

## Tower Hamlets wildlife reports 2021

### December 2021

31 December 2021, Victoria Park: 35 Redwings (Harry Harrison).

30 December 2021, Bartlett Park: 1 Kestrel (Romana, Hussain & Yunis Gill).

23 December 2021, Mudchute: 4 Redwings, 1 Song Thrush (Sean Huggins).

21 December 2021, Kenilworth Road E3: 16 House Sparrows and 8 Goldfinches on garden feeders (Richard Drew).

19 December 2021, Victoria Park: the hybrid Bar-headed x Greylag Goose still present with Greylags (Harry Bomer).



Hybrid Bar-headed x Greylag Goose with Greylags in Victoria Park (Harry Bomer)

18 December 2021, East India Dock Basin: a count for the [Wetland Bird Survey](#) recorded 50 Teal, 28 Mallards, 8 Moorhens, 1 Grey Heron, 1 Cormorant, 1 Common Gull, 20 Black-headed Gulls and 1 Herring Gull. Also 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Cetti's Warbler, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer).

18 December 2021, Victoria Park: 1 Gadwall, 5 Shovelers, 4 Tufted Ducks, 1 Egyptian Goose, 1 Grey Heron and 1 adult Mute Swan on East Lake; 36 Gadwall, 5 Tufted Ducks and 2 Egyptian Geese on the Boating Lake; about 12 Redwings, 2 Nuthatches, 2 Mistle Thrushes and 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker in the rest of East Park (Richard Drew).

14 December 2021, Bartlett Park: 1 Kestrel, 1 Goldfinch, 1 Ring-necked Parakeet (Romana, Hussain & Yunis Gill).

14 December 2021, Victoria Park: a Nuthatch calling south of the bowling green at 12.45pm & north of East Lake at 15.30pm (JW Davies).

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13 December 2021, Victoria Park: 8 Cormorants, 3 Great Crested Grebes, 2 Shovelers, 4 Pochards, 6 Ring-necked Parakeets, 1 Redwing, 2 Chaffinches (Romana, Hussain & Yunis Gill).

4 December 2021, Watney Market: a Buzzard circling overhead (Romana, Hussain & Yunis Gill).

4 December 2021, Mile End: 1 Kestrel over Burdett Road (Romana, Hussain & Yunis Gill).

2 December 2021, Whitechapel: 1 Peregrine near the station (Romana, Hussain & Yunis Gill).

## November 2021

30 November 2021, Bow Creek: 88 Teal, 1 Little Egret flew over (Tom Speller).

30 November 2021, East India Dock Basin: 16 Teal, 2 Grey Wagtails, 1 Shelduck flew over (Tom Speller).

30 November 2021, Poplar Dock: 3 Little Grebes, c20 House Sparrows (Tom Speller).



House Sparrow at Poplar Dock (Tom Speller) [click to enlarge](#)

27 November 2021, Bartlett Park: 1 Jay, 1 Peregrine, 2 Cormorants (Romana, Hussain & Yunis Gill).

24 November 2021, Bow Creek: c40 Teal, 1 Great Black-backed Gull, 2 Redshanks, 1 Chiffchaff with a mixed tit flock including 12+ Long-tailed Tits (Tom Speller).

24 November 2021, East India Dock Basin: 40 Teal, 20 Mallards, 2 Jays (Tom Speller).

24 November 2021, Poplar Dock/Blackwall Basin: 11 Tufted Ducks (Tom Speller).

23 November 2021, Victoria Park: 18 Tufted Ducks, 13 Pochards, 1 Great Crested Grebe with a juvenile, 9 Shovelers, 4 Egyptian Geese, a pair of Mute Swans with 4 Juveniles, 2 Grey Herons and 1 hybrid Bar-headed x Greylag Goose on West Lake; 3 Tufted Ducks, 1 Pochard, 2 Little Grebes, 2 Shovelers, 4 Egyptian Geese, 1 Grey Heron and 1 adult Mute Swan on East Lake; 1 Tufted Duck and 26 Gadwall on the Model Boating Lake (Richard Drew).

21 November 2021, Victoria Park: an exhausted juvenile Puffin was rescued from Crows and taken into care (Gill Walker).



juvenile Puffin rescued from Victoria Park (Gill Walker)



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10 November 2021, East India Dock Basin: 95 Teal, 2 Shelducks, 2 Mute Swans, 1 drake Gadwall, 36 Mallards, 1 singing Cetti's Warbler, 1 Grey Wagtail (Tom Speller).

10 November 2021, Bow Creek: 1 singing Cetti's Warbler (Tom Speller).

6 November 2021, East India Dock Basin: a count for the [Wetland Bird Survey](#) recorded 1 Little Egret, 2 Mute Swans, 114 Teal, 1 Shelduck, 48 Mallards, 8 Moorhens, 1 Cormorant, 1 Common Gull and 58 Black-headed Gulls. Also present were 1 singing Cetti's Warbler, at least 1 Grey Wagtail and 4 Blackbirds that from their restless behaviour appeared to be migrants (John Archer).

2 November 2021, Victoria Park: a male Mandarin Duck on West Lake (JW Davies).

1 November 2021, Lindley Street E1: 1 Red Admiral (Tony Valsamidis).



Red Admiral on Buddleia (Tony Valsamidis)

## October 2021

28 October 2021, Wapping Canal: 2 Mute Swans, 54 Mallards, 14 Coots, 20 Moorhens, 1 Grey Wagtail (John Archer). Click photos to enlarge



Clockwise from top left: Moorhens, Coot, Mallards and Coot, Grey Wagtail (John Archer)

28 October 2021, Shadwell Basin: 2 Mute Swans, 2 Egyptian Geese, 4 Moorhens, 15 Coots, 6 Mallards (John Archer).



Egyptian Geese at Shadwell Basin (John Archer)

28 October 2021, Hermitage Basin: 2 Canada Geese, 2 Coots, 6 Mallards (John Archer).



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26 October 2021, Victoria Park (East Lake): 1 Tufted Duck, 6 Gadwall, 2 Shovelers, 2 Egyptian Geese, 1 Grey Heron, 1 Mute Swan (Richard Drew).

21 October 2021, Isle of Dogs: 2 Black-tailed Godwits on the Thames foreshore opposite the *Cutty Sark* at low tide this morning then flew downriver (Sean Huggins).

21 October 2021, Mudchute: late butterflies, 1 Holly Blue, 1 Speckled Wood (John Archer).

12 October 2021, Mile End Park: 1 Siskin, 1 Redwing, 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Grey Wagtail, 6 Mistle Thrushes, 2 Jays (John Archer).

9 October 2021, East India Dock Basin: a count for the [Wetland Bird Survey](#) recorded 2 Little Egrets, 2 Egyptian Geese, 1 Canada Goose, 2 Mute Swans, 80 Teal, 40 Mallards, 1 Grey Heron, 1 Cormorant, 8 Moorhens, 3 Great Black-backed Gulls, 1 Lesser Black-backed Gull, 1 Herring Gull and 73 Black-headed Gulls. Also 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 Red Admiral and 3+ Migrant Hawker dragonflies (John Archer).



Little Egret (left) and Great Black-backed Gull at East India Dock Basin (John Archer) [click to enlarge](#)

8 October 2021, Victoria Park (East Lake): 2 Nuthatches, 9 Gadwall (JW Davies).

7 October 2021, Victoria Park: 5 Red-crested Pochards, 2 Gadwall, 4 Great Crested Grebes and 6 Shovelers on West Lake; 1 Nuthatch on East Lake island (JW Davies).

7 October 2021, Mudchute: 10 Monk Parakeets, 1 Ring-necked Parakeet, 1 Chiffchaff (John Archer).



Monk Parakeets at Mudchute (John Archer)

5 October 2021, Victoria Park (East Lake): 4 Shovelers, 10 Gadwall, 3 Egyptian Geese, 1 Cormorant, 1 Grey Heron (John Archer).

## September 2021

27 September 2021, Meath Gardens: 1 Sparrowhawk (John Archer).

26 September 2021, Arnhem Wharf School: a Garden Spider (*Araneus diadematus*) outside the school (Harvey Smith).



Garden Spider outside Arnhem Wharf School (Harvey Smith)

13 September 2021, Victoria Park: the hybrid Bar-headed Goose still present (Sue Barry).

12 September 2021, East India Dock Basin: a count for the [Wetland Bird Survey](#) recorded 4 Greylag Geese (the first recorded here since 2017), 19 Canada Geese, 26 Teal, 2 Mute Swans and 22 Mallards (Lee Valley Park Rangers).

8 September 2021, Victoria Park: 1 hybrid Bar-headed Goose (probably a hybrid with Greylag) on West Lake (John Archer).

7 September 2021, Whitechapel: a Peregrine flew from the direction of Shadwell and perched on the SE corner of Royal London Hospital at 17.22 (Dan Fletcher).

## August 2021

30 August 2021, Limehouse: 1 Swift (Steven Robinson).

21 August 2021, Bethnal Green Nature Reserve: a community moth-trapping session by the London Moth Project recorded eight species of moths: The Rustic, Square-spot Rustic, Common Rustic, Large Yellow Underwing, Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing, Mother-of-Pearl, Mint Moth and Light Brown Apple Moth (Katherine Pogson). [See this post for more information and photos from this event.](#)



Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing (Katherine Pogson) (left) and Square-spot Rustic (Gino Brignoli) at Bethnal Green Nature Reserve. Click to enlarge

21 August 2021, East India Dock Basin: a count for the [Wetland Bird Survey](#) recorded 4 Teal, 3 Egyptian Geese, 1 Little Egret, 2 Grey Herons, 62 Mallards, 2 Mute Swans (with another 4 on the Thames), 10 Moorhens, 1 Cormorant, 125 Black-headed Gulls and 1 Lesser Black-backed Gull. Also 1 Swift flew south, 1 Jay (John Archer).

18 August 2021, Prospect Park: 1 Speckled Wood, 1 Red Admiral (John Archer & James Squires).

15 August 2021, Antill Road E3: 20+ House Sparrows and 1 Chiffchaff in garden, 1 Sparrowhawk flew over (Harry Harrison).



10 August 2021, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Wasp Nest Beetle (*Metoecus paradoxus*) beside the Westwood and Barbados monument, the first record for the site (Gino Brignoli).



Wasp Nest Beetle at Cemetery Park (Gino Brignoli)

10 August 2021, Victoria Park Model Boating Lake: 2 Egyptian Geese, 2 pairs of Coots at nests, 1 Moorhen, about 10 Mallards (John Archer).

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4 August 2021, Millwall Slipway: a big increase in Jersey Cudweed, with plants carpeting much of the brickwork (Maureen Parry).



Jersey Cudweed at Millwall Slipway (Maureen Parry)

## July 2021

26 July 2021, Maritime Quay E14: an Oak Bush-cricket hiding inside the wing mirror cover of a car (Harvey Smith).



Oak Bush-cricket at Maritime Quay (Harvey Smith)

24 July 2021, Bethnal Green Nature Reserve: an individual of the nationally-rare picture-winged fly *Tephritis praecox* in the medicine garden (Gino Brignoli). This is the first Tower Hamlets record of the species. [See this post for more details of this exciting record.](#)



*Tephritis praecox* at Bethnal Green Nature Reserve (Gino Brignoli)



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24 July 2021, East India Dock Basin: a count for the [Wetland Bird Survey](#) recorded 1 Little Egret, 4 Tufted Ducks, 4 Egyptian Geese, 2 Mute Swans, 57 Mallards, 7 Moorhens including an adult with 2 chicks, 2 Coots, 2 Grey Herons and 66 Black-headed Gulls. Also 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, a male House Sparrow entering an apparent nest site in an adjacent building, and about 10 Reed Warblers that appeared to be 3 family groups (John Archer).

23 July 2021, Mudchute: a Painted Lady caterpillar and Red Admiral and Gatekeeper butterflies (Peter Minvalla). Click photos to enlarge



Painted Lady caterpillar (left) and Red Admiral at Mudchute (Peter Minvalla)

23 July 2021, Mudchute Allotments: good numbers of butterflies in the sunshine, including Painted Lady, Meadow Brown and Small Skipper (Peter Minvalla).



Painted Lady at Mudchute Allotments (Peter Minvalla)



23 July 2021, Tower of London: a juvenile Peregrine flying over calling at 0730 (Dan Fletcher).

21 July 2021, Hesperus Crescent E14: a Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing moth (Peter Minvalla).



Lesser Broad-bordered Yellow Underwing (Peter Minvalla)

18 July 2021, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: an individual of the nationally rare flat-footed fly *Agathomyia collini* in Sanctuary Wood. There are very few recent British records of this species, which is classified as Endangered (Gino Brignoli). Read more about this exciting record in [this news post](#).



*Agathomyia collini* at Cemetery Park (Gino Brignoli)

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12 July 2021, Victoria Park: a juvenile Nuthatch near East Lake (JW Davies).

6 July 2021, Bethnal Green Nature Reserve: a Reed Warbler singing in bushes around the ponds, the first site record and unusual as there are no reeds on site (John Archer & Michael Smythe).

4 July 2021, Maritime Quay: 2 White-lipped Snails (Harvey Smith).



White-lipped Snails at Maritime Quay (Harvey Smith)

4 July 2021, Isle of Dogs: 2 recently-fledged Mistle Thrushes on Ferry Street near the Kinkao restaurant (Harvey Smith).



Mistle Thrushes by Ferry Street (Harvey Smith)



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3 July 2021, Kingsbridge Estate, Isle of Dogs: a Leopard Moth on the front door of a flat in Montrose House (Diane Terry).



Leopard Moth at Montrose House (Diana Terry)

1 July 2021, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: lots of jewel beetles (probably *Agrilus cuprescens*) on the shrubs at either end of Scrapyard Meadow and in Horse Chestnut Glade (Gino Brignoli). This is the first site record, and [the 479th species of beetle to be recorded in Cemetery Park](#).



Jewel beetles at Cemetery Park (Gino Brignoli) [click to enlarge](#)

1 July 2021, Maritime Quay: 2 Red Admirals (Harvey Smith).



Red Admiral at Maritime Quay (Harvey Smith)



## June 2021

29 June 2021, Lady Mico's Almshouses: an Eyed Hawk-moth in the garden (Remmie Rem).  
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Eyed Hawk-moth at Lady Mico's Almshouses (Remmie Rem) click to enlarge

25 June 2021, Aldgate: a male Stag Beetle outside EastendHomes' head office at 3 Resolution Plaza. This is the first record in Tower Hamlets for many years. It was found while staff were sorting and distributing food, and was perhaps accidentally transported there on a food delivery (Paul Wilson).



Stag Beetle at Resolution Plaza (Paul Wilson)

23 June 2021, Mile End Park: 1 Grey Wagtail, 4 House Sparrows, 1 female Chaffinch feeding 2 juveniles, all in the Ecology Park (Harry Harrison).



19 June 2021, Leamouth: 5 spikes of Pyramidal Orchid on the grass verge of the A13 just west of the bridge over the River Lea (Bob Gilbert).



Pyramidal Orchids by the A13 (Bob Gilbert)

12 June 2021, East India Dock Basin: a count for the [Wetland Bird Survey](#) recorded 6 Shelducks, 9 Tufted Ducks, 1 Egyptian Goose, 2 Mute Swans, 5 Grey Herons, 28 Mallards, 2 Coots, 5 Moorhens and a Lesser Black-backed Gull. Also 3 Swifts, 3 singing Reed Warblers, a singing Blackcap and lots of wild flowers in bloom, including lots of Twiggy Spurge and Warty Cabbage (John Archer).



Lesser Black-backed Gull (left) and Twiggy Spurge (John Archer) [click to enlarge](#)



11 June 2021, Hesperus Crescent E14: a L-album Wainscot moth, a rare migrant to London, in a garden (Peter Minvalla).



L-album Wainscot at Hesperus Crescent (Peter Minvalla)

6 June 2021, Mudchute: 1 Speckled Wood butterfly (Harvey Smith).



Speckled Wood at Mudchute (Harvey Smith)

3 June 2021, Canary Wharf: 3 Black Redstarts flying between rooftops and calling around West India Quay, 4 Grey Wagtails, 3 Great Crested Grebes, 2 Mallards, 2 Pied Wagtails, 1 Mute Swan (Kabir Kaul).

## May 2021

29 May 2021, Limehouse: a visit for the [Breeding Bird Survey](#) recorded 35 species including 1 Sparrowhawk, 3 Sand Martins, 3 Grey Wagtails, 3 Mistle Thrushes and 63 House Sparrows, the highest number for some years (Harry Harrison).

28 May 2021, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Rambur's Pied Shieldbug (*Tritomegas sexmaculatus*) in the new flower meadow in The Triangle. This species is colonising the UK since it was first found at two sites in Kent in 2011. This appears to be the first Tower Hamlets record (Gino Brignoli).



Rambur's Pied Shieldbug at Cemetery Park (Gino Brignoli)



27 May 2021, Mudchute: 1 Speckled Wood, but all the butterflies seem to be very late this spring (Peter Minvalla).



Speckled Wood at Mudchute (Peter Minvalla)

27 May 2021, Limehouse Station: a House Sparrow calling (Andrew Self).

25 May 2021, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a Dewick's Plusia moth in Scrapyard Meadow (Gino Brignoli)



Dewick's Plusia at Scrapyard Meadow (Gino Brignoli)

22 May 2021, Millwall Park: 4 Linnets, 1 singing Whitethroat but no sign of yesterday's Turtle Dove (Sean Huggins).

22 May 2021, East India Dock Basin: a count for the [Wetland Bird Survey](#) recorded 1 Little Ringed Plover, 5 Shelducks, 1 Egyptian Goose, 5 Tufted Ducks, 5 Grey Herons, 2 Mute Swans, 17 Mallards, 2 Coots, 3 Moorhens and 1 Cormorant. Also a Spotted Flycatcher, 3+ Reed Warblers singing, 2 Blackcaps singing, 1 Common Tern over the Thames (John Archer).



Grey Heron (left) and Tufted Duck at East India Dock Basin (John Archer) [click to enlarge](#)

22 May 2021, Victoria Park: 1 Nuthatch at a nest near East Lake, 1 Little Grebe, 1 Swift, 1 Sand Martin, 1 House Martin, 1 Green Woodpecker, 78+ Carrion Crows (Adam Winstanley, Steve Dungey & Julie Dungey).

21 May 2021, Millwall Park: a Turtle Dove (now a rare and declining bird in Britain) on the fenced-off football pitch on Stebondale Street, 4 Linnets (Sean Huggins & John Booth).

18 May 2021, Chrisp Street E14: a large plant of Rayed Tansy, a scarce garden escape, at the base of railings at the junction with Cordelia Street (Bob Gilbert).



Rayed Tansy on Chrisp Street (Bob Gilbert) [click to enlarge](#)

15 May 2021, Victoria Park (West Lake): a pair of Great Crested Grebes with a juvenile, 12 Swifts, 10 Sand Martins (Harry Harrison).

11 May 2021, Ackroyd Drive Allotments: 1 singing Blackcap (Harry Harrison).

10 May 2021, Mudchute: 3 Whitethroats, 1 Peregrine flew high south-west (Sean Huggins).

8 May 2021, Mudchute: a Wheatear in the paddocks briefly then flew south (Sean Huggins).

7 May 2021, Bow Creek: 1 Lesser Whitethroat, 1 Whitethroat, 1 Sedge Warbler, 1 Reed Warbler, 1 Common Sandpiper (Sean Huggins).

7 May 2021, East India Dock Basin: 2 Reed Warblers (Sean Huggins).

2 May 2021, Blackwall Way E14: a Whitethroat singing behind the Radisson Hotel (Sean Huggins).



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2 May 2021, Bow Creek: 1 Common Sandpiper (Sean Huggins).

2 May 2021, Limehouse area: a visit for the [Breeding Bird Survey](#) recorded 30 species including 2 Blackcaps, 44 House Sparrows (numbers are increasing year on year), 1 singing Whitethroat, 3 Grey Herons, a pair of Grey Wagtails building nest in the canal wall, but only 9 Blackbirds - when I first did survey in 1994 there were a barely believable 92! (Harry Harrison).

1 May 2021, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: plenty of Common Newts in one of the ponds (Hussain & Yunis Gill).

## April 2021

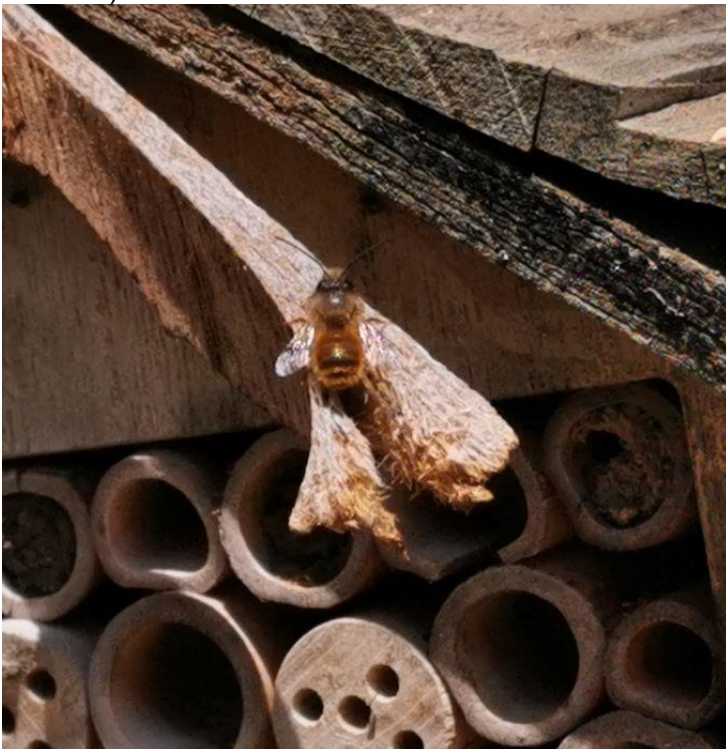
30 April 2021, Mudchute: 1 male Pied Flycatcher in the paddocks, 1 Whitethroat in the Lower Field (Sean Huggins & John Booth).

27 April 2021, Millwall Park: 1 Peacock butterfly (Peter Minvalla).



Peacock butterfly at Millwall Park (Peter Minvalla)

26 April 2021, Hesperus Crescent E14: Red Mason Bees nesting in an insect hotel (Peter Minvalla).



Red Mason Bee on the bug hotel (Peter Minvalla)

24 April 2021, Antill Road E3: a pair of Mistle Thrushes (Harry Harrison).



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21 April 2021, East India Dock Basin: 1 Little Ringed Plover, 4 Shelducks, 2 Grey Herons (Hussain & Yunis Gill).

20 April 2021, Mudchute: 2 Wheatears in the paddock nearest to Mudchute DLR station (Sean Huggins).

15 April 2021, Mudchute: 2 singing Willow Warblers, 2 singing Chiffchaffs, 6+ singing Blackcaps, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, c10 Ring-necked Parakeets, 1 Speckled Wood butterfly, 1 Green-veined White, 1 Tawny Mining Bee (John Archer, Tom Davis, John Swindells & Morgan Taylor).



Speckled Wood at Mudchute (John Archer)

11 April 2021, East India Dock Basin: a count for the [Wetland Bird Survey](#) recorded 2 Little Ringed Plovers, 4 Shelducks, 8 Teal, 3 Tufted Ducks, 15 Mallards, 2 Mute Swans, 2 Coots, 3 Moorhens, 1 Great Black-backed Gull, 1 Black-headed Gull, 2 Lesser Black-backed Gulls, 1 Herring Gull and 1 Cormorant. Also 1 Kestrel, 1 singing Blackcap, 1 Chiffchaff and lot of wild flowers including Cowslip and Honesty (John Archer).



Cowslip (left) and Honesty at East India Dock Basin (John Archer) Click photos to enlarge

11 April 2021, Bow Creek: 2 Oystercatchers (John Archer).

10 April 2021, Mudchute: 4 Willow Warblers, 4 Chiffchaffs, 2 Blackcaps, 1 Song Thrush (Sean Huggins).

9 April 2021, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a female of the nationally rare club-horned sawfly *Abia aenea* in a Whitebeam near a clump of Honeysuckle at Lodge Graves. This is the first record for Cemetery Park and for Middlesex (Ken Greenway).



Club-horned sawfly (*Abia aenea*) at Cemetery Park (Ken Greenway)

6 April 2021, Victoria Park: 23 Tufted Ducks, 1 Pochard, 1 Great Crested Grebe, 4 Egyptian Geese with 5 juveniles, 1 Grey Heron, 1 Bar-headed Goose (or hybrid) on West Lake; 3 Tufted Ducks, 1 Gadwall, 1 Little Grebe, 2 Egyptian Geese, 1 Blackcap, 2 Mute Swans on East Lake; 2 Gadwall on the Boating Lake; also 1 Jay, 2 Mistle Thrushes (Richard Drew).



Egyptian Goose family at Victoria Park (John Archer)

6 April 2021, Folly House Beach, Isle of Dogs: 1 juvenile Shag, 2 Goldfinches (Hussain & Yunis Gill).



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6 April 2021, Mile End Park: several plants of Corn Parsley in the meadow north of Clinton Road, where it hadn't been seen since 2013. This is one of only two places in the old county of Middlesex where Corn Parsley grows wild, the other being an old lawn at the Natural History Museum (John Swindells).



Corn Parsley in Mile End Park (John Swindells)

4 April 2021, Thomas Road E14: 1 Tawny Mining Bee (Hussain & Yunis Gill).

4 April 2021, Ackroyd Drive Allotments: 1 Brimstone butterfly (Richard Drew).

## March 2021

31 March 2021, Mile End Park: a Blackcap singing in the Ecology Park (Harry Harrison).

30 March 2021, Bartlett Park: 4 Monk Parakeets, 1 Cormorant beside the canal (Hussain & Yunis Gill).



Cormorant by the Limehouse Cut (Romana Gill)

29 March 2021, East India Dock Basin: 4 Shelducks (Tony Valsamidis).

28 March 2021, Mudchute: 4 Ring-necked parakeets, 4 Goldfinches (Hussain & Yunis Gill).

24 March 2021, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park: a pair of Nuthatches seen regularly in recent weeks are the first here for many years (Martin Comley *et al*).



Nuthatch at Cemetery Park (Martin Colney) [Click photos to enlarge](#)





Nuthatch at Cemetery Park (Martin Colney) Click photos to enlarge

23 March 2021, Thomas Road E14: a Kestrel hovering (Hussain & Yunis Gill).

22 March 2021, Isle of Dogs: 6 Monk Parakeets around a nest at the junction of Spindrift Avenue and East Ferry Road (Sean Huggins).

22 March 2021, Mudchute: a Red Kite flew NW at 12.05pm, 20+ Redwings, 1 singing Chiffchaff (Sean Huggins).

21 March 2021, Antill Road E3: a pair of Greenfinches on garden feeders (Harry Harrison).

20 March 2021, Millwall Slipway: a dead Wels Catfish washed up on the foreshore (Peter Minvalla).

18 March 2021, East India Dock Basin: 1 Dunlin, the first here since 2014 (Paul Hyland).

12 March 2021, Mile End Park: a pair of Grey Wagtails (Harry Harrison).

5 March 2021, Bow Creek: 2 Common Sandpipers (Sean & Valerie Huggins).

5 March 2021, Victoria Park: 30+ Redwings (James Palmer).

## **February 2021**

26 February 2021, East India Dock Basin: 14 Shelducks, 26 Teal (Sean Huggins).

26 February 2021, Bow Creek: 1 Cetti's Warbler (Sean Huggins).

18 February 2021, East India Dock Basin: 15 Shelducks, 29 Teal (JW Davies).

17 February 2021, Victoria Park: 95+ Redwings and 30 Starlings in East Park just south of the car park (Richard Drew).

15 February 2021, Victoria Park: 8 Red-crested Pochards (7 drakes and a female), 50+ Redwings, 2 Nuthatches (James Palmer).

11 February 2021, Isle of Dogs: 32 Redwings in back gardens (Sean & Valerie Huggins).

11 February 2021, Mudchute: 1 Peregrine, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 25 Redwings (Sean & Valerie Huggins).

10 February 2021, Isle of Dogs: 8 Redwings eating holly berries in the garden (Sean & Valerie Huggins).

5 February 2021, East India Dock Basin: 9 Shelducks, 11 Teal, 2 Gadwall, 2 Grey Herons (JW Davies).

4 February 2021, Antill Road E3: 2 male Blackcaps, 1 Dunnock, 2 Long-tailed Tits and 15 House Sparrows in the garden (Harry Harrison).

1 February 2021, Antill Road E3: 1 Chiffchaff and 16 House Sparrows in the garden (Harry Harrison).



## January 2021

- 26 January 2021, Mudchute: 49 Redwings, 5 Monk Parakeets (Sean Huggins)
- 25 January 2021, Bow Creek: 3 Common Sandpipers, 3 Redshanks, 1 Water Rail, 14 Teal, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 Grey Heron (Sean and Valerie Huggins).
- 25 January 2021, East India Dock Basin: 55 Teal (Sean and Valerie Huggins).
- 22 January 2021, Roman Road E3: a male Sparrowhawk overhead (Harry Harrison).
- 22 January 2021, Victoria Park: 5 Tufted Ducks, 6 Pochards, 2 Gadwall and 2 Egyptian Geese on East Lake; 6 Tufted Ducks and 22 Gadwall on the Boating Lake; 60+ Redwings, 1 Mistle Thrush, 2 Song Thrushes and 5 Long Tailed Tits in East Park (Richard Drew).
- 21 January 2021, Bow Creek: 15 Teal, 1 Redshank, 1 Common Sandpiper (Conrad Ellam).
- 18 January 2018, Victoria Park: 20 Gadwall, 10 Shovelers, 20+ Redwings, 1 Nuthatch (James Palmer).
- 17 January 2021, Mile End Park: 1 Chiffchaff in the Ecology Park (Harry Harrison).
- 17 January 2021, Tower of London: 1 House Sparrow feeding on crumbs outside Paul Patisserie, 2 Pied Wagtails, 2 Egyptian Geese on a barge on the Thames (Matthew J Bradbury).
- 16 January 2021, Isle of Dogs: 1 male Blackcap in a garden (Sean Huggins).
- 16 January 2021, Mudchute: 1 Chiffchaff, 2 Mistle Thrushes, 3 Fieldfares, c30 Redwings, 2 Greenfinches, 5 Chaffinches, 1 Goldfinch (Sean Huggins).
- 12 January 2021, Millwall Park: 30 Redwings (Sean Huggins).
- 9 January 2021, Victoria Park: 18 Gadwall on the Boating Lake, a Nuthatch by the bowling green, 1 Green Woodpecker, 4 Redwings, 1 Mistle Thrush, 1 Song Thrush (Harry Harrison).
- 9 January 2021, Isle of Dogs: 46 Redwings in trees at the junction of East Ferry Road and Spindrift Avenue (Sean Huggins).
- 9 January 2021, Mudchute: 20 Redwings (Sean Huggins).
- 7 January 2021, Mudchute: 4 Redwings, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 1 Collared Dove (Sean Huggins).
- 3 January 2021, Bow Creek: 1 Chiffchaff, 1 Jay, 1 Kingfisher, 10+ Teal (Pat Lipscombe).