mud then flew to East India Dock Basin, 1 Oystercatcher, 1 singing Cetti's Warbler (Frank Nugent).

17 June 2016, Mile End Park: Reed Warblers singing in the Ecology Park reed bed and in the reed bed beside the bridge over the canal to Meath Gardens (Bob Watts).

15 June 2016, Canary Wharf: a Red Kite circled 11.20 to 11.30am mobbed by 2 Peregrines, then flew east (Ian Ellis).

15 June 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Sand Martin, 5+ Swifts (Bob Watts).

15 June 2016, East India Dock Basin: 2 Tufted Ducks, 3 Shelducks, 6 Grey Herons, 2 Little Ringed Plovers, 8 Common Terns but none incubating, c10 Sand Martins (Tom Speller).

11 June 2016, Regent's Canal, Old Ford Lock: a pair of Grey Wagtails with 3 recently-fledged young (Brian Gee).

10 June 2016, Victoria Park: 10+ Swifts over West Lake (Bob Watts).

10 June 2016, Mile End Park: a Reed Warbler singing in the Ecology Park (Bob Watts).
3 June 2016, Mile End Park (Arts Park): 1 female Green Woodpecker, a family party of 9 Starlings just fledged from a nest in the beam above the Art Pavilion (Bob Watts).

7 June 2016, Blackwall Basin: 3 Common Terns on the raft, 2 of them incubating (Tom Speller).

7 June 2016, Poplar Dock Marina: 24 Canada Geese protecting 2 goslings, a pair of Coots with 3 chicks (Tom Speller).

6 June 2016, Millwall Outer Dock: the pair of Mute Swans now have 4 cygnets, not 5 (Tom Speller).



Mute Swan cygnets at Millwall Outer Dock (photo: Tom Speller)

6 June 2016, Victoria Park (West Lake): a recently-fledged juvenile Pied Wagtail bathing, 4 drake Red-crested Pochards and a female with 2 ducklings (Bob Watts & John Archer)



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

6 June 2016, East India Dock Basin: a 15-minute count for the [Tower Hamlets Bee Survey](#) recorded 3 Buff-tailed Bumblebees, 1 Buff- or White-tailed Bumblebee, 1 Red-tailed Bumblebee, 2 Tree Bumblebees, 1 unidentified bumblebee, 5 Honey Bees and 1 unidentified nomad bee. Butterflies included a female Brimstone, 1 Common

Blue and 2 Holly Blues, and birds included 1 Oystercatcher, 4 Common Terns on the raft (one apparently incubating), 2 Egyptian Geese, 7 Tufted Ducks and 3 Shelducks (John Archer).

5 June 2016, Victoria Park: a female Peregrine high over East park at 10am, a female Sparrowhawk on a nest, a pair of Goldcrests feeding recently-fledged young in West Park, 1 Great Crested Grebe on West Lake, 2 Painted Lady butterflies in East Park (Brian Gee).

3 June 2016, Poplar Dock Marina: a singing Reed Warbler and a pair of Linnets in the scrub on the north edge (Tom Speller).



Linnets (male above, female below) at Poplar Dock Marina (photos: Tom Speller)

3 June 2016, Mile End Park (Arts Park): 1 female Green Woodpecker, a family party of 9 Starlings just fledged from a nest in the beam above the Art Pavilion (Bob Watts).

3 June 2016, Victoria Park: the female Red-crested Pochard on West Lake now has only 2 ducklings (Bob Watts).

3 June 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Ringed Plover, 1 Common Tern on the raft and 2 fishing over the Thames, 5 Tufted Ducks, 3 Shelducks, 3 Blackcaps (John Archer).

3 June 2016, Millwall Outer Dock: a pair of Mute Swans at a nest with 5 young cygnets (Tom Speller).

2 June 2016, Arbery Road: a few plants of Black Spleenwort and lots of Trailing Bellflower and Mexican Fleabane giving a spectacular display on the wall of Schoolbell Mews (John Archer).



Trailing Bellflower in Arbery Road (photo: John Archer)

2 June 2016, Mile End Park: a Chiffchaff singing in the Arts Park (Bob Watts).

2 June 2016, Victoria Park: 4 drake Red-crested Pochards and a female with 3 ducklings on West Lake, the pair of Great Crested Grebes on West Lake but not associating with a nest, 5+ Swifts and 5+ Sand Martins over West Lake, 5 Egyptian Geese (2 on West Lake and 3 on East Lake), a pair of Canada Geese with 4 goslings on East Lake (Bob Watts & John Archer).



Canada Goose goslings in Victoria Park (photo: John Archer)

2 June 2016, Old Ford Road: a Common Blue butterfly in the annual meadow by the junction with Mace Street (Clare Barnett).

1 June 2016, Edinburgh Close E2: several House Sparrows including a pair visiting a nest under the eaves of one of the houses, and a Woodpigeon on a nest nearby (Bob Watts).

1 June 2016, Millwall Inner Dock: a Coot with chicks on a nest, a Great Crested Grebe on a nest, a pair of Grey Wagtails with a juvenile (Tom Speller).

1 June 2016, Mile End Park: a Little Egret flew low south-west over the Art Pavilion towards the Regent's Canal at 1.07pm (Bob Watts).

1 June 2016, Blackwall Basin: 2 Common Terns on the new raft, both possibly incubating (Tom Speller).

1 June 2016, Bow Creek: 1 female Sparrowhawk, 1 singing Reed Warbler (Tom Speller).

1 June 2016, East India Dock Basin: 3 Little Ringed Plovers, 3 Common Terns (1 possibly incubating), 4 Shelducks, 4 Tufted Ducks, 21 Mallards, 1 singing Reed Warbler, 1 female Blackcap, 2+ recently-fledged Long-tailed Tits, a pair of Blue Tits feeding young in one of the new nest boxes (Tom Speller).

May

31 May 2016, Victoria Park (West Lake): the pair of Great Crested Grebes building a new nest, 2 Little Grebes, 3 drake Red-crested Pochards and a female with 3 ducklings, 3 Pochards, 6 Tufted Ducks, a pair of Mute Swans with 2 cygnets, 2 House Martins, 6+ Sand Martins, 1 Swift (Jan Dobbie).

29 May 2016, East India Dock Basin: 2 Little Ringed Plovers, 6 Common Terns including one or two mating pairs, 4 Shelducks, 2 Tufted Ducks (Jan Dobbie).

27 May 2016, East India Dock Basin: a 15-minute count for the [Tower Hamlets Bee Survey](#) recorded 20 Honey Bees but no bumblebees. Also 1 female Black-tailed Skimmer dragonfly, 2 Common Terns (but none incubating), 1 Little Ringed Plover, 5 Tufted Ducks, 4 Shelducks and 2 Canada Geese (John Archer), 1 Oystercatcher (Simon Worsfold).

26 May 2016, Weavers Adventure Playground: 1 Common Blue butterfly (John Archer).

25 May 2016, Limehouse Basin: a pair of Mute Swans with 4 cygnets, a pair of Coots with 1 chick and 2 more Coots on nests, 1 Grey Wagtail, 10 Tufted Ducks (Tom Speller).



Mute Swan family on Limehouse Basin (photo: Tom Speller)

25 May 2016, Victoria Park (West Lake): 20+ Sand Martins, 2 House Martins, 4 drake Red-crested Pochards and a female with 3 ducklings, 4 Pochards, a pair of Mute Swans with 2 cygnets (Bob Watts).

25 May 2016, Mile End Park: a pair of Canada Geese with 2 goslings on the Regent's Canal (Bob Watts).

25 May 2015, East India Dock Basin: 5 Common Terns on and around the rafts, one of which appeared to be incubating (John Archer).

23 May 2016, Victoria Park (West Lake): the pair of Great Crested Grebes appear to be building another nest, 4 drake Red-crested Pochards and a female with 3 ducklings, a pair of Mute Swans with 2 cygnets (Jan Dobbie).

23 May 2016, Saffron Avenue Pond: 2+ House Sparrows, 1 well-grown Moorhen chick, 1 Common Tern, 2 Canada Geese and nearby a family party of Long-tailed Tits by the security barrier to East India Dock estate (John Archer).

23 May 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Ringed Plover, 5 Shelducks, 4 Common Terns around the rafts, 5 Reed Warblers, 1 Tufted Duck, 1 singing Blackcap (John Archer).

23 May 2016, Bow Creek: 1 singing Sedge Warbler, 1 singing Whitethroat, 1 singing Cetti's Warbler, 2 signing Blackcaps, 2 singing Reed Warblers, 1 Shelduck (John Archer).

20 May 2016, Poplar Dock Marina: the pair of Mute Swans now with 5 cygnets not 6 (Tom Speller).

20 May 2016, Blackwall Basin: 3 Common Terns on the new raft, one of them possibly incubating (Tom Speller).

20 May 2016, Millwall & West India Docks: 6 pairs of Great Crested Grebes with a total of at least 12 young (Simon Robinson).

16 May 2016, Bow Creek: 2 Egyptian Geese, 2 Canada Geese (John Archer).

16 May 2016, East India Dock Basin: a Peregrine flew over, 1 male Little Ringed Plover displaying, 1 Song Thrush singing in the Copse, 1 Egyptian Goose, a pair of Common Terns on a raft, 2 Shelducks, 3+ singing Reed warblers, 1 singing Blackcap (John Archer).

16 May 2016, West India Docks: a pair of Mute Swans with 6 cygnets on North Dock - the same pair seen at Poplar Dock Marina last week (Tom Speller).

13 May 2016, Victoria Park (West Lake): 4 drake Red-crested Pochards and a female with 3 ducklings, 2 pairs of Pochards, 1 Great Crested Grebes, 20+ Sand Martins, 2 House Martins, 5+ Swifts, 3 Egyptian Geese (Bob Watts).

13 May 2016, Limehouse: a Grey Wagtail singing (Tom Speller).

13 May 2016, West India Docks: a Great Crested Grebe with 2 small chicks on South Dock (Tom Speller).

12 May 2016. Victoria Park (West Lake): 3 drake Red-crested Pochards and a female with 3 ducklings, 3 Pochards, the pair of Great Crested Grebes still present but appear to have abandoned their nest, 15+ Sand Martins, 2 House Martins, 4+ Swifts, a pair of Little Grebes, 3 Egyptian Geese, a Herring Gull caught and ate an unidentified duckling (Bob Watts).

12 May 2016, East India Dock Basin: 5 Common Terns, 4 Shelducks, 4+ singing Reed warblers, 1 Jay (Tom Speller).

12 May 2016, Blackwall Basin: 2 pairs of Canada Geese with broods of 7 and 1 goslings, 1 Common Tern (Tom Speller).

11 May 2016, Poplar Dock Marina: a pair of Mute Swans with 6 cygnets (Tom Speller).



Mute Swan cygnets at Poplar Dock Marina (photo: Tom Speller)

11 May 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Garden Warbler singing in the Copse, 1 Oystercatcher flew over towards Bow Creek, 9 Common Terns on the rafts and a flock of 10 more terns, either Common or Arctic, circled briefly at 12.50pm before flying south, 4 singing Reed Warblers, 1 male Blackcap, 1 Little Ringed Plover, 6 Tufted Ducks, 3 Shelducks (John Archer).

9 May 2016, Victoria Park: a Little Egret flew south-east over West Lake at 8.30am and a Buzzard flew north-west over East Park at 11.30am (Brian Gee).

8 May 2016, Antill Road E3: a Blackcap singing in a garden, Great Tits with 5+ fledged young (Harry Harrison).

7 May 2016, East India Dock Basin: 2 Sand Martins, 1 female House Sparrow (both first site records this year), 1 Oystercatcher, 1 Linnet, 4 Egyptian Geese, 4 Common Terns, 1 Little Ringed Plover, 2 Shelducks, 1 singing Grey Wagtail, 3 singing Reed warblers, 2 Blackcaps (David Darrell-Lambert).

7 May 2016, Victoria Park: 37 species of birds, including 1 Spotted Flycatcher, 1 Kestrel, 1 Sparrowhawk, 12 Swifts, 12 Sand Martins, 2 Collared Doves, 2 singing Blackcaps, the pair of Great Crested Grebes still on their nest, 1 Little Grebe, 5 Red-crested Pochards, 5 Pochards, 10 Tufted Ducks, 3 Egyptian Geese, 15 Greylag Geese, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker visiting a nest hole, 1 singing Goldcrest (David Darrell-Lambert and 23 participants on the Bird Barmy Army walk).



Red-crested Pochards and Woodpigeon (top right) at Victoria Park (David Darrell-Lambert)

6 May 2016, East India Dock Basin: a Buzzard flew north-east at 1.30pm, 1 female Kestrel, 1 Little Ringed Plover, 4 Common Terns, 2 signing Reed Warblers, 2 Shelducks, 2 Tufted Ducks, 1 Brimstone butterfly (John Archer).

4 May 2016, Victoria Park: 5 drake Red-crested Pochards, the pair of Great Crested Grebes still at a nest, 4+ Pochards, 5 Egyptian Geese, 1+ Little Grebe, about 5 House Martins, 8+ Sand Martins all on or over West Lake (John Archer).



Great Crested Grebe on nest in Victoria Park (photo: John Archer)

4 May 2016, East India Dock Basin: 2 Reed Warblers singing, 4 Common Terns, 2 Little Ringed Plovers on the island then flew south towards the Greenwich Peninsula, 3 Blackcaps, 2 Shelducks, 2 Canada Geese, 2 female Tawny Mining Bees (John Archer).

4 May 2016, Saffron Avenue Pond: 2 Common Terns fishing in the pond and along the ornamental canal, 1 Whitethroat singing (John Archer).



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

4 May 2016, Limehouse: an Oystercatcher flew east at 9.35am (Paul Hyland).

3 May 2016, Weavers Fields: 3 Swallows flew north late morning, 1 Small Tortoiseshell (John Archer).

3 May 2016, St George's Gardens: 1 singing Blackcap (John Archer).

3 May 2016, Island Gardens: 1 female Hairy-footed Flower Bee (John Archer).

2 May 2016, Victoria Park: a Wood Warbler singing in East Park (Jan Dobbie).

April

29 April 2016, Victoria Park: a Lesser Whitethroat still singing in East Park, 1 Swallow, 15 House Martins and 8 and Martins over West Lake early evening (Brian Gee).

29 April 2016, East India Dock Basin: a Swift flew west at 12.40pm, a pair of Common Terns visiting the raft, 13 Tufted Ducks, 3 Shelducks, 1 singing Blackcap (John Archer).

28 April 2016, Mudchute: 1 male Redstart, 1 Lesser Whitethroat, 1 Whitethroat, 1 Willow Warbler, 1 Blackcap (George Kalli).

28 April 2016, Mile End Park: 1 Swift (the first reported in the borough this year), 1 singing Lesser Whitethroat, 1 male Whitethroat displaying, 2 singing Blackcaps, a pair of Moorhens with 2 well-grown young on the Ecology Ponds, a pair of Starlings carrying food to a nest (Joe Beale).

28 April 2016, Victoria Park: a Lesser Whitethroat singing in East Park, 8 Blackcaps, 3 Chiffchaffs, 3 Willow Warblers, 5 Sand Martins, the pair of Great Crested Grebes at a nest on West Lake, 2 drake Red-crested Pochards on West Lake (Brian Gee).

28 April 2016, East India Dock Basin: a Peregrine flew west carrying prey at lunchtime, 5 Common Terns including a pair on a raft, 2 Lesser Whitethroats including a singing male, 2 Whitethroats, 1 singing Willow Warbler, 1 Chiffchaff, 3+ Blackcaps, 2 Little Ringed Plovers, 3 Shelducks, 9 Tufted Ducks, 2 Canada Geese (Paul Hyland & John Archer).

28 April 2016, Saffron Avenue Pond: 1 Common Tern fishing, a pair of Coots still with 4 young chicks (John Archer).

27 April 2016, East India Dock Basin: a Peregrine flew west carrying a Feral Pigeon, 1 Common Tern, 1 singing Lesser Whitethroat, 1 female Whitethroat, 1 singing Willow Warbler, 2+ Blackcaps, 3 Shelducks, 10 Tufted Ducks, 1 queen Buff-tailed Bumblebee, 1 Small White, 1 Green-veined White (John Archer).

27 April 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Lesser Whitethroat singing in Scrapyard Meadow (John Archer).

26 April 2016, Shadwell Basin: a pair of Great Crested Grebes, one pair of Coots with at least 4 tiny chicks and another pair at a nest (John Archer).

25 April 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 singing Goldcrest, 2 male Blackcaps, 1 Dunnock carrying food to a nest (Bob Watts).

22 April 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Ring-necked Parakeet in the Copse early morning, 1 Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Whitethroats, 4 Blackcaps, 3 Little Ringed Plovers, 2 Shelducks, 2 Teal, 7 Tufted Ducks, 4 Canada Geese, a pair of Moorhens nesting on a raft (Tom Speller & John Archer).



Little Ringed Plover at East India Dock Basin (photo: Tom Speller)

22 April 2016, Bow Creek: 1 singing Cetti's Warbler, 2 Common Sandpipers, 2 Teal, 1 Great Black-backed Gull eating a Flounder (Tom Speller).

22 April 2016, Poplar Dock Marina: the pair of Great Crested Grebes still with 2 chicks (Tom Speller).

21 April 2016, Mudchute: 1 Yellow Wagtail in the horse paddocks (Richard Harrison).

19 April 2016, Regent's Canal at Vyner Street: 1 female Blackcap (Erica Davies).

18 April 2016, Tregagar Mews E3: 1 Angle Shades moth (Allan Cousens).



Angle Shades in Tregagar Mews (photo: Allan Cousens)

18 April 2016, Victoria Park: the pair of Great Crested Grebes still nest-building, 3 Little Grebes, 4+ Pochards and 16+ Tufted Ducks all on West Lake, a female Sparrowhawk in West Park, 1 Redwing, 3 Mistle Thrushes, 1 Green Woodpecker and 2 singing Chiffchaffs in East Park (Jan Dobbie).

18 April 2016, Poplar Dock Marina: 1 Grey Wagtail (Tom Speller).



Grey Wagtail at Poplar Dock Marina (photo: Tom Speller)

15 April 2016, East India Dock Basin: 3 Common Terns (the first here this spring), 12 Tufted Ducks, 3 Shelducks, 11 Teal (John Archer).

15 April 2016, Silvocea Way E14: 2 female Hairy-footed Flower Bees nectaring on Red Deadnettle (John Archer).

15 April 2016, East India Dock business estate: a pair of Mistle Thrushes nest-building (John Archer).

15 April 2016, Saffron Avenue Pond: 1 Common Tern fishing at lunchtime, a pair of Coots with 4 small chicks and a second pair on a nest, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

14 April 2016, Poplar Park: 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, dozens of Hairy-footed Flower Bees, 2 Tawny Mining Bees, 1 queen Buff-tailed Bumblebee, 1 queen Common Carder Bee (John Archer).

14 April 2016, East India Dock Basin: 2 Common Buzzards (1 flew high north-east at 1.15pm, and a second bird flew low south at 1.30pm), 1 Greylag Goose, 3 Shelducks, 9 Tufted Ducks, 18 Teal (John Archer).

13 April 2016, Mile End Park: a Hobby circled low over the 5-a-side pitches, calling, at 7.08pm before flying off north-west (Bob Watts).

13 April 2016, East India Dock Basin: a male Whitethroat in the Copse at 5pm (the first here this spring), 4 Shelducks on the Basin and another 8 flew high north-west at 4.50pm, 1 Little Grebe, 2 singing Blackcaps, 1 Little Ringed Plover, 1 Greylag Goose, 9 Tufted Ducks, 25 Teal, 2 Canada Geese (John Archer & Jo Dowle).

13 April 2016, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper (Jo Dowle).

13 April 2016, Shadwell Basin: a pair of Great Crested Grebes, 8 Coots including a pair on a nest (John Archer).

13 April 2016, King Edward Memorial Park: 1 Blackcap singing, 1 female Brimstone butterfly (John Archer).

13 April 2016, Dellow Street E1: 2 House Sparrows (John Archer).

13 April 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Swallows flew north over Scrapyard meadow at 7.50am (Bob Watts).

12 April 2016, Limehouse Cut: 12+ Sand Martins by Uamvar Street on the Teviot Estate (Neal Hunt).

12 April 2016, Mile End Park: a Buzzard over the Art Park late afternoon (Bob Watts).

12 April 2016, Victoria Park: a male Redstart near Canal Gate at 2.30pm, the pair of Great Crested Grebes nest-building on West Lake, 1 female Sparrowhawk, 4+ Sand Martins, 1 Willow Warbler (Brian Gee, Jan Dobbie & Bob Watts).

12 April 2016, Poplar Park: about 10 Hairy-footed Flower Bees (mostly males) visiting Hyacinth flowers in the ornamental flower beds (John Archer).

12 April 2016, East India DLR station: 1 Angle Shades moth on the steps leading down towards the Town Hall (John Archer).

12 April 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Willow Warbler singing in Monument Glade, 1 Comma butterfly, 3 Brimstones, about 8 Small Whites (Bob Watts).

12 April 2016, East India Dock Basin: a 15-minute count for the [Tower Hamlets Bee Survey](#) recorded 3 queen Early Bumblebees and 3 Hairy-footed Flower Bees. Also 3 Blackcaps (2 singing males and a female), 1 singing Willow Warbler, 1 singing Chiffchaff, 1 singing Cetti's Warbler, 1 Little Ringed Plover, 1 Little Grebe, 4 Shelducks, 11 Tufted Ducks, 14 Teal, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 Small Tortoiseshell (John Archer).

12 April 2016, Mudchute: 2 Willow Warblers (one singing), 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Mistle Thrush (Tom Speller).

11 April 2016, Mile End Park: a Blackcap singing south of Haverfield Road (John Archer).

11 April 2016, East India Dock Business Estate: a Mistle Thrush singing from the roof of Capstan House, 1 Jay at east end of estate (John Archer).

11 April 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 singing Chiffchaff, 1 Long-tailed Tit nest-building, 3 Brimstone butterflies, 8 Small Whites (Bob Watts).

11 April 2016, East India Dock Basin: 11 Tufted Ducks, 4 Shelducks, 2 Canada Geese, 16 Teal, 1 queen Common Carder Bee, 2 queen Buff-tailed Bumblebees, lots of Rue-leaved Saxifrage in flower on top of the river wall at Orchard Wharf (John Archer).

10 April 2016, Victoria Park: a male Firecrest singing by West Lake, 1 Sparrowhawk nest-building (Brian Gee).

9 April 2016, Victoria Park: a male Firecrest in The Glade (a different bird from the one which wintered by Canal Gate), a pair of Great Crested Grebes displaying, 6 Little Grebes, 1 House Martin and 30+ Sand Martins on or over West Lake, 3 Willow Warblers, 6 Chiffchaffs, 3 Blackcaps (Brian Gee).

8 April 2016, Mile End Park: 2 singing Chiffchaffs - one by the Ecology Pavilion, 1 in Chris's Wood (Bob Watts).

8 April 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 singing Blackcaps, 1 singing Chiffchaff, 1 Stock Dove displaying (Bob Watts).

8 April 2016, Victoria Park: a pair of Blackcaps and 1 Willow Warbler in The Glade; a pair of Great Crested Grebes, 2 Little Grebes, 2 Willow Warblers and 1 Chiffchaff on and around West Lake; 1 Willow Warbler on East Lake island, 1 Mistle Thrush in East Park (Richard Drew & Bob Watts).

8 April 2016, East India Dock Basin: a Chiffchaff singing in the Copse, 1 Little Grebe, 10 Tufted Ducks, 20 Teal (Tom Speller).

8 April 2016, Bow Creek: a pair of Cetti's Warblers in the reed bed below the pylon, 4 Teal (Tom Speller).

8 April 2016, Poplar Dock Marina: a pair of Great Crested Grebes with 2 young, presumably from the nest that was occupied in March (Tom Speller).

7 April 2016, Glasshouse Community Centre, Parkview Estate: a large colony of Hairy-footed Flower Bees nesting in disused window boxes - at least 6 females seen despite cold weather, and over 100 holes are present (John Archer & Martin Shortis).



Hairy-footed Flower Bee at Glasshouse Community Centre (photo: John Archer)

7 April 2016, East India Dock Basin: 2 Little Ringed Plovers, 1 Little Grebe, 4 Shelducks, 1 Mute Swan circling overhead then flew north, 5 Tufted Ducks, 28 Teal, 1 Jay (John Archer & Jo Dowle).

7 April 2016, Victoria Park: 1 Peregrine flew over, a pair of Great Crested Grebes, 5 drake Red-crested Pochards, 2 Little Grebes, 5 Pochards, 24+ Tufted Ducks, 1 Egyptian Goose, 14+ Sand Martins and a pair of Goldcrests collecting nest material on and around West Lake, 1 Little Grebe on East Lake, 3 Willow Warblers (2 of them singing), 3 Chiffchaffs (2 of them singing), 1 male Blackcap, 5 Mistle Thrushes (3 singing), 1 female Great Spotted Woodpecker, a pair of Green Woodpeckers (Jan Dobbie & John Archer).

7 April 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a pair of Coal Tits (Bob Watts).

6 April 2016, Poplar Dock Marina: a Canada x Greylag Goose hybrid, lots of Rue-leaved Saxifrage and Common Whitlowgrass and a clump of Musk Stork's-bill in flower beside the path on the east side of the Marina, along with loads of Jersey Cudweed (John Archer).



Hybrid Canada x Greylag Goose (top left), Musk Stork's-bill top right) and Rue-leaved Saxifrage at Poplar Dock Marina (photos: John Archer)

6 April 2016, Mile End Park: a Chiffchaff singing in Chris's Wood (Bob Watts).

6 April 2016, Victoria Park: 1 singing Willow Warbler, a pair of Great Crested Grebes, 2 drake Red-crested Pochards and 1 Egyptian Goose on and around West Lake, a pair of Blackcaps, 1 Chiffchaff and 1 Goldcrest in The Glade (Bob Watts).

6 April 2016, Saffron Avenue Pond: a pair of Coots with 6 tiny chicks (John Archer).

6 April 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Willow Warbler, 1 Chiffchaff, 4 Shelducks, 4 Tufted Ducks, 27 Teal, several queen Buff-tailed Bumblebees (John Archer).

5 April 2016, Limehouse Basin: 2 drake Red-crested Pochards, 2 Egyptian Geese, a pair of Grey Wagtails, a pair of Mute Swans at a nest (Tom Speller).



Red-crested Pochard (top) and Mute Swan on nest at Limehouse Basin (photos: Tom Speller)

5 April 2016, Victoria Park: a male Redstart and 2 Willow Warblers in the Glade, 2 Great Crested Grebes on West Lake (Brian Gee).

5 April 2016, Stepney Green: 1 Peregrine over (Brian Gee).

5 April 2016, Mudchute: 1 singing Chiffchaff, 2 Blackcaps, 10+ Monk Parakeets (Tom Speller).



Chiffchaff at Mudchute (photo: Tom Speller)

5 April 2016, West India Docks: a pair of Great Crested Grebes displaying on South Dock (Tom Speller).

5 April 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Peregrine, 1 Kestrel, 2 Shelducks, 4 Tufted Ducks, 25 Teal (John Archer).

4 April 2016, Mile End Park: a Green Woodpecker in the Art Park (Bob Watts).

4 April 2016, Victoria Park: 20+ Sand Martins over West Lake (Bob Watts & Brian Gee).

4 April 2016, East India Dock Basin: a probable Osprey flew north at 1.05pm but was too distant for certain identification, 1 female Kestrel flew north at 1.10pm, 1 Little Ringed Plover, 4 Tufted Ducks, 44 Teal, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer & Mark Wardman).

4 April 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 singing Blackcap, 2 Chiffchaffs, 1 Song Thrush (Bob Watts).

3 April 2016, West India Docks: a Greylag Goose on South Dock (John Archer).

3 April 2016, Victoria Park: the Great Crested Grebe still on West Lake, 1 Redwing in East Park (Brian Gee).

3 April 2016, Mile End Park: a Willow Warbler singing beside the canal by Roman Road bridge (Bob Watts).

3 April 2016, East India Dock Basin: a juvenile Iceland Gull on the Thames foreshore by the O2 was viewable from here though not actually in Tower Hamlets, also 2 Egyptian Geese, 1 Little Ringed Plover, 1 Song Thrush (John Archer).

2 April 2016, Victoria Park: the Great Crested Grebe still on West Lake, 2 Blackcaps, 3 Chiffchaffs, 1 Song Thrush singing in the Glade (Brian Gee).

1 April 2016, East India Dock Basin: 2 Little Ringed Plovers, 1 Little Grebe, 4 Shelducks, 6 Tufted Ducks, 64 Teal, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 Small Tortoiseshell (John Archer).

1 April 2016, Victoria Park: 15 Sand Martins, 1 Great Crested Grebe, 4 Red-crested Pochards, 2 Grey Wagtails, 2 Little Grebes and 14 Pochards on and around West Lake, 1 singing Blackcap and 2 Chiffchaffs in West Park (Brian Gee & Bob Watts).

1 April 2016, Mile End Park: 1 Goldcrest beside the canal by Roman Road bridge (Bob Watts).

March

31 March 2016, East India Dock Basin: a female Marsh Harrier drifting east at 1.35pm was the first ever record for the site, and a Jackdaw over around 8am was the first here since 2011. Also a pair of Little Ringed Plovers, 1 Little Grebe, 2 Shelducks, 7 Tufted Ducks, 52 Teal (John Archer & Tom Speller).

31 March 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: lots of butterflies enjoying the spring sunshine, including a Comma, 3 Small Tortoiseshells, 5+ Brimstones and 8+ Small Whites. Also 2 Chiffchaffs singing (Bob Watts).

31 March 2016, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 Redshank and 11 Teal in the high tide roost (Tom Speller).

31 March 2016, Poplar Dock Marina: 1 Little Grebe (Tom Speller).

30 March 2016, Victoria Park: 12 Sand Martins over West Lake and the Great Crested Grebe still there, 1 Chiffchaff, 2 Redwings, 1 Song Thrush and 22 Stock Doves in East Park (Brian Gee).

30 March 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Chiffchaffs (one of them singing), 1 Small Tortoiseshell (Bob Watts & Paul Barham).

30 March 2016, Bow Creek: 2 Common Sandpipers, 3 Linnets, 2 Grey Wagtails, 12 Teal (Mark Wardman).

29 March 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Coal Tits, 2 Goldcrests, 2 Small White butterflies (Bob Watts).

24 March 2016, East India Dock Basin: the first Little Ringed Plover of the spring on the island, 7 Tufted Ducks, 1 Grey Heron, 24 Teal, a pair of Long-tailed Tits gathering nest material (Tom Speller).

24 March 2016, Bow Creek: 2 Linnets, 47 Teal (Tom Speller).

22 March 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Common Buzzard over, 1 singing Song Thrush (Paul Barham).

22 March 2016, Victoria Park: 1 Great Crested Grebe, 1 Kingfisher, 1 Little Grebe, 4 Red-crested Pochards, 2 Gadwall, 4 Pochards, 21+ Tufted Ducks, 2 Egyptian Geese (Brain Gee & Jan Dobbie).

22 March 2016, Mudchute DLR station: 1 Brimstone butterfly (Michael Rank).

22 March 2016, West India Docks: a pair of Great Crested Grebes displaying by Heron Quays station (Michael Rank).

22 March 2016, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper and 5 Teal in the high tide roost (no Redshanks), 3 Linnets, 1 singing Grey Wagtail (John Archer).



Linnet at Bow Creek (photo: John Archer)

22 March 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 unidentified butterfly, probably a Peacock, 2 Shelducks, 4 Tufted Ducks, 99 Teal (John Archer).

21 March 2016, Tower Bridge: a Great Crested Grebe on the Thames off Traitor's Gate at 8.30am (Paul Whiteman).

21 March 2016, West India Docks: an Egyptian Goose on Middle Dock (John Archer).

21 March 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a male Peregrine circling overhead, 4 Redwings, 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Goldcrest; the Firecrest seems to have gone, as it's not been seen since 12 March (Bob Watts).

21 March 2016, Poplar Dock Marina: 2 Little Grebes but no sign of any Great Crested Grebes at or around the nest (Tom Speller).

21 March 2016, Blackwall Basin: 1 Great Crested Grebe, 2 Grey Wagtails (Tom Speller).

21 March 2016, East India Dock Basin: 2 Shelducks, 6 Tufted Ducks, 97 Teal (John Archer).

20 March 2016, Victoria Park: the Great Crested Grebe still on West Lake, 7 Redwings and 1 Fieldfare in East Park (Brian Gee).

19 March 2016, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper and 1 Redshank in the high tide roost, 2 Linnets, 2 Shelducks, 48 Teal (Frank Nugent).

19 March 2016, Victoria Park: the Firecrest still near Canal Gate, and a Great Crested Grebe (a very scarce visitor here) on West Lake (Brian Gee).

18 March 2016, Saffron Avenue Pond: 2 pairs of Coots on nests (John Archer).

18 March 2016, Bow Creek: 2 Redshanks and 20 Teal in the high tide roost (John Archer).

17 March 2016, East India Dock Basin: a Peregrine overhead, 2 Shelducks, 5 Tufted Ducks, 79 Teal (John Archer).

15 March 2016, East India Dock Business Estate: 2 Egyptian Geese briefly on the ornamental canal (John Archer).

14 March 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Small White is the first butterfly reported in the borough this year, also 2 Coal Tits in Monument Glade (Bob Watts).

14 March 2016, East India Dock Basin: 4 Shelducks, 2 Canada Geese, 6 Tufted Ducks, 22 teal (John Archer).

12 March 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest still in Ash Wood (Ian Strickland).

11 March 2016, East India Dock Basin: a Ring-necked Parakeet in the Copse, 2 Egyptian Geese, 2 Shelducks, 8 Tufted Ducks, 33 Teal, a pair of Long-tailed Tits gathering nest material (Tom Speller).

11 March 2016, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 Redshank, about 50 Teal (Tom Speller).

11 March 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Chiffchaff in Scrapyard Meadow, 2+ Goldcrests, 2 queen Buff-tailed Bumblebees (Bob Watts).

10 March 2016, East India Dock Basin: 8 Shelducks including 2 pairs in full territorial display, 9 Tufted Ducks, 53 Teal (John Archer).

10 March 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest still in Ash Wood at 1.15pm, 2 male Peregrines flew north chasing one another, 1 Coal Tit (Bob Watts).

9 March 2016, Antill Road E3: a male Blackcap in a private garden (Harry Harrison).

9 March 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Jay, 2 Shelducks, 11 Tufted Ducks, 120 Teal (John Archer).

8 March 2016, Blackwall Basin: 2 Little Grebes together (Tom Speller).

8 March 2016, Poplar Dock Marina: a Great Crested Grebe still on a nest (Tom Speller).

7 March 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest still in Ash Wood at lunchtime, 6+ Siskins, 5+ Goldcrests, 1 Peregrine flew east at 1.40pm, also loads of early spring flowers in bloom, including numerous varieties of Daffodils and Crocuses, Sweet Violet, Blue Anemone, Primrose, Cowslip, False Oxlip (the hybrid between Primrose and Cowslip), Spring Snowflake, Summer Snowflake, Lesser Celandine, Snowdrop and Hybrid Bluebells (John Archer, Terry Lyle & Bob Watts).



False Oxlip, the hybrid between Primrose and Cowslip, at Cemetery Park (photos: John Archer)

7 March 2016, Hamlets Way: one plant of Rue-leaved Saxifrage in flower on the southern wall by the corner with Southern Grove, and lots of Black Spleenwort and

Maidenhair Spleenwort on the northern wall for the first 50 metres or so from the junction with Southern Grove (Terry Lyle & John Archer).

5 March 2016, Victoria Park: 45 species seen on the Bird Barmy Army dawn chorus walk, including 1 Firecrest, 3 Sparrowhawks displaying, 10 Red-crested Pochards, 7 Gadwall, 6 Shovelers, 6 Pochards, 20 Tufted Ducks, 4 Little Grebes, 1 Egyptian Goose, 2 Jackdaws, 14 Stock Doves, 2 Fieldfares, 7 Redwings, 1 Grey Wagtail, 2 Green Woodpeckers, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker and 4 Goldcrests (David Darrell-Lambert and 12 participants on the Bird Barmy Army walk).

5 March 2015, Tiller Road E14: Siskins heard calling but not seen (Steve Stride).

4 March 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest singing in Ash Wood, 25 metres south of High Glade pond, at 12.25pm, also 1 Chiffchaff singing in Scrapyard Meadow, 2 Goldcrests, 1 queen Buff-tailed Bumblebee (Bob Watts).

4 March 2016, Poplar Dock Marina: a Great Crested Grebe still on a nest (Tom Speller).

4 March 2016, Bow Creek: just 1 Redshank in the high tide roost, 1 Common Sandpiper, 5 Canada Geese, about 60 Teal, 1 Grey Wagtail (Tom Speller, Steve Stride & John Archer).

4 March 2016, East India Dock Basin: 4 Tufted Ducks, 222 Teal, 4 Greenfinches (Tom Speller & John Archer).

3 March 2016, Balfron Tower: a Peregrine flew over (Steve Stride).

3 March 2016, Mile End Park: a Kingfisher fishing in the Ecology Ponds (Clare Barnett).

3 March 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Kestrel flew north-west at lunchtime, 1 Coal Tit, 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Goldcrest but no sign of the Firecrest (Bob Watts).

2 March 2016, Victoria Park: the male Firecrest still around Canal Gate (Brian Gee).

1 March 2016, Isle of Dogs: a few plants of Jersey Cudweed at a new site on the footpath beside the roundabout at the southern end of Millharbour (Damon Williams).

1 March 2016, East India Dock Business Estate: 2 Egyptian Geese briefly on the ornamental canal, 2 Mistle Thrushes flew past Mulberry Place (John Archer).

1 March 2016, East India Dock Basin: 2 Shelducks, 11 Tufted Ducks, 118 Teal (John Archer).

February

29 February 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest singing in Ash Wood, just south of High Glade pond, at lunchtime (Bob Watts).

29 February 2016, Millwall Inner Dock: 5 Siskins in alders by the north-east corner of the dock, 1 Great Crested Grebe carrying nest material, 1 Grey Wagtail (Tom Speller).



Male (above) and female Siskins by Millwall Inner Dock (photos: Tom Speller)

29 February 2016, Saunders Ness: 2 Grey Wagtails (Tom Speller).

29 February 2016, Mudchute: 1 Siskin, 1 singing Mistle Thrush (Tom Speller).

28 February 2016, Victoria Park: the Firecrest by Canal Gate at 4pm, 1 Great Black-backed Gull on West Lake (Brian Gee).

27 February 2016, Victoria Park: a male Reed Bunting by the boating lake, the first record in the park since 2005. Also 14 Redwings, 4 Fieldfares and 14 Stock Doves on the re-seeded area in East Park, 5 Shovelers, 13 Gadwall and 8 Red-crested Pochards on West Lake (Brian Gee).

26 February 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest in Monument Glade at 12.30pm, 1 Chiffchaff, 4 jays, a pair of Sparrowhawks displaying (Derek Polley).

26 February 2016, Mudchute: 2 Siskins, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker (Conrad Ellam).

26 February 2016, Blackwall Basin: a pair of Great Crested Grebes with 2 well-grown young, presumably the pair that nested in December (Tom Speller).

26 February 2016, Poplar Dock Marina: a Great Crested Grebe on a nest (Tom Speller).

26 February 2016, East India Dock Basin: 8 Shelducks including 2 pairs displaying, 10 Tufted Ducks, 11 Canada Geese, 2 Egyptian Geese, 240 Teal, 1 Grey Wagtail (Tom Speller & John Archer).

25 February 2016, Victoria Park: 3 Little Grebes, 4 Shovelers, 10+ Gadwall, 4 drake Red-crested Pochards, 10+ Pochards, 30+ Tufted Ducks, 1 Pochard x Tufted Duck hybrid, 7 Greylag Geese, 1 Grey Wagtail all on or around West Lake, and a queen Buff-tailed Bumblebee nectaring at flowering shrubs near Canal Gate (John Archer).

25 February 2016, Virginia Quay Park: 1 Goldcrest (John Archer).

25 February 2016, East India Dock Basin: 5 Canada Geese, 6 Shelducks, 7 Tufted Ducks, 62 Teal (John Archer).

24 February 2016, Wapping Wood: 2 Ring-necked Parakeets, 2 Jays (John Archer).

24 February 2016, Wapping Canal: a pair of Mute Swans at a nest plus 1 first winter, 4 Canada Geese, 34 Mallards, 5 Tufted Ducks, 2 pairs of Moorhens, a pair of Coots at a nest, 1 Common Gull, about 20 Black-headed Gulls (John Archer).

24 February 2016, Hermitage Basin: a pair of Mute Swans, a pair of Coots, 2 Mallards, 1 singing Grey Wagtail, about 40 Black-headed Gulls (John Archer).

24 February 2016, St Katharine's Dock: 11 Tufted Ducks, 4 Mallards, 1 Coot, 2 Cormorants (John Archer).

24 February 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest in Ash Wood, just south of High Glade Pond, at 12.45pm (Bob Watts).

24 February 2016, Victoria Park: 14+ Redwings, 3 Fieldfares, 2 Mistle Thrushes and 6+ Stock Doves all in East Park on the re-seeded area (Jan Dobbie).

24 February 2016, Bow Creek: 2 Common Sandpipers and 20 Redshanks in the high tide roost (Adrian Roach).

24 February 2016, Shadwell Basin: 2 Great Crested Grebes, 7 Coots including a pair at a nest, 9 Mallards, 1 Common Gull, about 10 Black-headed Gulls, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

24 February 2016, River Thames at Saunders Ness: 2 Greylag Geese flew south, 5 Gadwall, 15+ Common Gulls, 3 Great Black-backed Gulls, 1 Grey Wagtail (Tom Speller).

24 February 2016, Mudchute: 1 Mistle Thrush singing, 1 Chaffinch singing (Tom Speller).

24 February 2016, Millwall Outer Dock: 13 Mute Swans including 9 first-winters, 2 Canada Geese, 25 Mallards, a pair of Great Crested Grebes, 12+ Coots (Tom Speller & John Archer).

24 February 2016, Millwall Inner Dock: 2 Great Crested Grebes, 2 Mute Swans, 11 Coots, 1 Cormorant, 7 Mallards (John Archer).

24 February 2016, West India Docks: 2 Grey Wagtails by North Dock (Tom Speller).

23 February 2016, Victoria Park: the Firecrest still by Canal Gate late afternoon, 20 Gadwall and 11 Red-crested Pochards on West Lake, 19 Redwings and 3 Fieldfares in East Park (Brian Gee).

23 February 2016, East India Dock Basin: 6 Shelducks, 130 Teal, 10 Tufted Ducks, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

22 February 2016, Victoria Park: The male Firecrest still by Canal Gate, 18 Gadwall, 2 drake Shovelers, 6 Red-crested Pochards, 12 Pochards, 2 Little Grebes, 2 Egyptian Geese, 5 Mistle Thrushes, 5 Chaffinches, 3 Goldfinches, 1 Jay, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker (Richard Drew).

22 February 2016, Saffron Avenue Pond: a Jay in trees on the island (John Archer).

22 February 2016, East India Dock Basin: 3 Greylag Geese flew west at 12.35pm, the [Estonian-ringed Cormorant](#) again on the jetty, 2 Canada Geese, about 140 Teal, 9 Tufted Ducks, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

22 February 2016, Bow Creek: 20 Redshanks and 10 Teal in the high tide roost (John Archer).

22 February 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Coal Tit, 6+ Goldcrests but no sign of the Firecrest (Bob Watts).

20 February 2016, Victoria Park: 1 Great Black-backed Gull on West Lake (Brian Gee).

20 February 2016, East India Dock Basin: 142 Teal, 6 Tufted Ducks, 1 Grey Wagtail (Frank Nugent).

20 February 2016, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 22 Redshanks and 38 Teal in the high tide roost (Frank Nugent).

19 February 2016, East India Dock Basin: the [Estonian colour-ringed Cormorant](#) "Blue EBY" again on the jetty, 1 Redwing in the Copse, 10 Tufted Ducks, 103 Teal (Tom Speller).



Cormorant "Blue EBY" at East India Dock Basin (photo: Tom Speller)

19 February 2016, Millwall Inner Dock: a Common Gull showing extremely well (Tom Speller).



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

19 February 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 5+ Siskins, including singing males, in Cherry-plums near High Glade Pond at lunchtime (Bob Watts). The male Firecrest in Round Glade at 2pm (Jim Fell).

18 February 2016, Millwall Outer Dock: 2 Egyptian Geese (Sean Huggins).

18 February 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest in Round Glade at lunchtime (Bob Watts).

18 February 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Siskin, 1 Kingfisher, 140 Teal, 8 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

17 February 2016, Victoria Park: an Environment Agency fish survey of East Lake found 4 Bream to 4.1 kilograms, 4 Carp to 6 kilograms, and 9 small Perch (Environment Agency and Victoria Park staff and volunteers).



3 small perch at Victoria Park, before being safely returned to the water (photo: John Archer)

17 February 2016, Blackwall Basin: 1 Little Grebe (Tom Speller)



Little Grebe at Blackwall Basin (photo: Tom Speller)

17 February 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest in Round Glade at lunchtime, 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Coal Tit, 5 Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

17 February 2016, Roffey Street E14: a flock of 40 House Sparrows in a roadside shrubbery (Jo Dowle).

16 February 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Chiffchaff and 1 Coal Tit, but no sign of the Firecrest at lunchtime (Bob Watts). Cemetery Park staff also received a report of a Kingfisher briefly by the Soanes Centre pond at 2pm.

16 February 2016, East India Dock Basin: 2 Redwings and 2 Song Thrushes in the Copse, 1 Kingfisher, 2 Shelducks, 10 Tufted Ducks, 30 Teal (Mark Wardman & John Archer).

16 February 2016, Bow Creek: 4 Redshanks, 60 Teal (Conrad Ellam).

16 February 2016, East India Dock Business Park: a Goldcrest in trees outside Anchorage House (John Archer).

15 February 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: at least 1 Firecrest in Poplar Wood, close to Monument Glade, at 12.50pm, with possibly a second bird (Bob Watts).

16 February 2016, Victoria Park: the Firecrest still near Canal Gate, 21 Gadwall, 5 Shovelers and 10 Red-crested Pochards on West Lake (Brian Gee).

15 February 2016, East India Dock Basin: 2 Egyptian Geese, 2 Shelducks, 12 Tufted Ducks, 11 teal, 1 Goldcrest (John Archer).

11 February 2016, Poplar Dock Marina: a pair of Great Crested Grebes still at a nest (Tom Speller).

11 February 2016, Bow Creek: 3 Redshanks, 60+ Teal, 2 Common Gulls (Tom Speller).

11 February 2016, East India Dock Basin: 2 Egyptian Geese, 16 Canada geese, 5 Shelducks, 9 Tufted Ducks, 11 Teal (Tom Speller).

11 February 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest in the Yew trees in Monument Glade at lunchtime (Bob Watts).

10 February 2016, Hermitage Basin: a pair of Mute Swans, 1 Coot, 1 Grey Wagtail and 1 Pied Wagtail on and around the basin, 1 Chiffchaff and 1 Goldcrest in adjacent trees (John Archer).

10 February 2016, Wapping Canal: 2 pairs of Canada Geese having a territorial dispute, 9 Tufted Ducks, 2 Mute Swans (1 adult, 1 first winter), 2 Moorhens, 1 Coot, 15 Mallards (John Archer).

9 February 2016, East India Dock Basin: 2 Siskins, 3 Shelducks, 9 Tufted Ducks, 115 Teal (John Archer).

8 February 2016, Mudchute: 1 Ring-necked Parakeet, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker (Tom Speller).

8 February 2016, Millwall Park: 3 Mistle Thrushes (Tom Speller).

8 February 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Coal Tit, 5 Goldcrests but no sign of the Firecrest at lunchtime (Bob Watts).

8 February 2016, Saunders Ness: 2 pairs of Gadwall on the Thames with 33 Mallards (Tom Speller).

8 February 2016, Millwall Outer Dock: 8 Mute Swans including 5 first-winters (Tom Speller).

7 February 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the Firecrest by High Glade Pond at midday, 1 singing Siskin, 1 Redwing, 2 Goldcrests (Nick Moll).

5 February 2016, Mulberry Place: a Sparrowhawk flew past the Town Hall window (John Archer).

5 February 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest in Ash Wood, 1 Coal Tit, 5+ Goldcrests, 2 pairs of Great Spotted Woodpeckers in courtship displays, 1 singing Song Thrush (Bob Watts & John Archer).

5 February 2016, Regent's Canal at Mile End: 2 Egyptian Geese, 1 Greylag Goose, several Canada Geese, an adult male Mute Swan chasing off two of last year's young (John Archer)



Male Mute Swan in aggressive posture (photo: John Archer)

5 February 2016, Blackwall Basin: an adult Great Crested Grebe with two young (Tom Speller).

5 February 2016, Poplar Dock Marina: a pair of Great Crested Grebes at a nest, 1 Little Grebe (Tom Speller).

5 February 2016, West India Docks: a pair of Great Crested grebes displaying on North Dock (Tom Speller).

5 February 2016, Bow Creek: 11 Redshanks, 55 Teal (Tom Speller).

4 February 2016, Tesco superstore, Bow: 2 Siskins and 1 Chiffchaff (Bob Gilbert).

4 February 2016, Limehouse Basin: 25 Tufted Ducks, 2 Mute Swans (John Archer).

4 February 2016, Blackwall Basin: a dead Sparrowhawk on the path, presumably having flown into a window, and a pair of Canada Geese trying to open a glass door

to enter a building - one tried to grab the door handle with its bill! (Tom Speller).



Dead Sparrowhawk (above) and inquisitive Canada Geese at Blackwall Basin (photos: Tom Speller)

4 February 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: the male Firecrest pursuing a female Goldcrest in Monument Glade at lunchtime, 1 singing Coal Tit (Bob Watts).

4 February 2016, West India Docks: 2 pairs of Great Crested Grebes displaying on North Dock (Tom Speller).

3 February 2016, Canary Wharf: a pair of Peregrines (Mark Wardman).

3 February 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Coal Tit, 6 Goldcrests but no sign of the Firecrest in half an hour's search at lunchtime (Bob Watts).

3 February 2016, East India Dock Basin: very few birds, with hardly any water in the Basin. Early spring flowers include plenty of Snowdrops, a few Red Dead-nettles and Daisies, lots of catkins on the Alders, and the first few flowers on Cow Parsley and Blackthorn (John Archer).



Alder catkins (left) and Snowdrop at East India Dock Basin (photos: John Archer)

2 February 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a male Firecrest displaying to a female Goldcrest around Linden Graves this morning, then singing in Monument Glade at lunchtime, also 4+ Goldcrests, 1 Coal Tit (Bob Watts & Roger Morton).

2 February 2016, East India Dock Basin: 12+ Siskins, including several singing males, in alders and scrub in the north-west corner of the basin, 1 Goldcrest, 6 Tufted Ducks, 1 Teal (John Archer).



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

1 February 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a male Firecrest in holly in the north-east corner of Ash Wood, 20 yards south-west of High Glade Pond, at 1.35pm. Also 1 Goldcrest (Bob Watts).

1 February 2016, Shadwell Basin: 2 Great Crested Grebes, 3 Tufted Ducks, 6+ Coots including a pair around a nest, 2 Cormorants, 6 Mallards (John Archer).

1 February 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Sparrowhawk, 2 Shelducks, 13 Tufted Ducks, 30 Teal, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

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29 January 2016, West India Docks: a pair of Great Crested Grebes, presumably the pair from Blackwall Basin, teaching 2 well-grown chicks to fish in Bellmouth Passage, this connects North and South Docks at their eastern end (Tom Speller).

29 January 2016, Blackwall Basin: 1 Little Grebe (Tom Speller).

28 January 2016, Mudchute: 1 singing Song Thrush, 15 Monk Parakeets in trees just outside the park (Tom Speller).

28 January 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Coal Tit but no sign of the Firecrest in a brief lunchtime search (Bob Watts).

26 January 2016, Mudchute: at least 1 Redwing, 12 Monk Parakeets, some of the Plum trees in blossom (John Archer).

26 January, East India Dock Basin: a male Great Spotted Woodpecker in the Copse, 1 Kingfisher, 2 Egyptian Geese, 9 Shelducks, 6 Canada Geese, 10+ Tufted Ducks, c50 Teal, 2 Greenfinches, Snowdrops in flower (Tom Speller & John Archer).

26 January 2016, Bow Creek: 2 Shelducks, 2 Redshanks, 30 Teal, 2 Great Black-backed Gulls eating an Eel (Tom Speller).

25 January 2016, Mile End: 1 Grey Wagtail on the roof of Gateway Housing's offices in Mile End Road (Bob Watts).

25 January 2016, Bow Creek: 2 Gadwall and 9 Shelducks flew around with 100+ Teal, having been flushed from further up the creek by a fast boat, the Teal mostly landing on East India Dock Basin. Also 35 Redshanks in the high tide roost, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

25 January 2016, East India Dock Basin: 185 Teal, 4 Shelducks, 12 Tufted Ducks, 2 Canada Geese (John Archer).

25 January 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 1 Coal Tit, 1 Chiffchaff but no sign of any Firecrests at lunchtime (Bob Watts).

25 January 2016, Mulberry Place: a Mistle Thrush flew past the Town Hall (John Archer).

23 January 2016, Victoria Park: 24 Gadwall, 3 Shovelers, 10 Red-crested Pochards, 2 Egyptian Geese, 1 Little Grebe, 1 Grey Heron, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker (Richard Drew & Jan Dobbie).

23 January 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Firecrest in Monument Glade at 9.30am, 1 Redwing, 1 Goldcrest, 1 Green Woodpecker, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 1 Jay (Andy Cameron).

22 January 2016, East India Dock Basin: 2 Shelducks, 3 Tufted Ducks, about 100 Teal (Simon Robinson).

21 January 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Firecrest showing well in Monument Glade at lunchtime, 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Coal Tit (Bob Watts).

21 January 2016, Millwall Outer Dock: 122 Tufted Ducks, presumably here as a result of the cold weather causing other fresh waters to freeze, 1 Little Grebe, 3 Greylag Geese, 1 Common Gull (Tom Speller).

20 January 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Firecrest in the north-east corner of Ash Wood at lunchtime, and it or another in holly near the main entrance mid-afternoon. Also 6+ Goldcrests, 12+ Redwings, 1 Coal Tit, 6+ Long-tailed Tits, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 1 Jay (Bob Watts, Richard Drew & Richard Hollis).

20 January 2016, Poplar Dock Marina: 2 Egyptian Geese flew in briefly to bathe at lunchtime (Tom Speller).



Egyptian Geese at Poplar Dock Marina (photo: Tom Speller)

19 January 2016, East India Dock Basin: a pair of Peregrines overhead, 2 Egyptian Geese, 3 Greylag Geese, 21 Canada Geese, 2 Goldcrests, 1 Reed Bunting, 1 Song Thrush (Tom Speller & John Archer).

19 January 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a male Firecrest between Horse Chestnut and Cherry Glades at 1.05pm, 5 Goldcrests, 1 Coal Tit, 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Song Thrush, 2 Pairs of Great Spotted Woodpeckers showing territorial behaviour (Bob Watts).

19 January 2016, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper and 42 Redshanks in the high tide roost, 4 Shelducks, 120 Teal, 1 Song Thrush (Tom Speller).

18 January 2016, Millwall Inner Dock: 1 Little Grebe (Sean Huggins).

18 January 2016, East India Dock Basin: a male Peregrine hunting low over the adjacent flats, 2 Shelducks, 10 Tufted Ducks, 37 Teal (John Archer).

17 January 2016, Ackroyd Drive Allotments: 1 Woodcock (Richard Drew).

17 January 2016, Shandy Park: 12 Siskins, about 12 Goldfinches, 25 House Sparrows (Harry Harrison).

15 January 2016, East India Dock Basin: 4 Shelducks, 11 Tufted Ducks, c20 Teal, 1 Grey Wagtail (Tom Speller & John Archer). 15 January 2016, Bow Creek: 2 Common Sandpipers, 5 Redshanks, 3 Great Black-backed Gulls, 2 Common Gulls, 62 Teal, 12 Cormorants, 2 Grey Wagtails (Tom Speller).

14 January 2016, East India Dock Basin: 16 Tufted Ducks, 4 Shelducks, about 20 Teal (John Archer).

12 January 2016, Victoria Park: the Firecrest still by Canal Gate, 4 Shovelers, 13 Gadwall, 9 Red-crested Pochards, 15 Pochards, 41 Tufted Ducks, 1 Little Grebe, 2 Egyptian Geese all on West Lake (Richard Drew & John Archer).

12 January 2016, Millwall Park: 18 Monk Parakeets, 4 Mistle Thrushes (Tom Speller).

11 January 2016, Saunders Ness, Isle of Dogs: 2 Great Black-backed Gulls, 12 Common Gulls (Tom Speller).

11 January 2016, Blackwall Basin: a pair of Great Crested Grebes still with 4 chicks and another pair of adults, 11 Tufted Ducks, 1 Grey Wagtail (Tom Speller).

11 January 2016, West India Docks: a pair of Great Crested Grebes still on North Dock (Tom Speller).

11 January 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: no signs of any Firecrests in a brief search at lunchtime, but 3+ Redwings (Bob Watts).

10 January 2016, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper and 39 Redshanks in the high tide roost (Frank Nugent).

10 January 2016, East India Dock Basin: a pair of Peregrines and a Sparrowhawk over, 2 Egyptian Geese, 4 Shelducks, 12 Tufted Ducks, 54 Teal, 1 Reed Bunting, 1 Grey Wagtail (Frank Nugent).

8 January 2016, Tesco Superstore, Bow: 10-12 Siskins in alders in the car park, with a similar number of Goldfinches (Bob Gilbert).

8 January 2016, Victoria Park: 12 Gadwall, 10 Shovelers, 8 Red-crested Pochards, 10+ Pochards, 15+ Tufted Ducks, 20+ Cormorants, 1 Mistle Thrush (Richard Drew).

8 January 2016, Blackwall Basin: 1 Little Grebe, 1 Grey Wagtail (Tom Speller).

8 January 2015, Bow Creek: 1 Cetti's Warbler and 1 Song Thrush singing from the Ecology Park (audible from Tower Hamlets), 1 Common Sandpiper, 2+ Redshanks, 2 Great Black-backed Gulls, 2 Shelducks, c40 Teal (Tom Speller).

8 January 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Firecrests in holly just north of High Glade pond, 5+ Goldcrests (Bob Watts).

7 January 2016, Mulberry Place: 2 Egyptian Geese flew past the Town Hall window (John Archer).

7 January 2016, Victoria Park: 9 Red-crested Pochards on West Lake, 8 Ring-necked parakeets (Luca Robinson).

7 January 2016, Canary Wharf: 8 Great Crested Grebes and 12 Cormorants on South Dock (Simon Robinson).

6 January 2016, Blackwall Basin: 1 Little Grebe, a pair of Great Crested Grebes with 4 chicks (Tom Speller).



Great Crested Grebe with chick on Blackwall Basin (photo: Tom Speller)

6 January 2016, Victoria Park: the Firecrest still in holly by Canal Gate, 5 Shovelers, 6 Gadwall, 9 Red-crested Pochards, 10+ Tufted Ducks, 1 Great Black-backed Gull, 2 Mistle Thrushes, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker (Jan Dobbie).

6 January 2016, Bow Creek: 1 Kingfisher, 3 Redshanks, 84 Teal (John Archer).

6 January 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Sparrowhawk, 1 Kingfisher, 5 Reed Buntings, 2 Egyptian Geese, 2 Shelducks, 10+ Tufted Ducks, 54 Teal, 1 Goldcrest, 10 Long-tailed Tits (Mark Wardman & John Archer).

6 January 2016, West India Docks: a pair of Great Crested Grebes again displaying on North Dock (Tom Speller).

5 January 2016, Mulberry Place: a Sparrowhawk flew past the Town Hall, mobbed by Starlings (John Archer).

5 January 2016, Bow Creek: 2 Egyptian Geese (John Archer).

5 January 2016, East India Dock Basin: a Siskin singing in the Copse, 2 Goldcrests, 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Shelduck, 2 Tufted Ducks, 28 Teal (John Archer).

4 January 2016, Millwall Park: 1 singing Mistle Thrush, 19 Monk Parakeets, 2 Common Gulls (Tom Speller).

4 January 2016, Millwall Docks: 17 Mute Swans (9 adults and 8 first winters), 19 Tufted Ducks (Tom Speller).

4 January 2016, West India Docks: a pair of Great Crested Grebes displaying on North Dock (Tom Speller).

4 January 2016, Bow Creek: 2 Common Sandpipers, 3 Redshanks, c30 Teal (John Archer).

4 January 2016, Leamouth Peninsula: 50+ Carrion Crows roosting on the tallest of the new London City Island buildings (John Archer).

4 January 2016, East India Dock Basin: 1 Goldcrest, 1 Shelduck, 3 Tufted Ducks, c60 Teal (John Archer).

3 January 2016, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Firecrests, 4 Goldcrests, 1 Sparrowhawk (Harry Harrison).

2 January 2016, Victoria Park: 36 species of birds, including 1 Firecrest, 3 Red-crested Pochards, 11 Gadwall, 6 Shovelers, 13 Pochards, 14 Tufted Ducks, 1 Canada x Greylag Goose hybrid, 12 Greylag Geese, 2 Canada Geese, 5 Mute Swans, 1 Great Black-backed Gull, 12 Moorhens, 73 Coots, 1 Stock Dove, 7 Ring-necked Parakeets, 3 Mistle Thrushes, 3 Jays, 6 Goldcrests (David Darrell-Lambert and 11 participants on the Bird Barmy Army walk).