

Tower Hamlets wildlife reports 2019

December 2019

29 December 2019, East India Dock Basin: 59 Black-headed Gulls, 4 Common Gulls, 2 Lesser Black-backed Gulls, 26 Mallards, 9 Gadwall, 16 Teal, 4 Shelducks, 1 Grey Heron, 1 Grey Wagtail, 16 Cormorants on the jetty (Tom Speller).



Grey Wagtail (top left) and Shelduck at Mudchute (Tom Speller) [click to enlarge](#)

29 December 2019, Old Ford Road E2: 1 male Great Spotted Woodpecker, 10+ House Sparrows (this number now seen regularly, a big increase in recent months), several Chaffinches and Long-tailed Tits in a garden backing onto the Cranbrook Estate (Clare Barnett).

24 December 2019, Mile End Park: a Song Thrush singing by the Ecology Pavilion (Harry Harrison).

23 December, Regent's Canal: a Firecrest near Salmon Lane bridge (Dave Bedford).

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19 December 2019, Mudchute: 2 Monk Parakeets, 1 Ring-necked Parakeet, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 30+ House Sparrows (Richard Saville).



House Sparrow (left) & Great Spotted Woodpecker at Mudchute (Richard Saville) [click to enlarge](#)

18 December 2019, East India Dock Basin: 12 Gadwall (another site record count), 1 Reed Bunting, 1 Shelduck, 16 Teal (John Archer).

17 December 2019, Mulberry Place Town Hall: 2 Egyptian Geese flew past the window at lunchtime (John Archer).

16 December 2019, East India Dock Basin: a count for the Wetland Bird Survey recorded 11 Gadwall (probably a site record count), 2 Shelducks, 10 Teal, 1 Canada Goose, 21 Mallards, 5 Moorhens, 1 Cormorant, 1 Common Gull, 1 Herring Gull and 22 Black-headed Gulls (John Archer).

14 December 2019, Antill Road E3: 1 male Blackcap, 1 Goldcrest in a back garden (Harry Harrison).

13 December 2019, Victoria Park: 3 Red-crested Pochards, 7 Pochards (Mike Robinson).

13 December 2019, East India Dock Basin: 2 Shelducks, 53 Teal, 1 Grey Heron, 11 Cormorants, 2 Common Gulls, 1 Grey Wagtail (Stephen Harris).

11 December 2019, Victoria Park: on West Lake - 22 Tufted Ducks, 6 Pochards, 8 Red-crested Pochards (7 drakes and a female), 2 Gadwall, 2 Egyptian Geese, a pair of Mute Swans with 5 juveniles, 2 Grey Herons; on East Lake - 2 Pochards, 9 Gadwall, 3 Shovelers, 2 Egyptian Geese, 1 Grey Heron (Richard Drew).

11 December 2019, Langdon Park: 2 Egyptian Geese (David Black).

9 December 2019, East India Dock Basin: 3 Shelducks, 70 Teal (John Archer).

9 December 2019, Mudchute: 1 Ring-necked Parakeet, several Monk Parakeets (James Palmer).

4 December 2019, Bow Creek: 1 Kestrel, 1 Redshank, 1 Grey Heron (Richard Saville).

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4 December 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 Water Rail, 1 Redshank, 2 Shelducks, 4 Teal, 1 Grey Heron (Richard Saville).



Water Rail (top left) Grey Heron (top right) & Redshank (bottom two) (Richard Saville) [click to enlarge](#)

2 December 2019, Regent's Canal: a mixed pair of 1 Greylag and 1 Canada Geese with 5 hybrid young (Michelle Lindson).



Five hybrid geese with Canada Goose (left) and Greylag Goose (right) (Michelle Lindson)

1 December 2019, Usk Street E2: 15+ House Sparrows in the communal garden, where the observer has not seen them before (Harry Harrison).

November 2019

30 November 2019, Isle of Dogs: an adult Mediterranean Gull on the Thames foreshore by St David's Square (Sean Huggins).

29 November 2019, Poplar Dock Marina: a Mute Swan with a metal ring "W40603" that showed it had been ringed in Wimbledon Park on 30 June 2016 (Tom Speller).

29 November 2019, Saunders Ness: an adult Yellow-legged Gull on the Thames foreshore (Sean Huggins).

29 November 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 Redshank, 7 Gadwall, 7 Shelducks, c40 Teal, 1 Mute Swan, 1 Grey Wagtail, 15 Cormorants on the jetty including the [Estonian colour-ringed "Blue EBY"](#) for its seventh winter in the area and another metal-ringed individual, 4+ Greenfinches, 3 Common Gulls, c50 Black-headed Gulls including one with a green colour-ring on its right leg (John Archer & Tom Speller).



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

28 November 2019, Antill Road E3: a male Blackcap and a Coal Tit in the garden for the tenth consecutive week (Harry Harrison).

27 November 2019, Victoria Park: on West Lake – 8 Red-crested Pochards, 10 Pochards, 20+ Tufted Ducks, 27 Greylag Geese, 2 Egyptian Geese, 5 Great Crested Grebes, 1 Grey Heron; on East Lake – 8 Gadwall, 1 Little Grebe, 2 Shovelers, 8 Common Gulls (J.W. Davies).

26 November 2019, Saunders Ness: 3 Gadwall (2 drakes and a female), 61 Mallards (Tom Speller).

26 November 2019, Island Gardens: 2 playful Foxes (Tom Speller).

26 November 2019, Mudchute: 2 Goldcrests in a mixed tit flock (Tom Speller).

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22 November 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Egret, 8 Shelducks, c40 Teal (Tom Speller).

22 November 2019, Bow Creek: 1 Kestrel eating a Brown Rat, 13 Redshanks in the high tide roost, c70 Teal, 3 Shelducks (Tom Speller).



Kestrel eating a Brown Rat at Bow Creek (Tom Speller) [click to enlarge](#)

20 November 2019, East India Dock Basin: 4 Redshanks, 1 Shelduck, 2 Gadwall, 32 Teal, 1 Mute Swan, a flock of 10 Long-tailed Tits (Tom Speller).

20 November 2019, St George's Gardens: 1 freshly-dead Woodcock (per Andrew Meads).



Dead Woodcock at St George's Gardens (LBTH)

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19 November 2019, East India Dock Basin: 8 Shelducks, 5 Gadwall, 55 Teal, 1 Mute Swan (John Archer).

16 November 2019, Victoria Park: 16 participants on the Bird Barmy Army walk recorded 42 species of birds, including 2 Nuthatches, 1 Meadow Pipit, 2 Redwings, 2 Sparrowhawks, 1 Chaffinch, 11 Goldcrests, 3 Great Spotted Woodpeckers, 3 Jays, 9 Mistle Thrushes, 3 Pied Wagtails, 1 Shoveler, 4 Gadwall, 9 Red-crested Pochards, 12 Pochards, c10 Tufted Ducks, 4 Great Crested Grebes, 160 Coots, 11 Moorhens, 6 Greylag Geese, 7 Mute Swans and 186 Black-headed Gulls (David Darrell-Lambert and the Bird Barmy Army).



Clockwise from top left: Nuthatch (top two), Moorhens, Shoveler, Tufted Duck and Great Spotted Woodpecker at Victoria Park (David Darrell-Lambert) [click to enlarge](#)



Clockwise from top left: Great Crested Grebe, Coot, Black-headed Gull and Pochard in Victoria Park (David Darrell-Lambert) [click to enlarge](#)

15 November 2019, East India Dock Basin: a count for the Wetland Bird Survey recorded 6 Gadwall, 6 Shelducks, 83 Teal, 13 Mallards, 1 Mute Swan, 1 Grey Heron, 1 Cormorant, 8 Moorhens, 58 Black-headed Gulls and 1 Lesser Black-backed Gull (John Archer).

14 November 2019, East India Dock Basin: 2 Gadwall, 6 Shelducks, 55 Teal, 2 Canada Geese, 1 Mute Swan (John Archer).

13 November 2019, Mile End Park: 2 Goldcrests (1 in the Ecology Park, 1 south of the Children's Park), 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker in Haverfield Woodland Walk (John Archer).

12 November 2019, East India Dock Basin: 5 Shelducks, 3 Gadwall, 2 Reed Buntings, 1 Mute Swan, c40 Teal, 1 Grey Wagtail (Richard Saville).

12 November 2019, Bow Creek: 1 Kestrel, 1 Redshank (Richard Saville).

11 November 2019, Victoria Park: 8 Red-crested Pochards, 8 Pochards, 1 Grey Heron, 3 Great Crested Grebes and 2 Egyptian Geese on West Lake; 2 Gadwall and 2 Egyptian Geese on East Lake (JW Davies).

11 November 2019, East India Dock Basin: 4 Gadwall, 130 Teal, 1 Mute Swan (John Archer).

6 November 2019, Mudchute: 3 Monk Parakeets (Dominic Mitchell).

6 November 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kingfisher, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 1 Little Egret, 1 Mute Swan, 40-50 Teal, 1 Grey Heron (Richard Saville & John Archer).



Grey Heron at East India Dock Basin (Richard Saville)

6 November 2019, Bow Creek: 1 male Kestrel, 3 Shelducks, 8 Redshanks (Richard Saville).



Kestrel at Bow Creek (Richard Saville)

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5 November 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 Reed Bunting, 1 Jay, 55 Teal, 1 Mute Swan (John Archer).

1 November 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 Goldcrest (first of the year here), a pair of Gadwall, 4 Shelducks, 1 drake Tufted Duck, 71 Teal, 1 singing Cetti's Warbler, 1 Little Egret flew over, 1 Canada Goose, 1 Mute Swan (John Archer & Tom Speller).

October 2019

31 October 2019, Victoria Park: 8 Red-crested Pochards on West Lake (J.W. Davies).

31 October 2019, Poplar Dock Marina: 1 Goldcrest, 1 Redwing, 1 Song Thrush, 2 Red Admirals in the scrub on the northern side of the marina (Richard Saville).



Red Admiral at Poplar Dock Marina (Richard Saville) [click to enlarge](#)

31 October 2019, East India Dock Basin: 3 Gadwall (2 drakes and a female), 2 Shelducks, 82 Teal, 3 Mute Swans, 1 Little Egret, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).



Gadwall at East India Dock Basin (John Archer)

31 October 2019, Bow Creek: 8 Redshanks in the roost a little before high tide, so possibly more to join them (John Archer).

30 October 2019, Victoria Park: on West Lake: 3 Tufted Ducks, 12 Pochards, 8 Red-crested Pochards (7 drakes and 1 female), a Great Crested Grebe with 3 chicks, a pair of Mute Swans with 5 juveniles; on East Lake: 1 Pochard, 1 Gadwall; elsewhere in the park: 14 Mistle Thrushes, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 1 Redwing, 2 Long Tailed Tits, 5 Goldfinches (Richard Drew).

30 October 2019, East India Dock Basin: 3 Shelducks (the first here since July), 116 Teal, 1 Canada Goose, 2 Mute Swans, 1 Cetti's Warbler, 1 female Chaffinch (John Archer).

29 October 2019, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 Redshank, and impressive display of Oyster Mushrooms growing on a railway sleeper near the pylon (Tom Speller).



Oyster Mushrooms at Bow Creek (Tom Speller)

29 October 2019, East India Dock Basin: 2 Fieldfares flew south at 1.15pm, 1 Song Thrush, 1 Cetti's Warbler, 1 Little Egret, 2 Mute Swans (and another 2 on the river), 92 Teal (Tom Speller & John Archer).

28 October 2019, Mudchute: 1 Redwing, 1 Goldcrest, 1 Chaffinch, 5 Monk Parakeets, 4 Ring-necked Parakeets, 7+ Long tailed Tits, 1 Jay, 1 Small White butterfly (Richard Saville).



Ring-necked Parakeet (left) and Long-tailed Tit at Mudchute (Richard Saville) [click to enlarge](#)

25 October 2019, Allen Gardens: a report of a Yellow-browed Warbler heard calling early afternoon. This would be the first Tower Hamlets record of this scarce visitor from Asia if confirmed (per Rare Bird Alert).

25 October 2019, Poplar Recreation Ground: 2 Jays (John Archer).

25 October 2019, Poplar Dock & Blackwall Basin: 4 Egyptian Geese (Tom Speller & Richard Saville).

25 October 2019, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 4 Redshanks, 1 male Kestrel, 6 Egyptian Geese (Tom Speller, John Archer & Richard Saville).

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25 October 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 1 Chiffchaff, 90+ Teal, 1 Egyptian Goose, 1 Mute Swan (Tom Speller & Richard Saville).

23 October 2019, Poplar Dock & Blackwall Basin: 1 Little Grebe, 1 Grey Wagtail, 2 Egyptian Geese (Tom Speller & Richard Saville).

23 October 2019, East India Dock Basin: 2 Little Egrets, c50 Teal, 4 Egyptian Geese, 1 Great Black-backed gull on the jetty (Tom Speller & Richard Saville).

18 October 2019, All Saints Churchyard: several clumps of what appears to be the nationally scarce Poplar Mushroom, or Poplar Fieldcap (*Cyclocybe aegerita*) growing on the large Hybrid Black Poplar tree (Bob Gilbert).

18 October 2019, Poplar Dock Marina: 2 Reed Warblers and 2 Blackcaps still in the northern scrub – an exceptionally late date for Reed Warblers (Richard Saville).



Reed Warbler at Poplar Dock (Richard Saville)

16 October 2019, Bow Creek: 1 Cetti's Warbler singing (Richard Saville).

16 October 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 Cetti's Warbler singing in the north scrub, 2 Egyptian Geese, 15 Teal (Richard Saville).

16 October 2019, Poplar Dock Marina: 1 Little Grebe (Richard Saville).

15 October 2019, Victoria Park: 1 Kingfisher, 2 Tufted Ducks, 4 Pochards, 8 Red-crested Pochards (7 drakes and 1 female), a pair of Great Crested Grebes with 3 chicks and 1 juvenile from a previous brood, 2 Egyptian Geese all on West Lake, 8 Gadwall on East Lake, 1 Mistle Thrush (Richard Drew).

14 October 2019, East India Dock Basin: 4 Redwings flew south (the first of the autumn here), 78 Teal (Tom Speller).

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10 October 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 Little Egret, 3 Chiffchaffs, 85 Teal, a pair of Mute Swans, 1 Grey Heron, fruits of Stinking Iris splitting to reveal the bright orange seeds (John Archer & Richard Saville).



Stinking Iris (John Archer) (left) and Grey Heron at (Richard Saville) [click to enlarge](#)

10 October 2019, Mudchute: 1 female Sparrowhawk, 3 Common Darter dragonflies (Richard Saville). [Click photos to enlarge](#)



Sparrowhawk (left) and Common Darter at Mudchute (Richard Saville)

9 October 2019, East India Dock Basin: a Coal Tit in the Copse (possibly the first confirmed site record), 1 Meadow Pipit flew north, 2+ Chiffchaffs (1 singing), 93 Teal (John Archer).



Coal Tit at East India Dock Basin (John Archer)

8 October 2019, Poplar Dock Marina: 1 female Blackcap, a flock of 10+ Long-tailed Tits, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 female Southern Hawker dragonfly (Richard Saville).



Long-tailed Tit at Poplar Dock (Richard Saville)

8 October 2019, Bow Creek: a Kestrel flew south, 1 Grey Wagtail over (Richard Saville).

8 October 2019, East India Dock Basin: 2 Little Egrets, 1 Grey Heron, 2 Cormorants drying off, about 35 Teal (Richard Saville).



Little Egret (left) and Cormorant at East India Dock Basin (Richard Saville) [click to enlarge](#)

6 October 2019, Antill Road E3: a tit flock passed through the garden, including 21 Long-tailed Tits and a Goldcrest, the Coal Tit is still present (Harry Harrison).

4 October 2019, Victoria Park: 11 Red-crested Pochards (10 drakes and a female) (James Palmer).

4 October 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 Sparrowhawk low over, 70+ Teal, 2 Mute Swans, 2 Grey Wagtails, 1+ Chiffchaff with a mixed tit flock in the NW corner (Tom Speller).

3 October 2019, Poplar Dock Marina: 2 Reed Warblers still in the north scrub, 2 House Sparrows (Richard Saville).

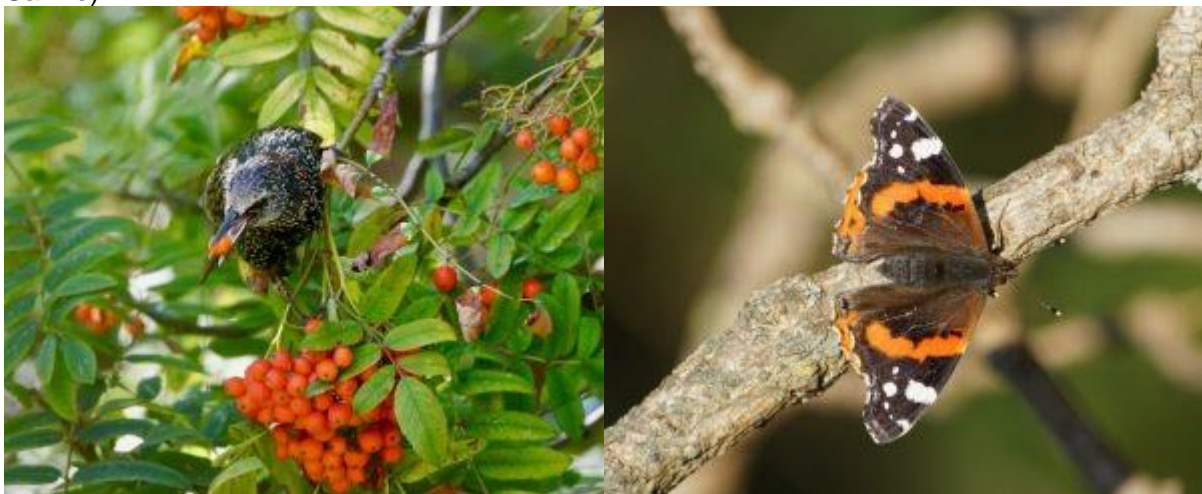


House Sparrow at Poplar Dock Marina (Richard Saville)

3 October 2019, Blackwall Basin: 1 Great Crested Grebe (Richard Saville).

3 October 2019, East India Dock Basin: a Great Spotted Woodpecker flew over towards Bow Creek Ecology Park, perhaps surprisingly the first reported here for two years (John Archer).

2 October 2019, Mudchute: 1 Jay, 1 Long-tailed Tit, a Rowan tree full of whistling Starlings mostly invisible to the eye, 1 Red Admiral, 2 Small Whites, 1 Speckled Wood (Richard Saville).



Starling (left) and Red Admiral at Mudchute (Richard Saville) [click to enlarge](#)

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2 October 2019, East India Dock Basin: a female Peregrine hunting overhead, 2 Chiffchaffs with a large tit flock, 4 Mute Swans, 78 Teal, 1 Little Egret, 1 Canada Goose (John Archer).

1 October 2019, St George's Gardens: 2+ Chiffchaffs, 2 Red Admirals (John Archer).

1 October 2019, Swedenborg Gardens: 1 Chiffchaff (John Archer).

September 2019

30 September 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 singing Cetti's Warbler, 61 Teal, 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Little Egret, 1 Mute Swan (John Archer).

30 September 2019, Poplar Dock Marina: 1 Reed Warbler and 3 Blackcaps in the northern scrub (Richard Saville).

29 September 2019, Victoria Park (West Lake): 11 Red-crested Pochards (9 drakes) and a pair of Great Crested Grebes with at least one chick from a third brood (Jan Dobbie).

27 September 2019, Antill Road E3: a Coal Tit on a garden feeder, the first here since December 2017 (Harry Harrison).

27 September 2019, East India Dock Basin: 54 Teal, 1 Chiffchaff, 2 Little Egrets, 1 Mute Swan (John Archer).

25 September 2019, Poplar Dock Marina: 2 Reed Warblers in northern scrub, 1 Kestrel over (Richard Saville & John Archer).



Reed Warbler at Poplar Dock Marina (Richard Saville) [click to enlarge](#)

21 September 2019, Antill Road E3: a very late Brimstone butterfly in the garden (Harry Harrison).

17 September 2019, East India Dock Basin: a Chiffchaff singing in the Copse, 30 Teal, 2 Grey Herons (Tom Speller).

13 September 2019, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper (John Archer).

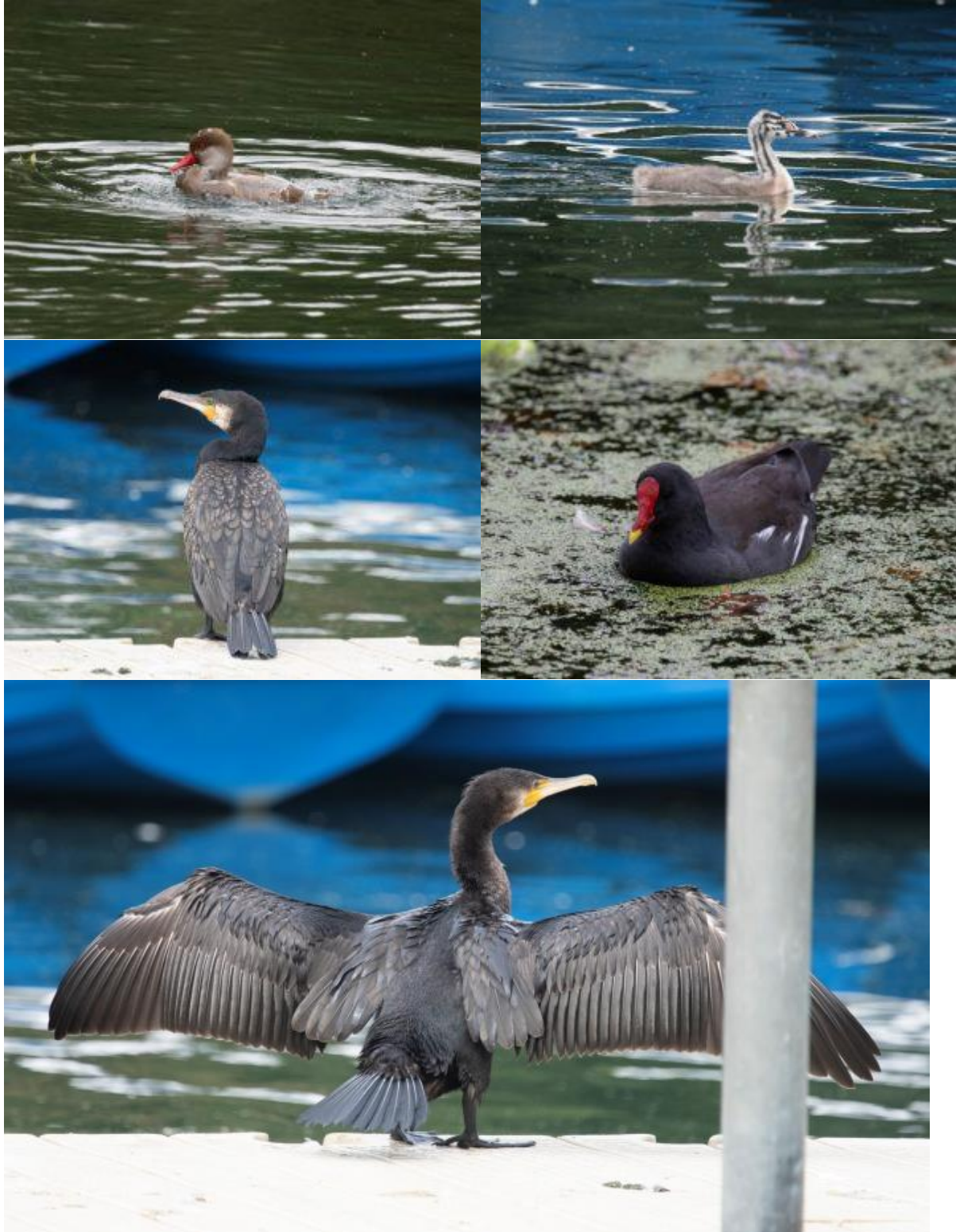
13 September 2019, East India Dock Basin: a count for the Wetland Bird Survey recorded 10 Teal, 1 Little Egret, 1 Grey Heron, 2 Cormorants, 6 Moorhens, 36 Mallards and 63 Black-headed Gulls. 1 Reed Warbler was also present (John Archer).

13 September 2019, East India Dock Basin: a count for the Wetland Bird Survey recorded 10 Teal, 1 Little Egret, 1 Grey Heron, 2 Cormorants, 6 Moorhens, 36 Mallards and 63 Black-headed Gulls. 1 Reed Warbler was also present (John Archer).

13 September 2019, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper (John Archer).

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7 September 2019, Victoria Park: the Bird Barmy Army walk recorded 39 species of birds, including 2 Gadwall, 4 Red-crested Pochards, 1 Pochard, 6 Tufted Ducks, 112 Coots, 13 Moorhens, 7 Mute Swans, 4 Egyptian Geese, 7 Greylag Geese, 15 Canada Geese, 19 Mallards, 17 Cormorants, 1 Sparrowhawk, 3 Stock Doves, 3 Great Spotted Woodpeckers, 3 House Martins, 4 Chiffchaffs, 3 Goldcrests, 1 Grey Wagtail, 21 Mistle Thrushes, 23 Magpies, 2 Jays, 12 Long-tailed Tits. Also 5 Migrant Hawker dragonflies, 1 Common Darter and 1 Common Blue Damselfly (David Darrell-Lambert & 12 Bird Barmy Army participants).



Clockwise from top left: Red-crested Pochard, Great Crested Grebe chick, Moorhen, Cormorant (David Darrell-Lambert) [click to enlarge](#)

6 September 2019, Jubilee Gardens, Canary Wharf: 1 Grey Wagtail (Richard Saville).



Grey Wagtail at Jubilee Gardens (Richard Saville)

6 September 2019, Blackwall Way E14: a Kestrel perched on the big white funnel-like structures in front the Radisson Blu Hotel (Tom Speller).



Kestrel by Radisson Blu Hotel (Tom Speller)

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5 September 2019, Poplar Recreation Ground: 2 House Martins feeding over the park (John Archer).

5 September 2019, Shadwell Basin: 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker in the woodland strip on the south side of the basin (John Archer).

5 September 2019, Poplar Dock Marina: an immature male Common Redstart in the scrub in the north-east corner of the site, 1 Song Thrush, a pair of Coots with 2 fairly small chicks, 2 Painted Lady butterflies, 2 Migrant Hawker dragonflies (Richard Saville, John Archer & Tom Speller).



Immature male Redstart at Poplar Dock Marina (Richard Saville)

4 September 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Egret, 5 Teal (Tom Speller).

4 September 2019, Bow Creek: 1 Kestrel (Tom Speller).

3 September 2019, Wapping Canal: a female Tufted Duck with 4 more or less full-grown ducklings, a pair of Mute Swans with one full-grown cygnet, 2 Egyptian Geese, 4 pairs of Moorhens with a total of 11 young, 14 Coots including a brood of 3 small chicks, 7 Canada Geese, 40 Mallards (John Archer).

2 September 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 Chiffchaff, 6 Teal, 2 Egyptian Geese, 1 Canada Goose, 6+ Migrant Hawker dragonflies (John Archer).

August 2019

30 August 2019, Mudchute: 1 Blackcap, 3 Chiffchaffs (Sean Huggins).

30 August 2019, Isle of Dogs: 2 adult Yellow-legged Gulls, 2 Egyptian Geese on the Thames foreshore at Saunders Ness (Sean Huggins).

29 August 2019, Bartlett Park: 3 Sparrowhawks in aerial combat overhead (Steve Stride).

29 August 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 Willow Warbler, 1 Blackcap, 5 Teal, 2 Egyptian Geese, 2 Little Egrets (John Archer).

27 August 2019, Mudchute: a Grey Wagtail beside the duck pond (Richard Saville).



Grey Wagtail at Mudchute (Richard Saville)

27 August 2019, Canary Wharf: a Spotted Flycatcher on the 21st-floor window ledge of 1 Churchill Place at 10.40am (James Heal).

27 August 2019, Antill Road E3: 20+ House Martins overhead (Harry Harrison).

25 August 2019, Herperus Crescent E14: a male Gypsy Moth inside a house (Peter Minvalla).



Gypsy Moth (Peter Minvalla) [click to enlarge](#)

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22 August 2019, Bow Creek: 1 Kingfisher (Tom Speller).

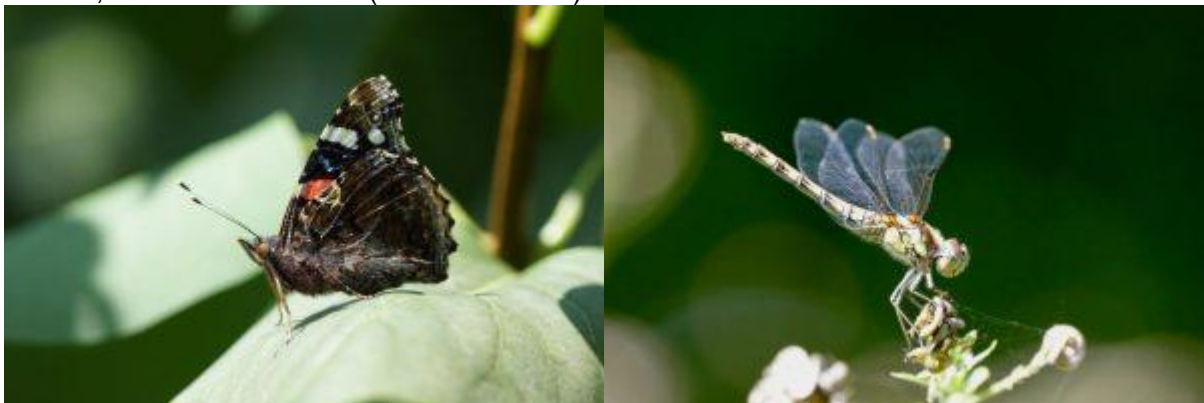
22 August 2019, Stafford Cripps House: 2 bats in the grounds at 8.30pm (Hazel Winters)

22 August 2019, East India Dock Basin: 3 Teal (the first returning birds of the autumn), 2 Egyptian Geese, 1 Little Egret, 1 Red Admiral, 1 Common Darter (Tom Speller).



Teal (top left) and Common Darter at East India Dock Basin (Tom Speller) [click to enlarge](#)

22 August 2019, Mudchute: 7 Monk Parakeets, 2 Ring-necked Parakeets, 2 Chiffchaffs, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 2 Red Admirals, plenty of Small & Large Whites and Speckled Woods, 8 Common Darters (Richard Saville).



Red Admiral (left) and female Common Darter at Mudchute (Richard Saville) [click to enlarge](#)

20 August 2019, East India Dock Basin: at least 1 Buzzard and 1 Sparrowhawk over at lunchtime (with at least 2 other more distant birds of prey tussling in the air), 2 Egyptian Geese, 5 Migrant Hawker dragonflies, 1 Batman Hoverfly (so called because the grey marking on the thorax resembles the Batman logo) (John Archer).



Migrant Hawker (left) and Batman Hoverfly at East India Dock Basin (John Archer) [click to enlarge](#)

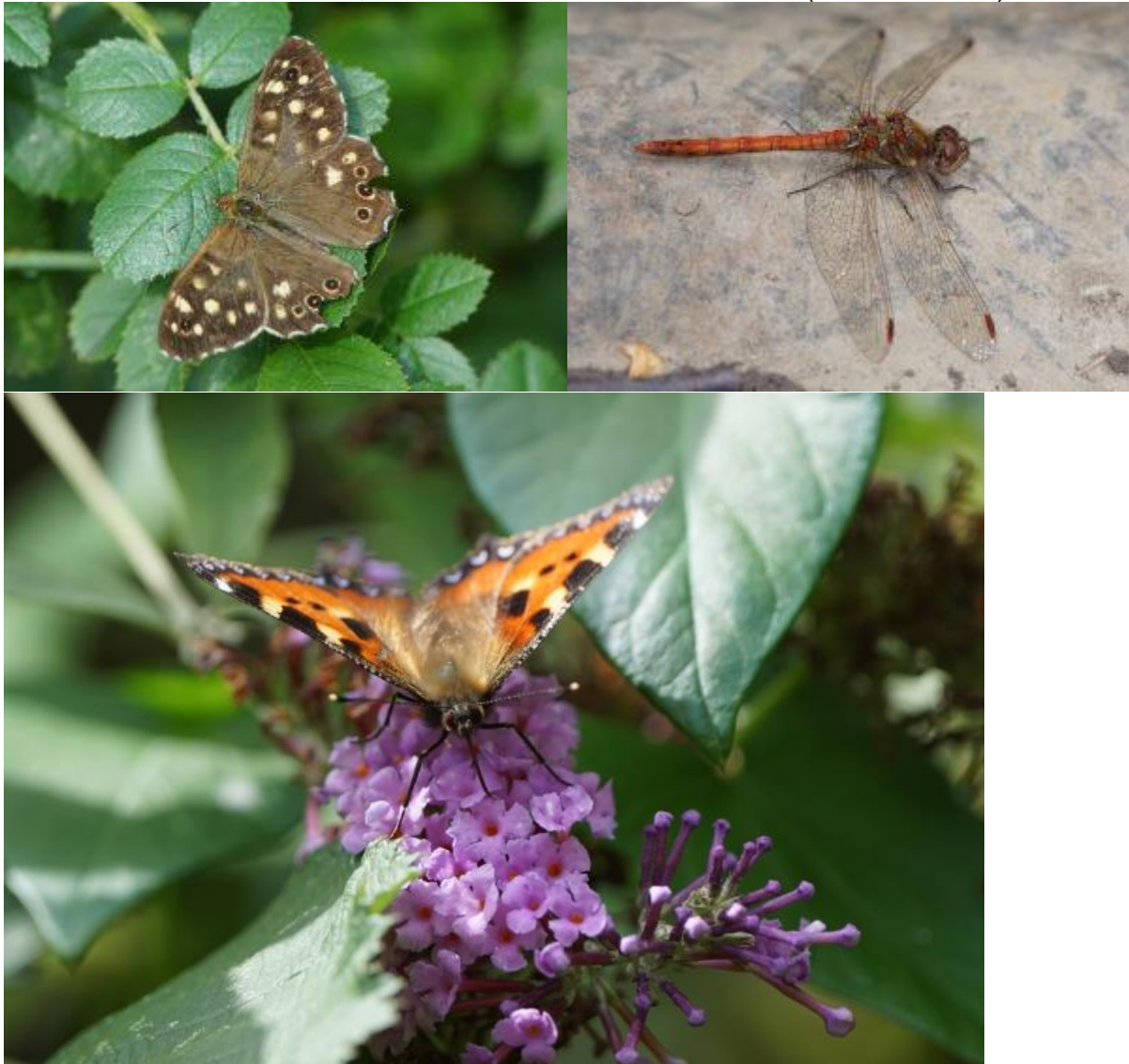
19 August 2019, Swedenborg Gardens/Swedenborg Square Orchard: a butterfly count as part of the Nature & Us project recorded 1 Small Copper (a remarkable record in this part of the borough), 1 Painted Lady, several Small and Large Whites (Butterfly Conservation/Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park).



Small Copper at Swedenborg Gardens (Michelle Lindson)

19 August 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 Willow Warbler, 2+ Blackcaps, 4+ Reed Warblers, 1 female Sparrowhawk, 1 Little Egret (John Archer).

15 August 2019, Mudchute: 5-10 Speckled Woods, 10+ assorted Large/Small/Green-veined Whites, 1 Small Tortoiseshell, 1 Red Admiral, 4 Common Darters (Richard Saville).



Speckled Wood, male Common Darter & Small Tortoiseshell at Mudchute (Richard Saville)

15 August 2019, East India Dock Basin: 3 Little Egrets, 3 Egyptian Geese (John Archer).

12 August 2019, Mudchute: 5 Monk Parakeets mobbing a Sparrowhawk (Richard Saville).

11 August 2019, Mudchute: 1 Pied Flycatcher and 1 Spotted Flycatcher in roughly the same area as yesterday (Sean Huggins).

10 August 2019, Mudchute: 1 Spotted Flycatcher and Pied Flycatcher along the path between the paddocks & the allotments, about 50 metres west of the chicken coops, at 10.45am (Sean Huggins).

7 August 2019, Leven Road Gas Works site: 1 Sparrowhawk overhead mobbed by Crows and Magpies, 8+ Painted Lady butterflies (John Archer).

7 August 2019, Regent's Canal: a Canada Goose with 5 hybrid Canada x Greylag young just north of Jonson's Lock (John Archer).



Hybrid Canada x Greylag Geese with Canada Goose (far right) (John Archer)

5 August 2019, Victoria Park: the pair of Great Crested Grebes on West Lake have at least one small chick in a second brood (Jan Dobbie).

5 August 2019, Blackwall Basin: a pair of Common Terns still with a chick on one of the rafts beside the Wood Wharf development site - the chick looks close to fledging (John Archer).

5 August 2019, Poplar Dock Marina: 1 juvenile Great Crested Grebe, a hybrid Canada x Greylag Goose with 24 Canada Geese including lots of juveniles, a pair of Coots with 3 well-grown chicks, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

2 August 2019, East India Dock Basin: a count for the [Wetland Bird Survey](#) recorded 4 Egyptian Geese, 4 Canada Geese, 1 Tufted Duck, 1 Little Egret, 9 Grey Herons, 21 Mallards (including broods of 7 small and 1 large ducklings), 5 Moorhens, 2 Coots, 1 Cormorant, 101 Black-headed Gulls (including a leucistic individual with all-white primaries) and 1 Lesser Black-backed Gull. Also 1 Grey Wagtail, 5+ Reed Warblers and a male Black-tailed Skimmer dragonfly (John Archer).



Mallard family at East India Dock Basin (John Archer)

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1 August 2019, Millwall Outer Dock: 20 Herring Gulls including several juveniles, 10 Lesser Black-backed Gulls including several juveniles, 3 Black Headed Gulls, 5 Egyptian Geese, 1 Greylag Goose, 25 Canada Geese, 1 Cormorant, 1 pair of Coots with 4 juveniles, 12 House Martin pairs nesting. (Daniel Whitelegg).

1 August 2019, Cubitt Wharf: about 20 House Martins, mainly on poles sticking out from the building facing the Thames. They presumably nested there or nearby (Tom Speller).

1 August 2019, Saunders Ness: 1+ Oystercatchers flying along Thames (Tom Speller).

1 August 2019, Mudchute: a female Great Spotted Woodpecker (Tom Speller).

1 August 2019, Millwall Inner Dock: a female Tufted Duck with 4 ducklings (Tom Speller).

July 2019

31 July 2019, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper (James Heal).

31 July 2019, Blackwall Basin: the pair of Common Terns still with a well-grown chick (Tom Speller).

30 July 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 Large Skipper butterfly and three species of hoverflies - the Large Pied Hoverfly (*Volucella pellucens*), Long Hoverfly (*Sphaerophoria scripta*) and Plain-faced Dronefly (*Eristalis arbustorum*) (Tom Speller).



Large Skipper at East India Dock Basin (Tom Speller)

30 July 2019, Bow Creek: 2 Oystercatchers, 1 Little Egret (Tom Speller).

24 July 2019, Mudchute: lots of butterflies enjoying the sunshine, including a Red Admiral camouflaged nicely by the log piles south of the stables, and a Gatekeeper by the bee hives. (Peter Minvalla).



Red Admiral (left) and Gatekeeper at Mudchute (Peter Minvalla) [click to enlarge](#)

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24 July 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 Small Copper still by the Copse (Tom Speller).



Small Copper at East India Dock Basin (Tom Speller) [click to enlarge](#)

24 July 2019, Bow Creek: 1 Jay, 1 Common Sandpiper (Tom Speller).

22 July 2019, Blackwall Basin: a pair of Common Terns with a well-grown chick on a raft (Tom Speller).



Common Tern family at Blackwall Basin (Tom Speller) [click to enlarge](#)

22 July 2019, East India Dock Basin: a [Big Butterfly Count](#) recorded 1 Small Copper (the first record here for at least eight years), 6 Small Whites, 16 Gatekeepers, 3 Six-spot Burnets, 4 Green-veined Whites, 1 Common Blue, 1 Holly Blue, 1 Large White, 1 Meadow Brown, 1 Red Admiral and 1 Jersey Tiger. Also Cinnabar caterpillars around the Copse (John Archer).



Small Copper (left) and Cinnabar caterpillar at East India Dock Basin (John Archer) [click to enlarge](#)

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21 July 2019, Wapping Canal: a Muntjac seen and photographed around 4pm – presumably the same individual reported below. See [the Love Wapping blog](#) for more details and a remarkable photo (via Mark Baynes/Love Wapping).

21 July 2019, St Paul's Church, Shadwell: a Muntjac deer in the church grounds at 7am - one of the closest records to central London, and only the second Tower Hamlets record following [one photographed swimming in the canal beside Victoria Park in 2011](#) (via Gary Walker).

21 July 2019, Westferry Circus: a Black Restart on scaffolding at midday (via Rare Bird Alert).

20 July 2019, Antill Road E3: 5 House Martins flew over (Harry Harrison).

18 July 2019, Bow Creek: the Egyptian Goose family with six growing young still, 1 Oystercatcher, 11 adult Mute Swans (Tom Speller).

18 July 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 Swallow briefly, 1 juvenile Shelduck, 1 Grey Wagtail, a female Mallard with ducklings, 28 Black-headed Gulls including a juvenile (Tom Speller).



juvenile Shelduck at East India Dock Basin (Tom Speller)

18 July 2019, Blackwall Basin: a female Tufted Duck with 5 small ducklings (the second brood of the year in the area), 2 Common Terns on the raft showing territorial behaviour – perhaps the nesting pair that failed at East India considering another breeding attempt, 3 adult Mute Swans, 5 Egyptian Geese (Tom Speller).

12 July 2019, Bow Creek: 3+ Reed Warblers, 3 Blackcaps, 1+ Cetti's Warblers, 8 adult Mute Swans (Tom Speller).

12 July 2019, East India Dock Basin: 2 Sand Martins flew in briefly from east then departed north, 1 Common Tern flew in from the Thames and circled, 1 Little Egret, 73 Black-headed Gulls, 25 Mallards, 3+ Reed Warblers, 1 Hornet Hoverfly *Volucella zonaria* in the copse (Tom Speller).



Reed Warbler (left) and Hornet Hoverfly at East India Dock Basin (Tom Speller) [click to enlarge](#)

11 July 2019, West India Docks: a female Tufted Duck with 2 small ducklings on North Dock (Tom Speller).

11 July 2019, Victoria Park: a Roesel's Bush-cricket and 10+ Black-tailed Skimmers around East Lake (Marcin Kempa).



Roesel's Bush-cricket in Victoria Park (Marcin Kempa)

9 July 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Egret, 1 Gatekeeper butterfly (the first of the year here), but no sign of any terns (Tom Speller).

7 July 2019, Isle of Dogs: an adult Mediterranean Gull and a second summer Yellow-legged Gull on the Thames opposite Morden Wharf (Sean Huggins).

7 July 2019, Victoria Park: the Bird Barmy Army walk recoded 29 species of birds, including 71 Coots (4+ broods of young), a pair of Egyptian Geese with 2 young, 1 Great Spotted

Woodpecker, a pair of Little Grebes with 2 young on West lake and a second pair on East Lake, 22 Mallards including a brood of 5 ducklings, 7 Moorhens including 2 broods of two young, a pair of Mute Swans with 5 cygnets, 2 drake Pochards, 1 Sparrowhawk, 3 Stock Doves, 7 Tufted Ducks including broods of two and one ducklings. Also six species of dragonflies and damselflies, including 10 Black-tailed Skimmers, 50 Common Blue Damselflies, 25 Emperor dragonflies including 5 egg-laying females, 3 Four-spot Chasers including an egg-laying female, 2 Small Red-eyed damselflies and 1 Common Darter (David Darrell-Lambert & the Bird Barmy Army). Click photos to enlarge



Clockwise from top left: Tufted Duck duckling, Little Grebe chick, Blue-tailed Damselflies mating, Emperor dragonfly egg-laying, Small Red-eyed Damselfly, Four-spotted Chaser all in Victoria Park (David Darrell-Lambert) click to enlarge

5 July 2019, East India Dock Basin: a Pyramidal Orchid at the corner of the copse (the first seen here since two in the eastern meadow in 2014) 2 Common Terns on the island

showing no sign of visiting a nest or young, suggesting the nesting attempt has failed, 51 Black-headed Gulls, c10 Tufted Ducks, 1+ singing Reed Warbler, 1 adult Little Ringed Plover (Tom Speller).



Pyramidal Orchid at East India Dock Basin (Tom Speller)

2 July 2019, Antill Road E3: a pair of House Sparrows and a Large Skipper in a garden (Harry Harrison).

2 July 2019, Bow Creek: the pair of Egyptian Geese still with 5 young (Tom Speller).

2 July 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 adult Common Tern on the island, showing very agitated and aggressive behaviour, chasing off passing gulls and herons, perhaps suggesting one or more young terns on the island. Also 1 Little Ringed Plover, 1 Oystercatcher (Tom Speller).

June 2019

27 June 2019, East India Dock Basin: a pair of Common Terns bringing fish to the raft, presumably feeding chicks hidden in the vegetation (Richard Saville).



Common Tern at East India Dock Basin (Richard Saville) [click to enlarge](#)

26 June 2019, Bow Creek: an unidentified seal (probably a Grey Seal) swimming rapidly up the creek early morning (Richard Saville).



probable Grey Seal in Bow Creek (Richard Saville)

26 June 2019, East India Dock Basin: a Common Tern circled the raft and dive-bombed a nearby heron, suggesting that they may still be nesting, 1 Little Ringed Plover, 2 Little Egrets, 7 Grey Herons, 2 Shelducks, 1 Grey Wagtail (Richard Saville).

25 June 2019, Mudchute: 3 Painted Ladies, increasing numbers of Meadow Browns (Richard Saville).



Painted Lady at Mudchute (Richard Saville)

25 June 2019, The Greenway by Wick Lane E3: a pair of Stock Doves (Geoff Harding).

24 June 2019, Mudchute: 2 Greenfinches, 2 Monk Parakeets, 3 Large Skippers, 2 Red Admirals, 2 Green-veined Whites, 1 Small Tortoiseshell, 3 Holly Blues, 1 female Broad-bodied Chaser (Richard Saville).



male Greenfinch (left) and Large Skipper at Mudchute (Richard Saville) [click to enlarge](#)

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20 June 2019, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a female Small Blue butterfly in Scrapyard Meadow, one of several sightings there this year, 1 Goldenrod Crab Spider (*Misumena vatia*) (Mathew Frith & Terry Lyle).



Small Blue in Scrapyard Meadow (Mathew Frith)

20 June 2019, Mudchute: 1 Meadow Brown, 6 Long-tailed Tits (Richard Saville).



Long-tailed Tit (left) and Meadow Brown at Mudchute (Richard Saville) [click to enlarge](#)

20 June 2019, East India Dock Basin: 10 Tufted Ducks, 1 Little Egret, 5 Grey Herons, 1 Shelduck but no sign of the nesting Common Terns (Tom Speller).

20 June 2019, Bow Creek: 4 Mute Swans (Tom Speller).

19 June 2019, Mudchute: lots of Thick-legged Flower Beetles (also known as Swollen-thighed Beetle), 1 Ferruginous Bee-grabber fly (*Sicus ferrugineus*), 1 Green Shield Bug (Richard Saville).



Green Shield Bug (top left), Ferruginous Bee-grabber (top right) and Thick-legged Flower Beetle at Mudchute (Richard Saville) [click top photos to enlarge](#)

17 June 2019, East India Dock Basin: a count for the Wetland Bird Survey recorded 2 Little Ringed Plovers, 1 Little Egret, 5 Tufted Ducks, 4 Common Terns (including the pair at a nest), 3 Shelducks, 5 Grey Herons, 16 Mallards, 4 Coots, 5 Moorhens, 2 Black-headed Gulls, 2 Herring Gulls and 1 Lesser Black-backed Gull (John Archer).

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14 June 2019, Bow Creek: 1 Cetti's Warbler, 2 Egyptian Geese with 8 small goslings, 2 Shelducks with 10 small ducklings, a female Mallard with 2 ducklings, 2 Sand Martins briefly, 2 Oystercatchers, 2 adult Mute Swans (Tom Speller & John Archer).



Shelduck ducklings (bottom two) & Egyptian Goose goslings (top two) (Tom Speller) [click to enlarge](#)

11 June 2019, Mudchute: 6 House Martins overhead, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 2 Ring-necked Parakeets, lots of Azure Damselflies, 1 male Broad-bodied Chaser, 2 Brimstone butterflies, 1 Red Admiral, 2 Holly Blues, 4 Speckled Woods, 1 Green-veined White (Richard Saville).



Azure Damselfly (left) and Red Admiral at Mudchute (Richard Saville) [click to enlarge](#)

11 June 2019, Cable Street: several patches of Strawberry Clover, lots of Dwarf Mallow and Knotted Hedge-parsley in lawns of 85-152 Shadwell Gardens, a Greenfinch singing from the roof of Chamberlain House (John Archer).

5 June 2019, Mudchute: a male Broad-bodied Chaser and a Red Admiral in the Lower Field (Richard Saville).



male Broad-bodied Chaser (left) and Red Admiral at Mudchute (Richard Saville) [click to enlarge](#)

5 June 2019, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: 2 Brown-banded Carder Bee queens nectaring on Kidney Vetch in Scrapyard Meadow, probably the first confirmed record for the site of this nationally scarce bee (Mark Patterson).



Brown-banded Carder Bee at Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park (Mark Patterson)

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3 June 2019, Mudchute: 4 Blackcaps, 2 Greenfinches, 3-4 Monk Parakeets, 1 Painted Lady, 2 Red Admirals, 8 Speckled Woods, 6 Holly Blues, 1 Brimstone, 1 Green-veined White, 1 Large White, lots of Small Whites (Richard Saville).



Red Admiral (top left), Holly Blue (top right) and Painted Lady (lower two) at Mudchute (Richard Saville) [click to enlarge](#)

3 June 2019, East India Dock Basin: a pair of Common Terns incubating at least one egg on the abandoned Canada Goose nest a raft, 2 more Common Terns flying about, the pair of Canada Geese now with 3 small goslings which have managed to get off the raft, 1 Oystercatcher flying over, 5 Shelducks, at least 1 singing Reed Warbler (John Archer).



Common Tern at East India Dock Basin (John Archer)

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1 June 2019, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Small Blue butterfly in Scrapyard Meadow (the third year running this nationally-rare butterfly has been recorded in Cemetery Park), lots of Brimstones and Holly Blues, a few Speckled Woods, 1 Cinnabar moth, 1 Small Dusty Wave (Terry Lyle, John Archer *et al*).



female Small Blue at Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park (Ken Greenway)

May 2019

31 May 2019, Limehouse Basin: a Mute Swan on a nest (John Archer).

31 May 2019, Mile End Park: a pair of Mute Swans still with 7 cygnets (Richard Drew).

30 May 2019, Mudchute: 1 Reed Warbler, 1 Garden Warbler, 1 Blackcap (Sean Huggins).

30 May 2019, Canary Wharf: 2 Peregrines, 3 Grey Wagtails including a juvenile (James Heal).

30 May 2019, Blackwall Basin: 2 Common Terns (James Heal).

29 May 2019, Stonebridge Wharf: a pair of Egyptian Geese (John Archer).

28 May 2019, Hermitage Basin: a pair of Egyptian Geese (Wendy Taylor).

24 May 2019, East India Dock Basin: a large bird of prey which flew very high east at 12.55pm might have been a Black Kite but was too high for definite identification; it was attacked at one point by a falcon, probably a Peregrine. Also 2 Sand Martins flew north, an Oystercatcher flew towards the Thames, 6 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

23 May 2019, Mudchute: a Peregrine flew high overhead, 1 Monk Parakeet, a juvenile Greenfinch drinking in the pond, 1 female Broad-bodied Chaser dragonfly (Richard Saville).
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Clockwise from top left: Peregrine, Monk Parakeet eating snail, juvenile Greenfinch, Broad-bodied Chaser (Richard Saville) [click to enlarge](#)

20 May 2019, East India Dock Basin: a count for the Wetland Birds Survey recorded 6 Tufted Ducks, 3 juvenile Egyptian Geese, 3 Common Terns, 8 Grey Herons, 3 Shelducks, 7 Moorhens (including a tiny chick), 4 Coots, 3 Canada Geese and 11 Mallards (John Archer).

18 May 2019, Mudchute: 1 Whinchat (John Booth).

16 May 2019, East India Dock Basin: 3 Swifts flew west at 1.10pm, 2 Tufted Ducks (John Archer).

16 May 2019, Mudchute: the brood of baby Blue Tits fledged from the nest in the Ack Ack Gun this morning (Richard Saville).



Blue Tit fledging from nest in Ack Ack Gun (Richard Saville)

15 May 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Egret, a pair of Common Terns displaying over the basin and river, 1 Egyptian Goose, 3 Shelducks, 2+ singing Reed Warblers, 1 male Blackcap, the Canada Geese still on a nest (John Archer).

14 May 2019, Mile End Park: a Reed Warbler singing in the reed bed beside the Ecology Lake (Harry Harrison).

14 May 2019, Lower Lea Crossing: an apparently wild Rabbit ran across the road to the garden roundabout, the first record in Tower Hamlets for many years (Richard Saville).

14 May 2019, Bethnal Green Methodist Church: a Red Admiral on flowers of *Photinia x fraseri* "Red Robin" (Gerry Matthews).

14 May 2019, Mudchute: 7 Blackcaps including 2 females around the perimeter, 5 Monk Parakeets grazing in the llama paddock head just visible above the grass, 1 Great Spotted woodpecker, Blue Tits nesting in the barrel of the restored Ack-Ack Gun, 7 Brimstones, 2 Holly Blues, 2 Speckled Woods (Richard Saville).



Clockwise from top left, all taken at Mudchute: Blue Tit in Ack Ack Gun, Speckled Wood, Brimstone, Holly Blue (Richard Saville) [click to enlarge](#)

14 May 2019, East India Dock Basin: 2 Common Terns briefly circling the remaining body of water in the basin, 1 Swallow flew north at 1pm, 3 Egyptian Geese, 7 Grey Herons, 3 Shelducks, a pair of Canada Geese at a nest on a raft (Richard Saville & John Archer).



Shelduck at East India Dock Basin (John Archer)

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14 May 2019, Bow Creek: 1 Oystercatcher (Richard Saville).

13 May 2019, Mudchute: lots of Smooth Newts in the main pond (Richard Saville).



male Smooth Newt at Mudchute (Richard Saville)

11 May 2019, Victoria Park: a pair of Great Crested Grebes with 2 young, 1 drake Red-crested Pochard, 2 drake Pochards, 5 Mistle Thrushes including one pair feeding a fledgling, 1 Goldcrest, a mixed flock of up to 10 Sand and House Martins feeding over Boating Lake, 2 Swifts (Jan Dobbie & Richard Drew).

10 May 2019, Bartlett Park: about 150 plants of Jersey Cudweed on the abandoned adventure playground (John Archer).



Jersey Cudweed in Bartlett Park adventure playground (John Archer)[/caption]

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10 May 2019, Royal Foundation of St Katharine: 2 Grey Wagtails, 1 Mistle Thrush (Marion Hill).

10 May 2019, Limehouse: a House Martin colony with about six nests next to the River Thames (James Palmer).

8 May 2019, West India Docks: a Great Crested Grebe with 3 young chicks on North Dock (Tom Speller).

7 May 2019, Bartlett Park: 2 plants of Jersey Cudweed on the edge of the abandoned adventure playground on the corner of Augusta Street and Cordelia Street (Bob Gilbert).

7 May 2019, Jubilee Park: a female Grey Wagtail feeding 2 fledgelings (Tom Speller).



Female & fledgeling Grey Wagtails at Jubilee Park (Tom Speller) [click to enlarge](#)

6 May 2019, Mudchute: a male Redstart (John Booth).

4 May 2019, Victoria Park: the Bird Barmy Army walk recorded 31 species of birds, including a pair of Great Crested Grebes with 2 young, 7 Egyptian Geese including 2 broods of goslings, 2 Goldcrests, 1 Great Spotted woodpecker, 3 Pochards, 4 Sand Martins, 5 Stock Doves, 9 Tufted Ducks (David Darrell-Lambert & the Bird Barmy Army).

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3 May 2019, East India Dock Basin: an Osprey flew high north-west at 1.20pm, 2 Swifts flew west at 1.20pm, 1 singing Sedge Warbler, 1 singing Reed Warbler, 2 Egyptian Geese, 3 Shelducks, a Canada Goose still on a nest on a raft (John Archer).

2 May 2019, Bow Creek: 1 Whitethroat, 2 Reed Warblers, 1 Cetti's Warbler, 1 Blackcap (Richard Saville).

2 May 2019, East India Dock Basin: 9+ Sand Martins flew north, 1 Reed Warbler in the reeds at the north side, 1 Shelduck, 2 Grey Herons, basin virtually empty of water (Richard Saville & John Archer).

1 May 2019, Jubilee Park: a female Grey Wagtail with a recently-fledged juvenile (Tom Speller).



Fledgling Grey Wagtail (Tom Speller) at Jubilee Park

1 May 2019, Mudchute: 7 Blackcaps singing around the raised perimeter, 5 Greenfinches, 1 Willow Warbler and 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker in the central courtyard of the farm, 1 Song Thrush rummaging outside the allotments, 1 Monk Parakeet, 2 Brimstone butterflies, 1 Comma, 3 Small Whites, 1 Speckled Wood, 1 Holly Blue (Richard Saville).



Clockwise from top left: Song Thrush, Monk Parakeet, Speckled Wood and Comma at Mudchute (Richard Saville) [click to enlarge](#)

1 May 2019, Mulberry Place: a Buzzard circling quite low over the Town Hall at 12.10pm (John Archer).

April 2019

30 April 2019, East India Dock Basin: a Common Tern flew upriver, 2 Sand Martins (both first records for the year), 1 Sparrowhawk, 1 Egyptian Goose, 1 Shelduck (John Archer).

29 April 2019, East India Dock Basin: a Buzzard drifted high east at 1.25pm (John Archer).

26 April 2019, Mudchute: 1 Reed Warbler, 1 Chiffchaff, 4 Blackcaps (Sean Huggins).

26 April 2019, East India Dock Basin: a Whitethroat singing in the north-west corner, 1 singing Blackcap, 2 pairs of Shelducks, 1 Little Ringed Plover, 2 Canada Geese apparently nesting on a raft, 1 Green-veined White butterfly (Richard Saville & Tom Speller).



Green-veined White at East India Dock Basin (Tom Speller)

26 April 2019, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 2 Oystercatchers (Richard Saville).

25 April 2019, Victoria Park: a female Mandarin Duck on East Lake (John Archer).

25 April 2019, Island Gardens: 1 singing Blackcap, 1 Greylag Goose flew downriver (John Archer).

24 April 2019, East India Dock Basin: 2 Egyptian Geese, 1 Little Ringed Plover, 4 Shelducks, 1 Blackcap holding territory in the north-west corner (John Archer).

24 April 2019, Mudchute: 1 Garden Warbler, 1 Whitethroat, 5 Blackcaps, 1 Willow Warbler, 2 Chiffchaffs, 1 Grey Wagtail flew east, 2 Monk Parakeets (Sean Huggins).

21 April 2019, Antill Road E3: a singing Blackcap in a garden (Harry Harrison).

20 April 2019, Mudchute: 1 Garden Warbler singing, 2 Willow Warblers, 16 Blackcaps (Sean Huggins).

18 April 2019, Island Gardens: 2 adult Mediterranean Gulls flew downriver at 11am (Sean Huggins).

18 April 2019, Jubilee Park: 1 female Common Redstart early morning (Oliver Metcalf), a pair of Blackcaps, 1 male Grey Wagtail (there was a female there yesterday evening), at least 5 Blackbirds (Tom Speller).

18 April 2019, East India Dock Basin: a Nightingale singing from scrub on the north side of the basin at lunchtime (John Archer).

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18 April 2019, Mudchute: 1 Common Blue butterfly, 2 Speckled Woods, 2 Small Tortoiseshells, 3 Peacocks, several Brimstones and Small Whites (Pete Minvalla).

18 April 2019, Prospect Road Allotments: a Common Frog in one of the small ponds, 1 female Hairy-footed Flower Bee, 1 Red-tailed Bumblebee, 1 Holly Blue butterfly (John Archer).

18 April 2019, Meath Gardens: 1 Peacock butterfly, White Ramping Fumitory in flower on the nursery school fence (John Archer).

18 April 2019, Mile End Park: a Blackcap singing in Chris's Wood (John Archer).

17 April 2019, Limehouse station: a Swallow flew north at 7.15 am (Samuel Levy)

17 April 2019, Mudchute: 3 Blackcaps, 1 Willow Warbler, 1 Greenfinch, 5 Ringed-necked Parakeets, 3 Monk Parakeets (one carrying long twigs for a nest), 2 Brimstone butterflies, 4 Small Whites, 1 Holly Blue, 1 Comma, 1 Small Tortoiseshell (Richard Saville).



Blackcap singing at Mudchute (Richard Saville)

17 April 2019, Bow Creek: 1 singing Willow Warbler, 1 singing Blackcap, 1+ singing Cetti's Warblers, 2 adult Great Black-backed Gulls feeding on a dead Bream (Tom Speller).



Great Black-backed Gulls at Bow Creek (Tom Speller) [click to enlarge](#)

17 April 2019, East India Dock Basin: a Little Egret briefly on the island at lunchtime, a Jay briefly in the copse early morning (both first records for the year), a Buzzard flew high west at 1.10pm, 2 Blackcaps, 2 Shelducks, 1 Pied Wagtail, no Teal (Tom Speller & John Archer)).

16 April 2019, Mudchute: about 100 Buffish Mining Bees (*Andrena neagroeana*) nesting in bare soil alongside footpath on top of bank behind the farm buildings, and nearby a couple of dozen Painted Mining Bees (*Andrena haemorrhoa*) nesting on the verge between Asda and East Ferry Road (Mark Patterson).



Buffish Mining Bee (left) and Painted Mining Bee nest (Mark Patterson) [click to enlarge](#)

16 April 2019, Bow Creek: 2 Oystercatchers, 2 Shelducks (John Archer).

16 April 2019, Regent's Canal: 3 Egyptian Geese around Salmon Lane Lock (John Archer).



Egyptian Goose at Salmon Lane Lock (John Archer)

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16 April 2019, East India Dock Basin: a Whitethroat in the Copse (the first of the year here), 1 Pied Wagtail, 2 Little Ringed Plovers, 2 Shelducks, 12 Teal (John Archer).

12 April 2019, Mudchute: 6 Monk Parakeets feeding on the seed beds in the allotments next to the main entrance (Richard Saville).



Monk Parakeet at Mudchute (Richard Saville)

12 April 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 Swallow flew north at 1pm, 1 drake Shoveler still, 2 Gadwall, 4 Shelducks, 26 Teal, 3+ Blackcaps (Tom Speller & John Archer).

11 April 2019, Jubilee Street E1: a male Orange Tip butterfly in a garden (Tony Valsamidis).

11 April 2019, Bow Creek: 2 Oystercatchers, 1 Common Sandpiper, 2 Greenfinches (Richard Saville).



Oystercatcher (left) and Common Sandpiper at Bow Creek (Richard Saville) [click to enlarge](#)

11 April 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 Shoveler, 1 Little Ringed Plover, 5 Shelducks, 12 Teal, 1 Greenfinch, 1 Cormorant drying its wings after fishing (Richard Saville).



Cormorant at East India Dock Basin (Richard Saville)

10 April 2019, Mudchute: lots of butterflies in the sunshine, including 4 Small Whites, 3 Small Tortoiseshells, 3 Brimstones, 1 Comma; also 1 Monk Parakeet, 1 Greenfinch (Richard Saville).



Small Tortoiseshell (left) and Small White at Mudchute (Richard Saville) [click to enlarge](#)

10 April 2019, East India Dock Basin: a drake Shoveler is the first here for several years, 1 Willow Warbler singing, 1 Redwing, 1 Chiffchaff singing, a pair of Blackcaps, 2 Tufted Ducks, 1 Egyptian Goose, 3 Shelducks, 23 Teal, 1 Peacock butterfly (John Archer).



Shoveler at East India Dock Basin (John Archer)

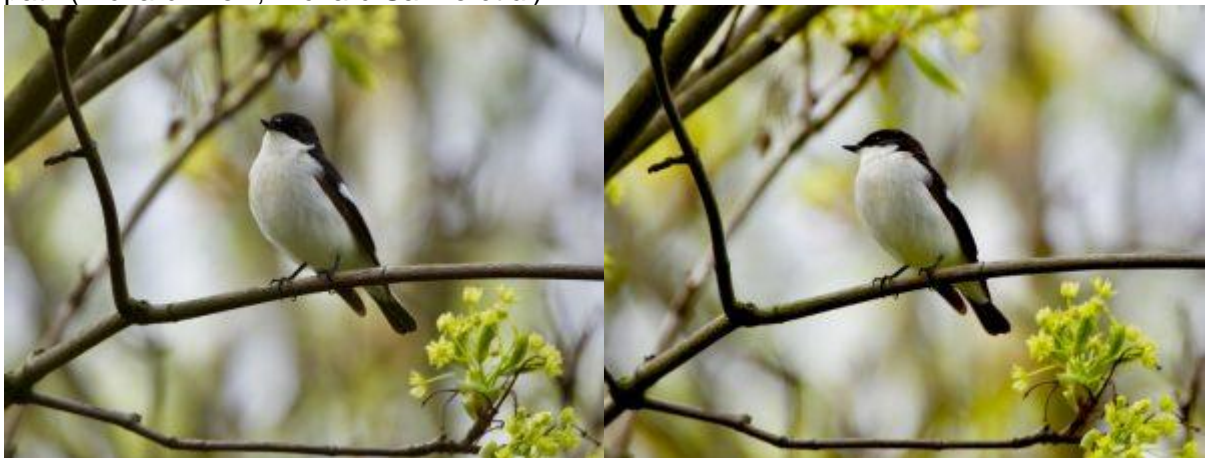
8 April 2019, Poplar Recreation Ground: 1 singing Blackcap (Neal Hunt).

6 April 2019, Brownfield Estate: a female Kestrel again perched on Glenkerry House (Katie John).

6 April 2019, Mudchute: 1 Wheatear, 4 Blackcaps, 1 singing Chiffchaff, 1 Song Thrush, 2 House Sparrows, but no sign of the Pied Flycatcher (Harry Harrison).

5 April 2019, Brownfield Estate: a female Kestrel perched on Glenkerry House (Katie John).

5 April 2019, Mudchute: the male Pied Flycatcher still on the southern edge by the raised path (Richard Drew, Richard Saville *et al*).



Pied Flycatcher at Mudchute (Richard Saville) [click to enlarge](#)

5 April 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 male Sparrowhawk, 1 Little Ringed Plover, 2 Gadwall, 6 Shelducks, 1 Pied Wagtail, 1 House Sparrow, 15 Teal (John Archer).

4 April 2019, Hertford Union Canal: a colony of hundreds of Hairy-footed Flower Bees nesting in a dried-up green wall (Mark Patterson).



Hairy-footed Flower Bee (left) and sand bank with nests (Mark Patterson) [click to enlarge](#)

4 April 2019, Mudchute: the male Pied Flycatcher still on the southern edge by the raised path (Conrad Ellam *et al*).

3 April 2019, Antill Road E3: 2 pairs of House Sparrows and a male Blackcap in a garden (Harry Harrison).

3 April 2019, Mudchute: the male Pied Flycatcher still halfway along the raised path near the border with Millwall Park, 2 singing Willow Warblers, 2+ Blackcaps singing, 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Redwing, 1 Sparrowhawk, 2+ Monk Parakeets, 1 Song Thrush, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker (Tom Speller, Paul Hyland, Jamie Partridge & Sean Huggins).



Pied Flycatcher at Mudchute (Jamie Partridge)



Pied Flycatcher (left) (Jamie Partridge) and Blackcap (Tom Speller) at Mudchute

3 April 2019, East India Dock Basin: a male Firecrest singing in the Copse at lunchtime (the first here since 2008), 1 male Blackcap, 1 Chiffchaff, 2 Oystercatchers flew along the Thames, 2 Gadwall, 4 Shelducks, just 10 Teal (John Archer & Tom Speller).

2 April 2019, Mudchute: a male Pied Flycatcher halfway along the raised path near the border with Millwall Park, 5 singing Blackcaps, 4 singing Chiffchaffs, 2 Great Spotted Woodpeckers, 1 Mistle Thrush (Sean Huggins).

2 April 2019, East India Dock Basin: 2 Little Ringed Plovers, 2 Egyptian Geese (Paul Hyland).

1 April 2019, Jubilee Park, Canary Wharf: a pair of Grey Wagtails (Tom Speller).



Grey Wagtail at Jubilee Park (Tom Speller) [click to enlarge](#)

1 April 2019, St Dunstan's Churchyard: a Great Spotted Woodpecker drumming, 1+ Ring-necked Parakeet (John Archer).

1 April 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1+ Blackcap singing (one in NW corner & probably another in copse but cannot rule out same bird flew across), 2 Little Ringed Plovers, 5 Mute Swans on the Thames, 1 Egyptian Goose, 2 Shelducks, 37 Teal (Tom Speller, Richard Saville & John Archer).

1 April 2019, Bow Creek: 1 singing Blackcap in the bushes under the pylon, 2 singing Cetti's Warblers (Tom Speller & Richard Saville).

March 2019

31 March 2019, Mudchute: 1 Willow Warbler, 1 Blackcap (Sean Huggins).

30 March 2019, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 3 Cetti's Warblers (Charlie Farrell).

29 March 2019, Victoria Park: 3 Mistle Thrushes, 1 singing Goldcrest, 3 Great Spotted Woodpeckers fighting for territory, the pair of Egyptian Geese now with just 3 goslings, the Great Crested Grebe still on a nest, 2 Little Grebes (one on each lake), 1 singing Chiffchaff, 1 Brimstone butterfly (Jan Dobbie & Richard Drew).

29 March 2019, Mudchute: 4 Monk Parakeets, 4 Blackcaps, 2 Chiffchaffs, 10 Brimstone butterflies, 1 Peacock, 1 Comma, 1 Small White. (Eric Brown & Jim Butler).

29 March 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 Red Kite and 1 Common Buzzard flew west at 1.05pm, 1 Little Ringed Plover, 6 Gadwall, 2 Shelducks, about 40 Teal, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 Brimstone butterfly, 1 Small Tortoiseshell, 1 Speckled Wood (Tom Speller & John Archer).

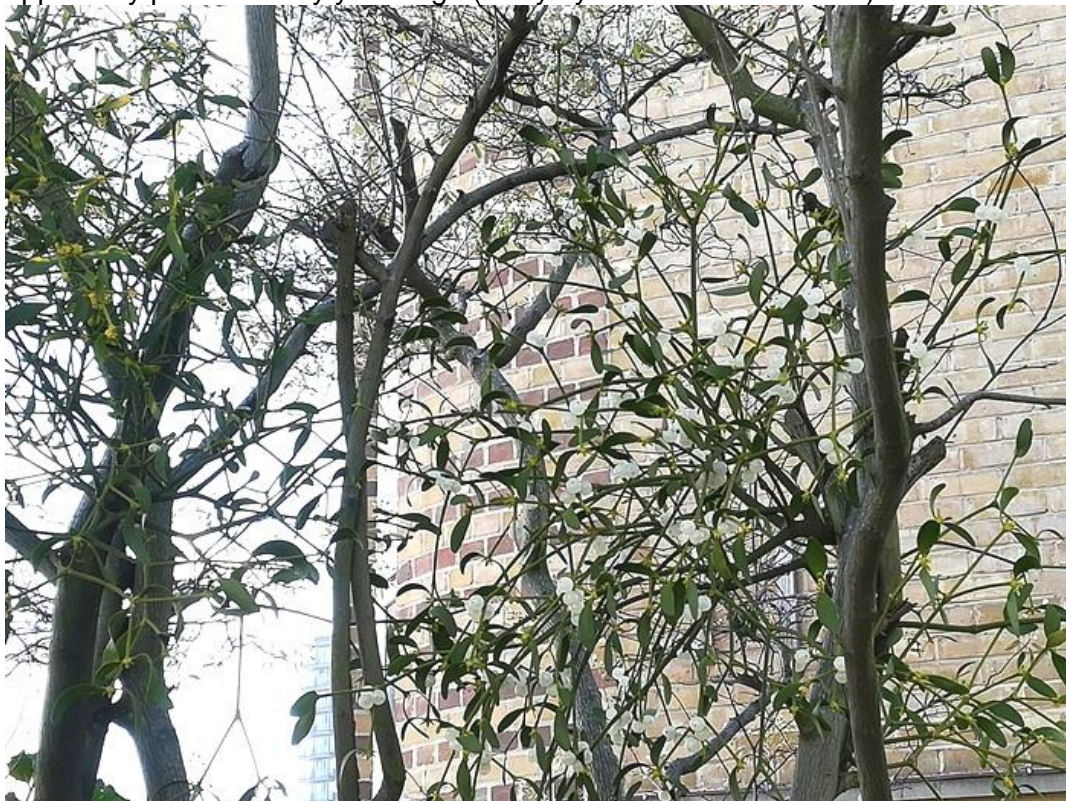
28 March 2019, Mudchute: 1 Redwing, 3 Chiffchaffs (two of them singing), 1 Blackcap singing (Mike Paice).

26 March 2019, East India Dock Basin: 4 Gadwall, 2 Egyptian Geese, 40 Teal (Paul Hyland).

25 March 2019, Mudchute: 1 singing Blackcap, 2 Chiffchaffs (one singing), 2 Chaffinches Singing, 3 Greenfinches singing, 3 Goldfinches, 6 Monk Parakeets (Richard Saville).

25 March 2019, East India Dock Basin: a Wetland Bird Survey count recorded 4 Gadwall (the highest count here for many years), 4 Shelducks, 91 Teal, 10 Mallards, 2 Canada Geese, 1 Grey Heron, 2 Coots, 5 Moorhens, 2 Lesser Black-backed Gulls, 1 Common Gull and 2 Black-headed Gulls. Also a pair of Kestrels displaying and Cowslips in flower (John Archer).

24 March 2019, Commercial Road: 5 clumps of Mistletoe in Juneberry trees in a garden between Watney Market Idea Store and the Hungerford Arms pub, where they were apparently planted many years ago (Terry Lyle & Michelle Lindson).



Mistletoe on Commercial Road (Michelle Lindson)

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22 March 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 singing Chiffchaff, 1 Pied Wagtail, 4 Tufted Ducks, 4+ Shelducks, plenty of Teal (Tom Speller & John Archer).

20 March 2019, East India Dock Basin: a Little Ringed Plover flew in at 12.30pm (the first of the spring), 1 Chiffchaff singing, a pair of Gadwall, 1 Pied Wagtail, 95+ Teal, 1 Mute Swan (Tom Speller).



Little Ringed Plover (foreground) & pair of Gadwall at East India Dock Basin (Tom Speller)

19 March 2019, Approach Gardens: quite a few Smooth Newts and loads of spawning Common Frogs in the pond (Colin Toogood).



Smooth Newt at Approach Gardens (Colin Toogood)

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19 March 2019, Mudchute: butterflies enjoying the sunshine included 1 Small Tortoiseshell, 1 Comma and 2 Brimstones, also 5 Monk Parakeets, 1 Greenfinch (Richard Saville).



Small Tortoiseshell (left) and Comma at Mudchute (Richard Saville) [click to enlarge](#)

19 March 2019, Poplar Dock Marina: 2 juvenile Great Crested Grebes, 1 Grey Wagtail (Tom Speller & Richard Saville).

19 March 2019, Bow Creek: 1 Chiffchaff singing briefly (the first of the spring here), 2 Oystercatchers, 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 singing Cetti's Warbler (Tom Speller & Richard Saville).



Oystercatcher at Bow Creek (Tom Speller)

19 March 2019, East India Dock Basin: a flock of about 35 unidentified large waders flew high north up the Lea Valley at 1.05pm, 1 Chiffchaff and 1 Redwing in the Copse, a pair of Gadwall, 1 male Tufted Duck, 2 adult Lesser Black-backed Gulls, 1 adult Great Black-backed Gull, 2 Shelducks, 83 Teal, 1 Cetti's Warbler, 1 Chaffinch (Paul Hyland, John Archer, Tom Speller & Richard Saville).

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18 March 2019, Chrisp Street Market: Rue-leaved Saxifrage flowering in abundance in two cobbled front gardens on the northern arm of the market, on the right beyond the 'bridge' with housing on top, on the way to Cordelia Street. Also a few patches of Wall Rue and Black Spleenwort on the other side of the bridge (Bob Gilbert).

18 March 2019, Victoria Park (West Park): a pair Goldcrests, 6 Mistle Thrushes, 20+ Tufted Ducks, 2 pairs of Shovelers, 1 Pochard, an Egyptian Goose with 7 goslings, a pair of Great Crested Grebes at a nest (Jan Dobbie).

17 March 2019, Mile End Park: a pair of Mute Swans with 7 small cygnets on the Art Lake (John White). Click photos to enlarge.



Mute Swan family at Mile End Park (John White) [click to enlarge](#)

15 March 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 singing Cetti's Warbler (perhaps the first one here this year, though there's been one on territory nearby at Bow Creek for several weeks), 6 Shelducks, 140 Teal, 2 Canada Geese (John Archer).

13 March 2019, Mudchute: a Blackcap singing in scrub on the south side beside Millwall Park - presumably an early migrant as there were no winter records from the area (John Archer).

13 March 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 Collared Dove flew through (the first record here since 2015), 57 Teal, 4 Shelducks including a pair displaying, 4 Canada Geese, 1 singing Greenfinch (Tom Speller).

13 March 2019, Bow Creek: 1 singing Song Thrush, 2 Oystercatchers (Tom Speller & Richard Saville).



Oystercatchers at Bow Creek (Richard Saville)

13 March 2019, Poplar Dock Marina: an adult Great Crested Grebe with 2 juveniles (Tom Speller).



juvenile Great Crested Grebe at Poplar Dock Marina (Tom Speller)

11 March 2019, Bow Creek: 2 Oystercatchers, 1 Common Sandpiper, 2 Shelducks, 1 Cetti's Warbler singing (Tom Speller).

11 March 2019, East India Dock Basin: 4 Shelducks, 18 Teal, a pair of adult Lesser Black-backed Gulls perhaps looking to nest again (Tom Speller).



Teal at East India Dock Basin (Tom Speller)

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11 March 2019, Mudchute: 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 1 Song Thrush, 1 Redwing, 2 Monk Parakeets, 1 Ring-necked Parakeet, 2 Greenfinches (Richard Saville).

7 March 2019, Bow Creek: 3 Shelducks, 2 Oystercatchers flew towards the Thames, 1 Cetti's Warbler singing, 1 singing Greenfinch (Tom Speller).

7 March 2019, East India Dock Basin: 9 Shelducks, 120 Teal, 2 Oystercatchers flew over from Thames towards Bow Creek, 1 singing Greenfinch (Tom Speller & John Archer).

7 March 2019, Blackwall Basin: a pair of Great Crested Grebes with 2 juveniles, a pair of Canada Geese mating (Tom Speller).

6 March 2019, Millwall Park: 1 Sparrowhawk, 2 Mistle Thrushes (John Archer).

4 March 2019, Bow Creek: 2 Oystercatchers, 2 Common Sandpipers, 1 Shelduck, 1 Cetti's Warbler singing, Song Thrush singing (Richard Saville).

4 March 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 Redwing in the Copse, 1 Pied Wagtail, 1 Grey Wagtail, 2 Egyptian Geese, 3 Shelducks, 3 Greenfinches, 138 Teal, 2 Canada Geese, Sweet Violets in flower (John Archer & Richard Saville).



Sweet Violets at East India Dock Basin (John Archer)

2 March 2019, Victoria Park: the Bird Barmy Army dawn chorus walk recorded 33 species of birds, including 1 Blackcap, 1 Coal Tit, 1 Collared Dove, 2 Sparrowhawks, 2 Goldcrests, 1 Jay, 1 Song Thrush, 3 Mistle Thrushes, 1 Jay, 8 Shovelers, 9 Pochards, 2 Great Crested Grebes, 17 Tufted Ducks, 32 Coots (including a bird with a white Darvik ring "HBB", which was ringed in Hyde Park in January 2018 and seen there regularly up to July 2018), 5 Mute Swans, 2 Egyptian Geese and 2 Greylag Geese (David Darrell-Lambert & participants on the Bird Barmy Army walk).



Coot "HBB" at Victoria Park (David Darrell-Lambert)

1 March 2019, East India Dock Basin: a Common Seal on the southern shore of the Thames, viewable from the north side, 2 Egyptian Geese, 2 Oystercatchers flew towards Bow Creek, 2 Shelducks, 2 Canada Geese, 82 Teal (John Archer).



Egyptian Geese at East India Dock Basin (John Archer)

February 2019

27 February 2019, Swedenborg Square Orchard: 1 male Brimstone butterfly, 1 Hairy-footed Flower Bee (John Archer & Terry Lyle).

26 February 2019, Mudchute: 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 20 Redwings, 2 Monk Parakeets, 1 Greenfinch, 2 Long-tailed Tits, 4 Goldfinches (Richard Saville).



Redwing at Mudchute (Richard Saville)

26 February 2019, Bow Creek: 2 Oystercatchers, 2 Redshanks, 1 singing Greenfinch, 1 or probably 2 Cetti's Warblers singing (Richard Saville & Tom Speller).



Redshank at Bow Creek (Richard Saville)

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26 February 2019, Poplar Dock & Blackwall Basin: a pair of Grey Wagtails, 21 Tufted Ducks (Tom Speller).

26 February 2019, East India Dock Basin: 4 Shelducks, 37 Teal, 1 Greenfinch singing, 1 Cetti's Warbler singing, 1 female chaffinch, 3 Goldfinches, 1 Cormorant fishing, a Common Seal on the south side of the Thames on the O2 foreshore (Richard Saville & Tom Speller).



Chaffinch (Tom Speller – top two) and Cormorant (Richard Saville) at East India Dock Basin

25 February 2019, East India Dock Basin: 3 Tufted Ducks, 4 Shelducks, 2 Canada Geese, 36 Teal (John Archer).

21 February 2019, Mile End Park: a Song Thrush nest-building (Harry Harrison).

20 February 2019, Bow Creek: 2 Oystercatchers, 2 Redshanks, 1 Greenfinch, 1 Cetti's Warbler singing (Richard Saville).

20 February 2019, East India Dock Basin: a Common Seal on the foreshore on the south side of the Thames by the O2, 4 Shelducks, 1 Greenfinch, 25 Teal (Richard Saville).

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20 February 2019, Saunders Ness, Isle of Dogs: 1 Oystercatcher, 1 adult Yellow-legged Gull, 2 Shelducks, 14 Gadwall (Tom Speller).



Adult Yellow-legged Gull at Saunders Ness (Tom Speller) [click to enlarge](#)

19 February 2019, Victoria Park: on West Lake: 40 Tufted Ducks, 7 Pochards, 10 Shovelers, 1 Egyptian Goose, 4 Mute Swans; on East Lake: 1 Tufted Duck, 3 Pochards, 2 Egyptian Geese; in the rest of the Park: 1 Mistle Thrush, 27 Redwings, 4 Long Tailed Tits, 1 Pied Wagtail, 13 Goldfinches (Richard Drew).

18 February 2019, Poplar Dock Marina: an adult Great Crested Grebe with at least 2 chicks on its back (Richard Saville).

18 February 2019, Bow Creek: 2 Oystercatchers, 1 Redshank, 2 Cetti's Warblers singing, 1 Greenfinch (Richard Saville).

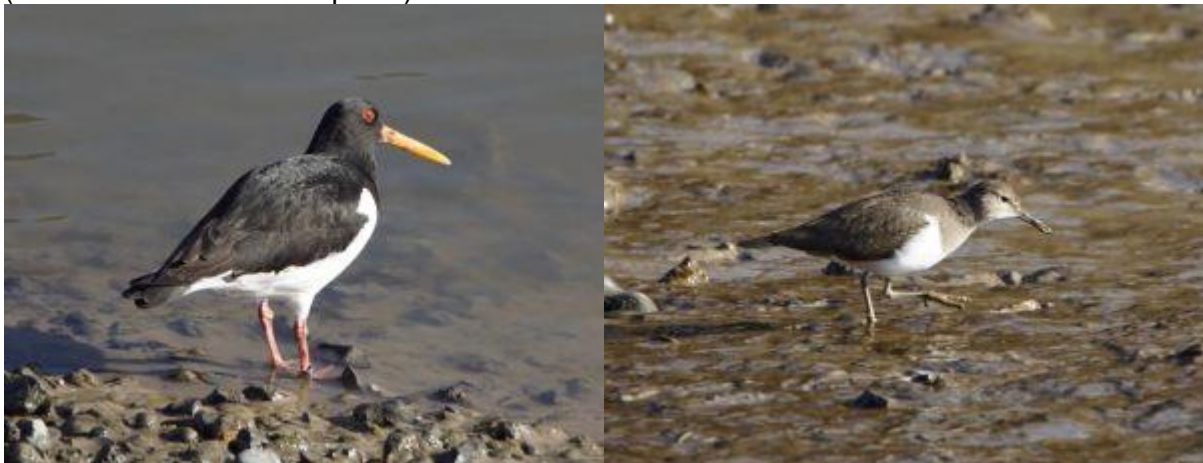
18 February 2019, East India Dock Basin: 2 Shelducks, 23 Teal, 1 Greenfinch, 1 fishing Cormorant (Richard Saville).

17 February 2019, Saunders Ness, Isle of Dogs: a 3rd-winter Caspian Gull and 2 Yellow-legged Gulls (3rd-winter and 1st-winter) on the Thames shore (Sean Huggins).

15 February 2019, Mudchute: 1 singing Mistle Thrush, 2 Ring-necked Parakeets, 1 Monk Parakeet, 7 Redwings, about 15 Chaffinches, 1 Greenfinch (Richard Saville).

15 February 2019, Mile End Park: a pair of Mute Swans on a nest by the Art Pavilion (Keith Woodard).

15 February 2019, Bow Creek: 1 Oystercatcher, 1 Common Sandpiper, 2 Shelducks, 4 Redshanks, 2 Greenfinch singing, 1 Cetti's Warbler singing, 28 Carrion Crows in one tree (Richard Saville & Tom Speller).



Oystercatcher (left) and Common Sandpiper at Bow Creek (Richard Saville) [click to enlarge](#)

15 February 2019, Blackwall Basin: a few Tufted Ducks (Tom Speller).



Tufted Duck at Blackwall Basin (Tom Speller)

15 February 2019, East India Dock Basin: 46 Teal, 3 Shelducks, 1 Greenfinch singing (Tom Speller).



Teal at East India Dock Basin (Tom Speller)

15 February 2019, Poplar Dock Marina: 2 Grey Wagtails (Tom Speller).



Grey Wagtail at Poplar Dock (Tom Speller)

14 February 2019, Jubilee Street E1 private garden: 8 Goldfinches on and around sunflower heart feeders (Tony Valsamidis).

13 February 2019, Bow Creek: an Oystercatcher again, 9 Redshanks in the high tide roost, 2 Greenfinches, 1 Cetti's Warbler singing (Richard Saville).

13 February 2019, East India Dock Basin: 2 Sparrowhawks circling high above the basin before being chased off by Crows, a Common Seal on the south shore of the Thames by the O₂, 2+ House Sparrows, 7 Shelducks, 175 Teal (Richard Saville & John Archer).

12 February 2019, Jubilee Street E1 private garden: 4 Redwings eating cotoneaster berries, 1 male Blackcap, 1 male House Sparrow (the first one recorded in the garden 25 years) (Tony Valsamidis).

11 February 2019, East India Dock Basin: 4 Greenfinches, 2 Shelducks, 2 Canada Geese, 2 Grey Herons, 28 Teal, 1 Cormorant (Richard Saville).

11 February 2019, Bow Creek: 1 Oystercatcher (the first this year and unusually early), 2 Redshanks, 1 Grey Heron, 1 Greenfinch, 1 Cetti's Warbler singing (Richard Saville).



Oystercatcher at Bow Creek (Richard Saville)

10 February 2019, Saunders Ness, Isle of Dogs: 2 Yellow-legged Gulls (adult & 1st-winter) on the Thames shore (Sean Huggins).

10 February 2019, Mudchute: 16 Redwings, 1 Song Thrush, 1 Grey Wagtail (Sean Huggins).

8 February 2019, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 Redshank, 2 Great Black-backed Gulls (Tom Speller).

8 February 2019, Poplar Dock Marina: 19 Tufted Ducks (Tom Speller).

8 February 2019, East India Dock Basin: 14 Shelducks, c70 Teal, 1 Greenfinch singing (Tom Speller).

7 February 2019, Bow Creek: 8 Redshanks in the high tide roost (John Archer).

7 February 2019, East India Dock Basin: 2 Greenfinches, 1 Chaffinch, 10 Shelducks, 2 Canada Geese, 2 Long-tailed Tits, 63 Teal (Richard Saville).

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7 February 2019, Mudchute: 2 Monk Parakeets, 9 Redwings, 4 Goldfinches, 7 Long-tailed Tits, 40+ Starlings, 3 House Sparrows (Richard Saville).



Monk Parakeet at Mudchute (Richard Saville)

6 February 2019, Bow Creek: 5 Redshanks, 1 Common Sandpiper (Paul Hyland).

5 February 2019, East India Dock Basin: a pair of Peregrines, 2 Egyptian Geese, 7 Shelducks, 190 Teal (John Archer).

5 February 2019, Poplar Dock Marina: a Great Crested Grebe carrying at least one chick on its back (Richard Saville).

4 February 2019, Mulberry Place: a Mistle Thrush calling from the Town Hall roof (John Archer).

4 February 2019, East India Dock Basin: 217 Teal, 8 Shelducks (John Archer).

3 February 2019, Antill Road E3: a Song Thrush in my garden, the first since December 2011 (Harry Harrison).

3 February 2019, Mudchute: 15 Redwings, 3 Song Thrushes including 2 greyish-toned birds presumably of Continental origin (Sean Huggins).

1 February 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 Kingfisher, 1 Song Thrush, 4 Shelducks, 18 Teal, a flock of 10 small waders, possibly Dunlin, flew through (Richard Saville).

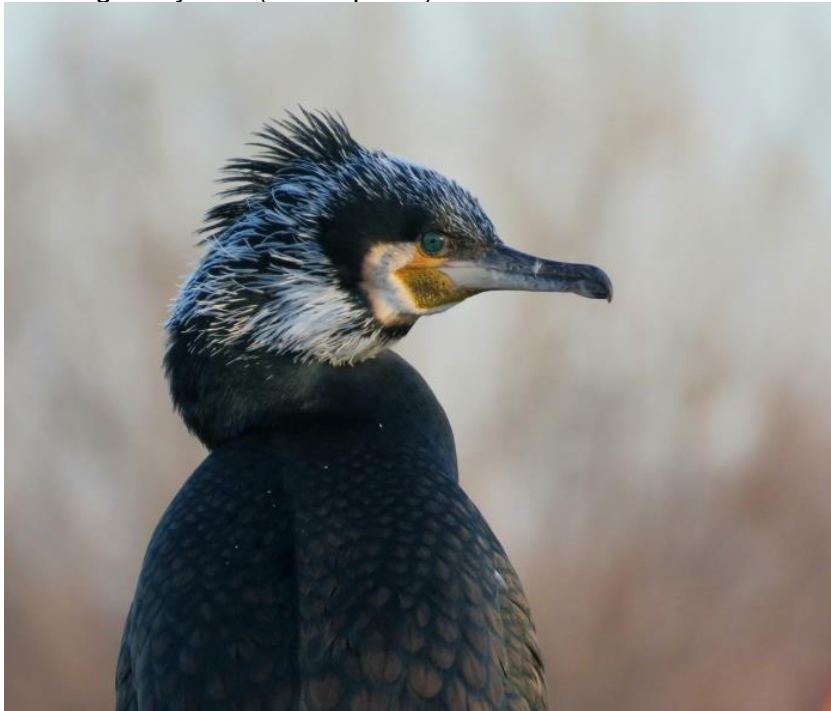
1 February 2019, Bow Creek: 1 Redshank, 5 Grey Herons (Richard Saville).

January 2019

31 January 2019, Saunders Ness, Isle of Dogs: 3 Yellow-legged Gulls (adult, 3rd-winter and 1st-winter) on the Thames shore (Sean Huggins).

31 January 2019, Mudchute: 7 Redwings including one showing characters of the Icelandic race *coburni*, 2 Song Thrushes (Sean Huggins).

31 January 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 Redwing, 1 Song Thrush, 1 Chaffinch, 3+ Greenfinches, 7 Common Gulls, 60 Black-headed Gulls, 1 Shelduck, 6 Teal, a Cormorant showing really well (Tom Speller).



Cormorant at East India Dock Basin (Tom Speller)

30 January 2019, Meath Gardens: White Ramping-fumitory climbing up the fence between the children's centre and the north edge of the park (John Archer).



White ramping-fumitory in Meath Gardens (John Archer)

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29 January 2019, Saunders Ness, Isle of Dogs: 2 Yellow-legged Gulls (first-winter and third-winter) on the Thames foreshore (Sean Huggins).

28 January 2019, Victoria Park: on West Lake: 37 Tufted Ducks, 6 Pochards, 1 Great Crested Grebe, 13 Shovelers, 1 Egyptian Goose, 5 Mute Swans; on East Lake: 2 Tufted Ducks, 3 Pochards, 4 Gadwall, 2 Egyptian Geese; on the Boating Lake: 1 Tufted Duck; in the rest of the Park: 78 Redwings, 11 Mistle Thrushes, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 1 Pied Wagtail, 6 Goldfinches, 1 Chaffinch (Richard Drew).

28 January 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 Water Rail, 13 Shelducks, 70 Teal (Paul Hyland, Richard Saville & John Archer).

28 January 2019, Bow Creek: 7 Redshanks in the high tide roost, 1 Common Sandpiper (Bob Gilbert & Richard Saville).



Common Sandpiper (top two) and Redshank at Bow Creek (Richard Saville) [click to enlarge](#)

26 January 2019, Antill Road E3: a pair of Blackcaps in a garden (Harry Harrison).

25 January 2019, St Anne's Churchyard, Limehouse: 2 Coal Tits, 4 Redwings (Tim Bray).

25 January 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 Redwing, 1 Song Thrush, 8 Shelducks (Paul Hyland).

25 January 2019, Victoria Park: on West Lake: 42 Tufted Ducks, 5 Pochards, 1 Red-crested Pochard, 13 Shovelers, 1 Egyptian Goose; on East Lake & Island: 2 Tufted Ducks, 3 Pochards, 1 Little Grebe, 3 Egyptian Geese, 1 Stock Dove; in the Park generally: 1 Jay, 2 Mistle Thrushes, 12 Redwings, 1 Common Gull, 2 Herring Gulls, 1 Pied Wagtail, 2 Wrens (Richard Drew).

23 January 2019, Millwall Docks: a Great Crested Grebe on a nest at the north end of Inner Dock, 8 Mute Swans on Outer Dock, a flock of about 20 Goldfinches feeding plane trees by the Sailing Club (Tom Speller).

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22 January 2019, Isle of Dogs: 7 Monk Parakeets on garden feeders. This is Highest total for a while, numbers have fallen sharply here in the past few years (Sean Huggins).

22 January 2019, East India Dock Basin: 24 Shelducks, 199 Teal (John Archer).

21 January 2019, Isle of Dogs: a Black Redstart singing on the west side of the island, 1 Little Grebe and 1 Grey Wagtail at Millennium Wharf (Sean Huggins).

21 January 2019, Saunders Ness, Isle of Dogs: 12 Gadwall, 2 Egyptian Geese, 2 Mute Swans (Tom Speller & Sean Huggins).

21 January 2019, East India Dock Basin: a count for the [Wetland Bird Survey](#) recorded 14 Shelducks, 100 Teal, 9 Mallards, 4 Grey Herons, 1 Cormorant, 3 Moorhens, 7 Common Gulls, 2 Herring Gulls and 49 Black-headed Gulls (John Archer).

21 January 2019, Millwall Park: 2 Egyptian Geese (Tom Speller).

21 January 2019, Mudchute: about 30 Redwings (Tom Speller).

19 January 2019, Bow Creek & East India Dock Basin: 6 Redwings, 1 Peregrine, about 270 Teal, 2 Redshanks, 1 Shelduck (Kabir Kaul).

18 January 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 female Kestrel, 3 Reed Buntings flew south at 1.35pm, 164 Teal, 1 Shelduck (John Archer).

18 January 2019, Meath Gardens: 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 2 Mistle Thrushes, Daffodils and Snowdrops in flower (John Archer).

18 January 2019, Mile End Park: 6+ Redwings, 6 Mistle Thrushes, Snowdrops in flower (John Archer).

17 January 2019, Isle of Dogs: a 3rd-winter Yellow-legged Gull on the slipway at the end of Ferry Street (Sean Huggins).

16 January 2019, East India Dock Basin: a 3rd-winter Yellow-legged Gull on the Thames, 2 Shelducks, 1 Mute Swan, 100+ Teal, Snowdrops in flower in the Copse (John Archer & Richard Saville).



Snowdrops at East India Dock Basin (John Archer)

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16 January 2019, Poplar Dock Marina: a Great Crested Grebe incubating eggs on a nest built on tyres under the pontoon (Richard Saville).

16 January 2019, Bow Creek: 11 Redshanks in the high tide roost (Richard Saville).

15 January 2019, Canary Wharf: a Peregrine flew towards Canada Square at midday (Tom Speller).

14 January 2019, Poplar Dock Marina: 1 Little Grebe (Tom Speller).

14 January 2019, East India Dock Basin: 2 Shelducks, 2 Egyptian Geese (Tom Speller).

12 January 2019, Saunders Ness, Isle of Dogs: 2 Yellow-legged Gulls (adult and 1st winter) on the Thames foreshore (Sean Huggins).

9 January 2018, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 Shelduck, 40 Teal (John Archer).

8 January 2019, Saunders Ness, Isle of Dogs: 1 adult Yellow-legged Gull, 1 adult Great Black-backed Gull, 12 Gadwall, 31 Mallards (Tom Speller). [Click photos to enlarge](#)



Yellow-legged (left) and Great Black-backed Gulls at Saunders Ness (Tom Speller) [click to enlarge](#)

8 January 2019, Poplar Dock Marina: 1 Grey Wagtail, 3 Great Crested Grebes, 20-30 House Sparrows (Richard Saville).



House Sparrow at Poplar Dock Marina (Richard Saville)

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8 January 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 drake Gadwall, 7 Shelducks, 4 Canada Geese, 87 Teal, 1 Mute Swan, 3 Greenfinches (Richard Saville & John Archer).

8 January 2019, Island Gardens: 2 Mistle Thrushes (Tom Speller).

8 January 2019, Mudchute: 2 Monk Parakeets, 2 Ring-necked Parakeets, 1 singing Song Thrush, 2 Pied Wagtails, c30 Starlings (Tom Speller).

7 January 2019, Limehouse Basin: 6 Tufted Ducks, a pair of Mute Swans, about 20 Coots (John Archer).

5 January 2019, Victoria Park: the Bird Barmy Army walk recorded 35 species of birds, including 11 Shovelers, 10 Pochards, 1 Little Grebe, 2 Great Crested Grebes, 25 Tufted Ducks, 2 Egyptian Geese, 1 Greylag Goose, 24 Cormorants, 1 Collared Dove, 2 Redwings, 1 Goldcrest, 4 Great Spotted Woodpeckers, 5 Mistle Thrushes, 1 Pied Wagtail, 2 Stock Doves and 17 Ring-necked Parakeets (David Darrell-Lambert & 15 members of the Bird Barmy Army).



Cormorant eating Perch (top and right) and Pied Wagtail (left) (David Darrell-Lambert) [click to enlarge](#)

4 January 2019, East India Dock Basin: at least 1 House Sparrow calling from adjacent gardens (David Darrell-Lambert).

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4 January 2019, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 12 Redshanks in the high tide roost, 2 Egyptian Geese, 138 Teal, 1 Mute Swan, 1 Grey Wagtail (David Darrell-Lambert & John Archer).



Teal, Mallards & Redshank at Bow Creek (David Darrell-Lambert)

3 January 2019, Isle of Dogs: 1 adult Yellow-legged Gull, 300 Common Gulls and 1 drake Teal on the Thames foreshore at Saunders Ness (Sean Huggins).

3 January 2019, Blackwall Basin: 8 Tufted Ducks (Tom Speller).

3 January 2019, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper, 8 Redshanks in the high tide roost, 88 Teal, 8 Grey Herons at the south end, 3 Long-tailed Tits (Tom Speller & John Archer).

3 January 2019, East India Dock Basin: 1 Song Thrush singing near the west entrance, 49 Teal, 7 Moorhens, 1 Mute Swan (Tom Speller & John Archer).



Song Thrush singing at East India Dock Basin (Tom Speller)

1 January 2019, Isle of Dogs: an adult Mediterranean Gull on the Thames shore at Saunders Ness (Sean Huggins).

1 January 2019, Antill Road E3: a female Blackcap in a garden (Harry Harrison).