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Acknowledgements

Once again I would like to extend my thanks to all who made this record of the birding year possible, for the thousands of hours spent out on the patch in all weather and the help in accumulating the data needed to put this report together. We are very lucky to have so many dedicated patchworkers who have made this one of London's most covered sites – and the results, once more, speak for themselves.

I would also like to thank Tim Harris for his help in putting this report together and to Jonathan Lethbridge and Tony Brown for letting me use some of their rather good photographs.

This year we have added sightings (mainly from Stuart Fisher) for Leyton Flats to the report in a return to what was covered in the past (that can be viewed on the blog, see details below). It only remains for me to wish everyone birding in the area good luck and good birding.

Nick Croft, February 2015

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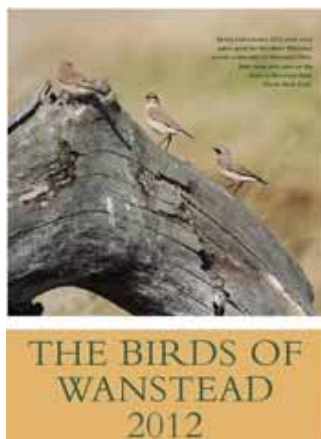
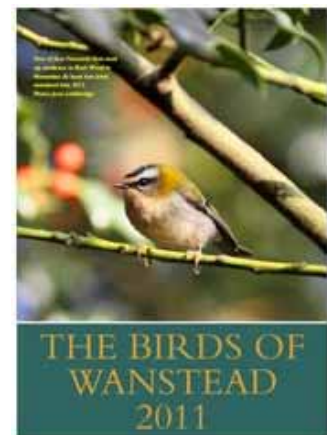
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Tim Harris

At least 131 bird species were seen in and over Wanstead Park and Wanstead Flats in 2014

There is surely no debate about the year's headline-grabber, an intermittently singing Blyth's Reed Warbler that turned up in poor weather on 29 May, delighted many with its song but oh-so-few with actual views as it remained hidden in broom. It did not stay for a second day. Also popular was a two-day Lapland Bunting within a stone's throw of the Golden Fleece on 16-17 October. If an Olive-backed Pipit near Long Wood on 26 September is accepted by the relevant authorities, it will be only London's second record.

Apparently more mundane, but in reality more important, were the area's breeding birds. Nine Skylark territories on Wanstead Flats marked a marginal improvement on the 2013 figure. Better signage and a PR campaign meant that there was slightly less disturbance of their breeding areas, but there was still too much. It is worth restating that if the larks are lost, they are unlikely to return. If anything, it is even harder to manage habitat for the breeding Meadow Pipits in the same area, but hopefully we will retain them. Breeding Nuthatches in Bush Wood represented a welcome return. As I write these words, a full breeding census of Wanstead Flats and Wanstead Park is underway. This should provide a benchmark against which future surveys can be measured. In view of the alarming decrease in House Martin nests locally, and across London as a whole, Wanstead birders will be monitoring the species in areas adjacent to the Flats and Park during the summer.

WeBS counts were carried out on the area's lakes in each of the winter months. At the start of the year the local Gadwall count was broken, and at the end of 2014 it was smashed again.

There is something about the lakes of Wanstead Park (and The Basin in particular) that this dabbling duck finds very attractive. Long may that continue.

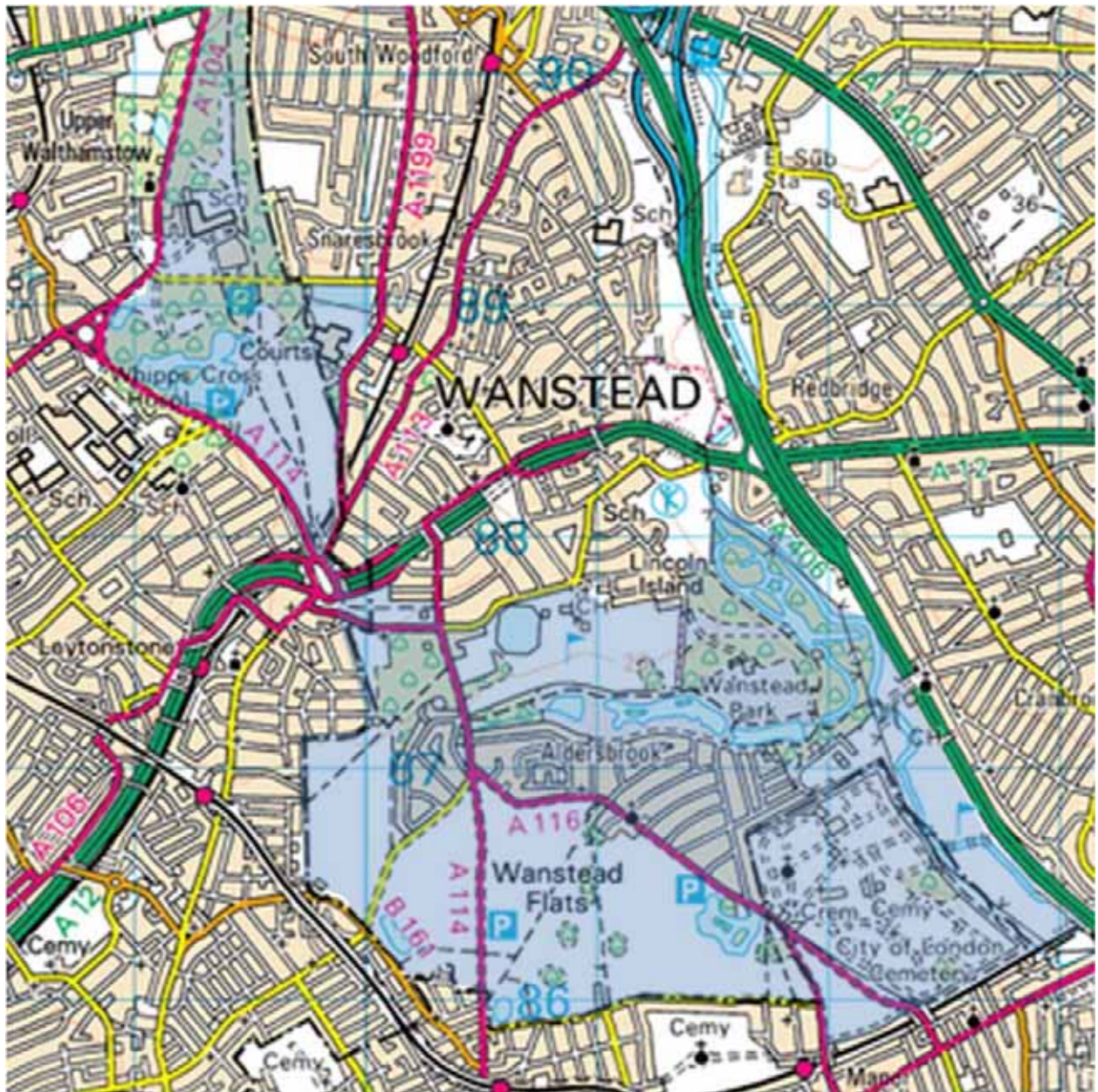
Wanstead Flats' mosaic of grassland, broom, hawthorn and brambles was once more irresistible for migrant passerines in spring and especially in autumn. Maximum counts of seven Common Redstarts, 11 Whinchats, 10 Northern Wheatears, up to six Ring Ouzels, 15 Lesser Whitethroats and 14 Spotted Flycatchers were by no means all-time record counts for the local area, but how many other sites in London can match them?

None of these records would have been possible without the efforts of dozens of amateur naturalists, from the WeBS counters going out in rain and wind to count our wildfowl to the Wanstead Birders viz-miggers on the Flats. Special thanks are due, once again, to Nick Croft, whose thousands of hours in the field produce so many superb birds.

Tim Harris, May 2015

Year list 2014

1 Robin	51 Gadwall	101 Red-crested Pochard (25-Apr)
2 Blue Tit	52 Long-tailed Tit	102 Swift (26-Apr)
3 Great Tit	53 Great-crested Grebe	103 Hobby (26-Apr)
4 Blackbird	54 Sparrowhawk	104 Garden Warbler (28-Apr)
5 Carrion Crow	55 Egyptian Goose	105 Common Tern (1-May)
6 Herring Gull	56 Little Grebe	106 Whinchat (4-May)
7 Mistle Thrush	57 Teal	107 Reed Warbler (6-May)
8 Magpie	58 Cormorant	108 Tree Pipit (10-May)
9 Song Thrush	59 Siskin	109 Spotted Flycatcher (10-May)
10 Common Gull	60 Grey Heron	110 Sedge Warbler (13-May)
11 Black-headed Gull	61 Kingfisher (all 1-Jan)	111 Cuckoo (13-May)
12 Green Woodpecker	62 Treecreeper (2-Jan)	112 Blyth's Reed Warbler (29-May)
13 Dunnock	63 Firecrest (2-Jan)	113 Hoopoe (22-June)
14 Wood Pigeon	64 Coal Tit (3-Jan)	114 Pied Flycatcher (31 Jul)
15 Jackdaw	65 Kestrel (3-Jan)	115 Wood Warbler (17-Aug)
16 Jay	66 Wigeon (5-Jan)	116 Turtle Dove (24-Aug)
17 Pied Wagtail	67 Mealy Redpoll (5-Jan)	117 Marsh Harrier (27-Aug)
18 Mallard	68 Great Black-backed Gull (6-Jan)	118 Stonechat (12-Sep)
19 Shoveler	69 Kittiwake (7-Jan)	Honey Buzzard (6-Sep) [Pending]
20 Tufted Duck	70 Chiffchaff (8-Jan)	119 Short-eared Owl (22-Sep)
21 Coot	71 Little Egret (9-Jan)	120 Jack Snipe (23-Sep)
22 Canada Goose	72 Grey Wagtail (9-Jan)	121 Olive-Backed Pipit (26-Sep)
23 Greylag Goose	73 Bullfinch (10-Jan)	122 Woodlark (27-Sep)
24 Mute Swan	74 Tawny Owl (14-Jan)	123 Greenshank (29-Sep)
25 Wren	75 Blackcap (20-Jan)	124 Lapwing (3-Oct)
26 Redwing	76 Water Rail (22-Jan)	125 Yellow-legged Gull (12-Oct)
27 Feral Dove	77 Mediterranean Gull (13-Feb)	126 Golden Plover (13-Oct)
28 Meadow Pipit	78 Pheasant (18-Feb)	127 Dunlin (13-Oct)
29 Starling	79 Yellowhammer (26-Feb)	128 Brambling (13-Oct)
30 Ring-necked Parakeet	80 Red Kite (28-Feb)	129 Lapland Bunting (16-Oct)
31 Linnet	81 Shelduck (28-Feb)	130 Oystercatcher
32 Skylark	82 Peregrine Falcon (2-Mar)	131 Lesser Spotted Woodpecker
33 Reed Bunting	83 Common Buzzard (5-Mar)	
34 Lesser Redpoll	84 Curlew (8-Mar)	
35 House Sparrow	85 Rook (10-Mar)	
36 Fieldfare	86 Sand Martin (15-Mar)	
37 Little Owl	87 Northern Wheatear (20-Mar)	
38 Greenfinch	88 Mandarin Duck (30-Mar)	
39 Stock Dove	89 Willow Warbler (4-Apr)	
40 Collared Dove	90 Green Sandpiper (5-Apr)	
41 Snipe	91 Swallow (6-Apr)	
42 Chaffinch	92 Osprey (8-Apr)	
43 Goldfinch	93 Common Redstart (9-Apr)	
44 Lesser Black-backed Gull	94 Lesser Whitethroat (9-Apr)	
45 Moorhen	95 Ring Ouzel (10-Apr)	
46 Woodcock	96 House Martin (11-Apr)	
47 Great Spotted Woodpecker	97 Common Whitethroat (13-Apr)	
48 Nuthatch	98 Yellow Wagtail (14-Apr)	
49 Goldcrest	99 Common Sandpiper (24-Apr)	
50 Pochard	100 Whimbrel (25-Apr)	



First/last sightings (2009-2014)

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	2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		2014	
Sand Martin	27-Mar	29-Aug	02-Apr	30-Aug	26-Mar	22-Oct	10-Apr	30-Sep	11-Apr		15-Mar	10-Oct
House Martin	01-May	12-Oct	10-Apr	02-Oct	02-Apr	11-Oct	14-Apr	30-Sep	13-Apr		11-Apr	24-Sep
Swallow	13-Apr		30-Mar	02-Nov	31-Mar	15-Oct	01-Apr	30-Sep	10-Apr	23-Oct	06-Apr	19-Oct
Swift	25-Apr	03-Aug	24-Apr	15-Aug	30-Apr	22-Aug	25-Apr	02-Sep	24-Apr		26-Apr	19-Sep
Northern Wheatear	15-Mar	13-Oct	20-Mar	01-Oct	30-Mar	14-Oct	16-Mar	07-Oct	23-Mar		20-Mar	12-Oct
Stonechat	10-Nov	18-Apr	30-Mar	01-Oct	06-Mar	24-Sep	18-Mar	October	19-Mar	26-Oct	12-Sep	09-Nov
Whinchat	25-Apr	27-Sep	20-Apr	24-Sep	24-Apr	20-Sep	01-May	22-Sep	15-Apr	05-Oct	04-May	29-Sep
Common Redstart	25-Aug	20-Sep	07-Apr	05-Oct	02-Apr	08-Oct	11-Apr	07-Sep	15-Apr		09-Apr	22-Sep
Black Redstart									11-13/April			
Nightingale			25-Apr						16-Apr	3-4/Sep		
Ring Ouzel	14-Apr		18-Apr	30-Sep	30-Mar	04-Oct	07-Apr	08-Nov	15-Apr		10-Apr	16-Oct
Redwing	10-Oct		29-Sep		09-Oct	27-Mar	07-Oct	17-Mar			13-Oct	26-Mar
Fieldfare	11-Oct	19-Apr	01-Oct	23-Mar	13-Oct	03-Apr	09-Oct	19-Apr			13-Oct	21-Apr
Whimbrel			07-Jul	17-Jul	02-Sep		23-Apr				25-Apr	-
Common Sandpiper	05-Sep		14-May	05-Sep	16-Mar	01-Aug	27-May	01-Sep	20-Jul	10-Aug	24-Apr	08-Sep
Green Sandpiper	02-Aug	16-Aug	05-Sep	23-Oct	10-Jul	11-Dec	21-Mar	27-Aug	01-Sep		05-Apr	05-Aug
Wood Sandpiper	11-Aug		22-Jun	02-Jul	19-Apr							
Golden Plover			04-Sep	26-Sep			05-Feb	08-Feb	24-Mar	25-Dec	13-Oct	-
Little Ringed Plover	25-Apr		25-Apr		16-Mar	10-Jul			01-Apr	12-May		
Hobby	29-Apr	13-Sep	20-Apr	02-Oct	26-Apr	09-Oct	25-Apr	22-Jul	21-Apr		26-Apr	06-Sep
Red Kite	31-May		17-Oct		27-Mar	28-Jun	17-Mar	11-May	08-Apr	24-Apr	28-Feb	21-Dec
Marsh Harrier					08-May		26-Aug		20-Mar		27-Aug	-
Chiffchaff	03-Feb	29-Nov	19-Jan		01-Dec	18-Dec	01-Jan		05-Feb		08-Jan	06-Dec
Blackcap	17-Mar	04-Dec	05-Feb		07-Feb	03-Dec	01-Mar		06-Mar		20-Jan	25-Dec
Willow Warbler	15-Apr		27-Mar	02-Oct	31-Mar	20-Sep	30-Mar	21-Sep	10-Apr		04-Apr	21-Sep
Common Whitethroat	18-Apr	13-Sep	10-Apr	17-Sep	06-Apr	23-Sep	13-Apr	27-Sep	15-Apr		13-Apr	19-Sep
Lesser Whitethroat	29-Apr	21-Sep	18-Apr	Sep	16-Apr	23-Sep	21-Apr	03-Oct	19-Apr		09-Apr	26-Sep
Garden Warbler	03-May	12-Sep	25-Apr	30-Aug	24-Apr	01-Oct	08-Aug	06-Sep	28-Apr		28-Apr	27-Sep
Reed Warbler	09-May		06-May	24-Jul	23-Apr	22-Aug	14-Apr	15-Sep	26-Apr		06-May	10-Sep
Sedge Warbler			18-Jul		23-Aug		30-Jul	02-Sep	24-Apr		13-May	16-Sep
Dartford Warbler	31-Oct	06-Nov										
Blythe's Reed Warbler											29-May	-
Common Tern	05-Jun	20-Jul	11-May	27-Aug	24-Jun	10-Sep	28-May		15-May		01-May	23-Jul
Cuckoo	08-May	02-Jul	09-May		e May	18-Jul	01-Sep		11-May	26-Sep	13-May	01-Sep
Turtle Dove	09-May	03-Sep	08-May						08-Jun		24-Aug	29-Aug
Spotted Flycatcher	29-Aug	19-Sep	21-Aug	02-Oct	27-May	15-Sep	11-May	19-Sep	19-Aug	03-Oct	10-May	21-Sep
Pied Flycatcher			30-Aug	16-Sep	21-Aug	24-Sep	18-Aug	31-Aug	20-Aug	30-Sep	31-Jul	05-Sep
Tree Pipit	25-Apr	19-Sep	20-Apr	12-Sep	08-Apr	19-Sep	04-Sep	07-Oct	31-Mar	24-Oct	10-May	12-Oct
Yellow Wagtail	18-Apr	20-Sep	25-Apr	13-Sep	17-Apr	19-Sep	13-Apr	14-Oct	16-Apr		14-Apr	27-Sep
Water Pipit					18-Mar							
Wood Lark			16-Dec		01-Oct	09-Oct	11-Oct	23-Oct	19-Mar		27-Sep	-
Brambling			09-Oct	19-Dec	07-Nov	28-Nov	09-Oct	11-Dec	10-Oct	25-Jan	13-Oct	27-Oct
Siskin	10-Oct	27-Mar	13-Oct	13-Feb	11-Sep	06-Mar	24-Oct		13-Sep		20-Oct	02-Apr
Lesser Redpoll	11-Oct	08-Apr			15-Sep	18-Mar	08-Nov	13-Apr			20-Oct	02-Apr
Common Crossbill	09-Aug		01-Jan		19-Oct	20-Oct	02-Aug	23-Aug	17-Jul			
Lapland Bunting			09-Oct								13-Oct	14-Oct
Yellowhammer	13-Sep		27-Mar		30-Jan	07-Nov	24-Mar	18-Oct	02-Jan		26-Feb	27-Nov
Shelduck	17-May		10-Apr	11-Jul	21-Mar	22-Jun	22-Mar	11-May	14-Mar	21-Jun	28-Feb	02-Oct
Garganey	25-Apr	06-Sep										
Wigeon			25-Sep		09-Oct	03-Dec	01-Sep	06-Mar	17-Jan		04-Sep	05-Jan
Short-eared Owl			13-Sep				06-Oct		01-Feb	04-May	22-Sep	20-Oct
Wryneck			16-Sep	24-Sep			25-Aug		03-Sep	09-Sep		
Stone Curlew					5-6-Apr				24-Mar			



Jonathan Lethbridge

2014 Sightings: January

1st

Wanstead Flats: 39 Linnet, 10 Lesser Redpoll, Mealy Redpoll, 3 Reed Bunting, Snipe, 50+ Redwing, 20+ Fieldfare, 13 Skylark, Meadow Pipit, Sparrowhawk, Little Owl, Nuthatch, 2 Goldcrest, 40 Gadwall, 10+ Shoveler, 10+ Tufted Duck, Egyptian Goose (Wanstead Birders)

Wanstead Park: Woodcock, 357 Gadwall, 50+ Pochard, 10+ Shoveler, 4 Teal, 80+ Tufted Duck, 2 Great Crested Grebe, Little Grebe, 6 Siskin, 7 Lesser Redpoll, Reed Bunting, 2-3 Sparrowhawk, Goldcrest, 200+ Redwing, Kingfisher (Wanstead Birders)

2nd

Wanstead Park: Treecreeper, Firecrest (Bush Wood) (Jono Lethbridge)

Snaresbrook/Leyton Flats: 4 Lesser Redpoll, Kingfisher, 3 Great Crested Grebe, 2 Goldcrest, 40 Redwing, Song Thrush, Meadow Pipit, 72 Tufted Duck, Stock Dove, 250+ Woodpigeon (Stuart Fisher)

3rd

Wanstead Flats: west of Centre Rd - 35 Linnet, 14 Lesser Redpoll, 4 Reed Bunting, 10 Skylark, Kestrel, 60+ Redwing, 10+ Fieldfare, 3 Pied Wagtail, 3 Meadow Pipit (Nick Croft/Dan Hennessey/Steve Thorpe)

Wanstead Park: 2 Treecreeper, Nuthatch, Coal Tit, 2 singing Stock Dove, Sparrowhawk, 100+ Redwing, Goldcrest (Nick Croft)

4th

Wanstead Flats: 8 Skylarks, 45 Linnet (east of Centre Rd) (Tim Harris)

Wanstead Park: Firecrest, 2 Treecreeper, 100+ Redwing, Sparrowhawk (Bush Wood) (Tim Harris)

5th

Wanstead Flats: probable Mealy Redpoll and 17 Lesser Redpoll, 40+ Linnet, Little Owl, Kestrel (Dan Hennessey, Richard Rae, Bob Vaughan, Tim Harris)

Wanstead Park: m Wigeon, 2 Nuthatch, Treecreeper, many Redwing (Wanstead Collective)

6th

Wanstead Flats: 40+ Linnet, 14 Lesser Redpoll, 2 Skylark, Snipe, Great Black-backed Gull, 10+ Redwing, Fieldfare, 50+ Gadwall, 13 Shoveler, 4 Pochard (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: 150+ Gadwall, Little Grebe, Goldcrest, 20+ Redwing (Nick Croft)

7th

Wanstead Flats: extremely knackered Kittiwake in with gull roost west of Alex (NC/BV/SF), 500+ Common Gull, Great Black-backed Gull, 300+ Black-headed Gull, 10+ Lesser Black-backed Gull, 10+ Herring Gull, 30+ Linnet, 20+ Lesser Redpoll, 2 Skylark, Meadow Pipit, 3 Pied Wagtail, 10 Redwing (Nick Croft/Bob Vaughan/Stuart Fisher).

Wanstead Park: Mealy Redpoll type with 6 Lesser Redpoll (east of Shoulder of Mutton in Birches) (Bob Vaughan).

8th

Wanstead Flats: c850 gulls incl c550 Common Gulls and c250 Black-headed Gulls, also 2 Great Black-backed Gulls but no sign of Kittiwake to 8:45, Chiffchaff, Snipe (Tim Harris, Josh Selfe); 30+ Linnet, 25 Lesser Redpoll, 5 Reed Bunting, 10+ Fieldfare, 30+ Redwing, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk, 41 Gadwall, 9 Shoveler, f Pochard, 10+ Tufted Duck, 5 Skylark, 6-12 Meadow Pipit, 2 Pied Wagtail, Chiffchaff (2nd bird), 150 Common Gull on western flats (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: Firecrest Warren Wd, Kingfisher (Christian Morris)

9th

Wanstead Flats: 20+ Gadwall, 5 Shoveler, 2 Egyptian Goose, 6 Skylark, Meadow Pipit, Little Owl, Redwing, c1000 gulls in roosts (Nick Croft/Tim Harris)

Wanstead Park: c150 Gadwall, 40 Pochard, 40+ Tufted Duck, 26 Mute Swan, Little Egret, 13 Lesser Redpoll, Sparrowhawk, Little Grebe, Goldcrest, Redwing (Nick Croft); Grey Wagtail (Louis & Gosia)

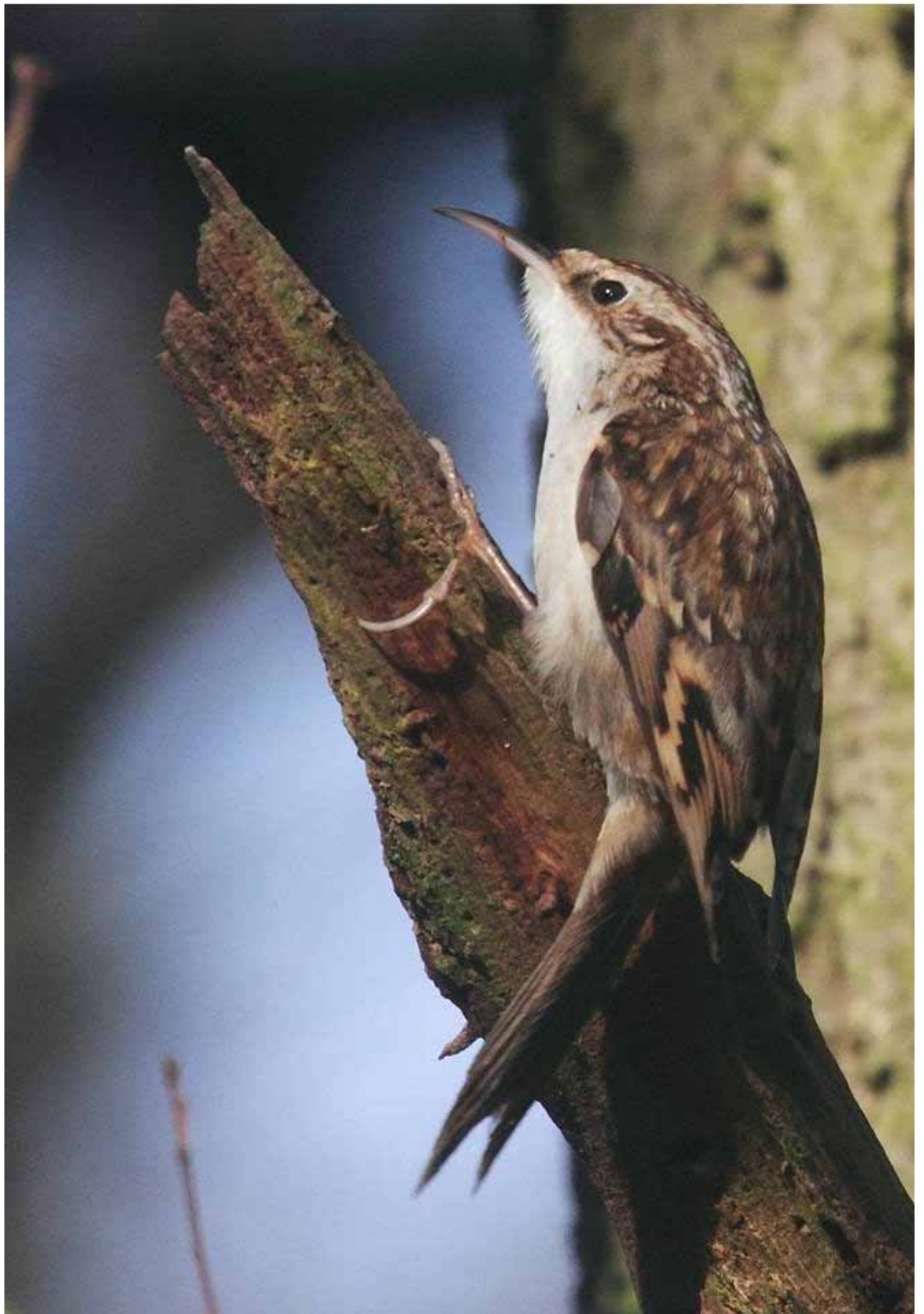
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Wanstead Flats: Little Owl, Snipe, 20+ Fieldfare, 10+ Redwing, 24 Linnet, 4 Lesser Redpoll, 5 Skylark, 4 Meadow Pipit, Sparrowhawk (Nick Croft/Steve Thorpe/John Whele)

Wanstead Park: Bush Wood - 2 Nuthatch inspecting old woodpecker holes, Treecreeper, Coal Tit, Goldcrest, Sparrowhawk, Redwing, Fieldfare (Tim Harris/Bob Vaughan/NickCroft); m Bullfinch Old Sewage Works (Bob Vaughan)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: Firecrest along west boundary of court with Long-tailed Tit flock, m Blackcap on Leyton Flats, Chiffchaff, 2 Goldcrest, Lesser Redpoll over, Grey Wagtail, 10 Ring-necked Parakeet, 4 Stock Dove, 105 Tufted Duck, 7 Gadwall, 5 Shoveler, Kingfisher (Stuart Fisher)





2014 Sightings: January

11th

Wanstead Flats: 8 Skylark, Grey Wagtail, 30 Linnets (Wanstead Birders)

Wanstead Park: 2 Siskin, 10+ Lesser Redpoll, 2 Bullfinch, Kingfisher (Tony Brown); Bush Wood - 5 Goldcrest (2 singing birds), Treecreeper, 3 Nuthatches, Coal Tit (Wanstead Birders, Louis & Gosia)

12th

Wanstead Flats: early doors 6 Redwing, Skylark (NC), 2 Great Black-backed Gull, 30 Linnet, 15 Skylark, 2 Pied Wagtail (Dan Hennessy).

Wanstead Park: singing Goldcrest and Coal Tit Wanstead Golf Club House (NC), 3 Bullfinch (DH), 2 Little Grebe (BV), Grey Wagtail, 2m Teal (NC) (Nick Croft/Dan Hennessy/Bob Vaughan).

13th

Wanstead Flats: 20+ Linnet, 8+ Lesser Redpoll, 2 Reed Bunting, singing Song Thrush and Mistle Thrush, Redwing, 10 Skylark, Meadow Pipit, Pied Wagtail (Nick Croft/Josh Selfe)

Wanstead Park: 2m Bullfinch (ad & 1st-w), Grey Wagtail, 8+ Goldcrest, Redwing, Sparrowhawk, 50+ Gadwall, 3 Shoveler, 20+ Pochard, Kingfisher (Nick Croft/Josh Selfe).

Snaresbrook/Leyton Flats: 2 Nuthatch (Gilberts Slade), Lesser Redpoll, 2+ singing Song Thrush, singing Mistle Thrush, 6 Ring-necked Parakeets on court building, Pied Wagtail, 2-3 Goldcrest, 2 Redwing, 7 Shoveler, 2 Gadwall, Kingfisher, 4 Egyptian Geese, 4 Grey Heron (Stuart Fisher)

14th

Wanstead Flats: 50 Linnet, 20 Lesser Redpoll, 6 Fieldfare, 4 Redwing, 8 Skylark, 2 Egyptian Goose, 11 Tufted Duck, 3 Shoveler (Jubilee), Sparrowhawk (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: 10 Gadwall, Shoveler, Pied Wagtail (Shoulder of Mutton), 2 Nuthatch, 2 Treecreeper, Coal Tit, 6+ Stock Dove, 20+ Redwing (Nick Croft)

15th

Wanstead Flats: 40+ Redwing, 5 Fieldfare, 10+ Song Thrush, 40+ Blackbird, singing Mistle Thrush, 5 Meadow Pipit, 8 Skylark, 40 Linnet, 7 Lesser Redpoll, 6 Shoveler, 44 Gadwall, 2 Teal, 4 Pochard, Little Grebe, 5 Stock Dove, Kestrel, possible heard only Green Sandpiper (Nick Croft); Chaffinch (Jono Lethbridge).

Wanstead Park: Old Sewage Works - 11 singing Song Thrush, 15 Redwing, 12 Goldfinch, displaying Stock Dove (and also possible Green Sandpiper heard, hmmm!) (Tim Harris).

16th

Wanstead Flats: Snipe, 8 Lesser Redpoll, 20+ Linnet, Reed Bunting, Teal, Egyptian Goose, 35 Gadwall, 5 Shoveler, Kestrel, 27 Redwing, 5 Fieldfare, 2 Meadow Pipit, 2 Pied Wagtail, 3 Skylark incl one singing (Nick Croft)

17th

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: 2 Egyptian Geese, 82 Tufted Duck, 5 Gadwall, 5 Shoveler, 2 Mistle Thrush pr, 3 Redwing, Grey Wagtail, 2 Pied Wagtail, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, 2 Goldcrest, Sparrowhawk (Stuart Fisher)

18th

Wanstead Flats: 49 Linnet, 9 Skylark, 20 Fieldfare, Little Owl (Tim Harris/Richard Rae)

Wanstead Park: Bush Wood - Nuthatch (Tim Harris)

19th

Wanstead Flats: WeBS highlights - 6 Mute Swan, 38 Greylag Geese, 42 Gadwall, 2 Teal, Shoveler, 4 Pochard, 8 Tufted Duck, 23 Moorhen, 67 Coot, 333 Black-headed Gull, 825 Common Gull, 3 Lesser Black-backed Gull (Tim Harris)

Wanstead Park: WeBS highlights - 23 Mute Swan, 211 Gadwall, 77 Mallard, 19 Shoveler, 20 Pochard, 69 Tufted Duck, 6 Little Grebe, Great Crested Grebe, 39 Moorhen, 105 Coot, 94 Black-headed Gull, Kingfisher (WREN group)

20th

Wanstead Flats: m Blackcap, 21 Lesser Redpoll, 40+ Linnet, 10+ Goldfinch, m Reed Bunting, 10+ Fieldfare, 10+ Redwing incl some singers, 40+ Blackbird, singing Song Thrush and Mistle Thrush, 12 Skylark, 5 Meadow Pipit, Pied Wagtail, 30 Tufted Duck, 2f Pochard, 5 Shoveler, 29 Gadwall, Egyptian Goose, 38 Greylag Goose, Little Grebe (Nick Croft)

21st

Wanstead Flats: 20+ Redwing, 20+ Fieldfare, 30+ Linnet, Reed Bunting, 9 Skylark, 4 Meadow Pipit (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: 3 Nuthatch, singing Coal Tit, 4 Goldcrest (2 singing), large numbers of Redwing, 2 Shoveler over, 19 Gadwall, Tufted Duck (Shoulder of Mutton) (Nick Croft)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: 2 Firecrest incl m in laurel hedge in court grounds then on western perimeter early am, Treecreeper and Nuthatch (Gilberts Slade), 10 Gadwall, 3 Shoveler, 2 Goldcrest, Grey Wagtail, 2 Stock Dove (Stuart Fisher)

22nd

Wanstead Flats: 37 Linnet, 13 Fieldfare, 3 Redwing, 10+ Song Thrush, 4 Mistle Thrush, 3 Meadow Pipit, 3 Skylark, 33 Gadwall, Kestrel, Goldcrest, Little Grebe (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: Water Rail, 20+ Lesser Redpoll (some really pale birds amongst them), 5 Siskin, 31 Gadwall, 12 Pochard, c50 Tufted Duck, Shoveler, 10+ Redwing (Nick Croft)

Snaresbrook/Leyton Flats: Water Rail in SW cnr of Eagle Pond at dawn, Lesser Redpoll, Grey Wagtail, 10+ Redwing, Nuthatch (Gilberts Slade), 6 Stock Dove, 18 Ring-necked Parakeet, 15 Gadwall (Stuart Fisher)



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23rd

Wanstead Flats: 2 Stock Dove pr, 8 Skylark, 4 Meadow Pipit, Pied Wagtail, 40 Linnet, 3 Lesser Redpoll, 6 Fieldfare, 6 singing Song Thrush (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: 9 Gadwall, singing Coal Tit, lots of Redwing, 4 Stock Dove (Nick Croft)

24th

Wanstead Flats: 45+ Fieldfare, 40 Linnet, Bullfinch, 6 Skylark, Meadow Pipit, 2 Goldcrest, 22 Gadwall, 5 Shoveler, f Pochard, Snipe, 2 Stock Dove pr (Josh Selfe/Nick Croft).

Wanstead Park: 1-2 Firecrest and 2 Goldcrest (Bush Wood - Josh Selfe); Little Egret, Little Grebe, Kingfisher, 70+ Redwing, 2 Teal, Shoveler, 25 Gadwall, 17 Pochard, Water Rail (Nick Croft/JS).

Snaresbrook/Leyton Flats: 1-2 Firecrest, 10+ Redwing, Grey Wagtail, 15 Gadwall, 6 Shoveler, f Sparrowhawk (watched it kill a feral pigeon by drowning it in a puddle), Stock Dove, 2 Great Crested Grebe (Stuart Fisher).

25th

Wanstead Flats: 7 Skylark, Meadow Pipit, 4+ Redwing, 14 Fieldfare, Chiffchaff, 45 Linnet, 4 Reed Bunting (Tim Harris, Dan Hennessey)

Wanstead Park: Water Rail (SoM), f Bullfinch (OSW) (Tim Harris, Dan Hennessey, Bob Vaughan)

27th

Wanstead Flats: 30+ Linnet, 8 Skylark, Meadow Pipit, 8 Tufted Duck, m Pochard, m Shoveler (Jub), Redwing, Fieldfare, 2 Kestrel (Nick Croft/Josh Selfe)

Wanstead Park: 10 Gadwall (SoM), 2 Nuthatch, Treecreeper, Goldcrest, Coal Tit, 10+ Redwing (Nick Croft/Josh Selfe)

28th

Wanstead Flats: 3 Skylark (one doing display flight song), Meadow Pipit, 3 Redwing, 2 Fieldfare (Nick Croft).

Wanstead Park: Nuthatch, singing Coal Tit, Goldcrest, 4 Stock Dove, 10+ Redwing, Grey Wagtail (Bush Wood), Siskin, 10 Gadwall, 16 Pochard, Shoveler, Grey Wagtail, Coal Tit (Nick Croft/Bob Vaughan).

Leytonstone E11 (St Anne's Rd): Blackcap m on suet feeder & cotoneaster (G Sutton).

30th

Wanstead Flats: 47 Linnet, 5 Lesser Redpoll, 8 Skylark, 4-6 Meadow Pipit, 3 Pied Wagtail, 9 Shoveler, 27 Gadwall, 15+ Redwing, Fieldfare, 4 Mistle Thrush (Nick Croft).

Wanstead Park: Water Rail, 2 Teal (Bob Vaughan); 10 Gadwall, 3 Shoveler, 10+ Pochard, Little Grebe, Goldcrest (Nick Croft).

31st

Wanstead Flats: 50 Linnet, Lesser Redpoll, 20+ Redwing, 5+ Fieldfare, 2 Mistle Thrush, 12 Skylark, 3 Meadow Pipit, 3 Pied Wagtail (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: 2 Nuthatch, calling Treecreeper, 10+ Stock Dove, Goldcrest, Coal Tit, Sparrowhawk, 20+ Redwing, Lesser Redpoll (Nick Croft)



2014 Sightings: February

1st

Wanstead Flats: 40 Linnet, 10+ Skylark (incl song-fighting bird), Kestrel, 2 Sparrowhawk, 4 Meadow Pipit, 4 Pied Wagtail, Common Snipe, Fieldfare, 6 Redwing, 10 Gadwall, 7 Shoveler - many gulls (mostly Common & Black-headed) (Nick Croft).

3rd

Wanstead Flats: 54 Linnet, 2+ Lesser Redpoll, Reed Bunting, singing Chaffinch, 20 Fieldfare, 2 Redwing, 600+ Common Gull, 400+ Black-headed Gull, 13+ Skylark, 4 Meadow Pipit, 4 Pied Wagtail, Sparrowhawk, 10 Gadwall, 7 Shoveler, 3 Stock Dove (Nick Croft)

4th

Wanstead Flats: Skylark, 2 Meadow Pipit, 10+ Redwing, 7 Shoveler, 6 Gadwall, Sparrowhawk (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: Kingfisher, Little Grebe, 16 Pochard, 5 Shoveler, 25 Gadwall, 26 Mute Swan, Redpoll sp, 25+ Redwing (Nick Croft)

5th

Wanstead Flats: 45 Linnet, 5 Skylark, Little Owl (Josh Selfe)

Wanstead Park: Bullfinch, Chiffchaff, 15+ Redwing chased by Sparrowhawk (Josh Selfe)

6th

Wanstead Flats: 7 Skylark 2 singing, 20+ Linnet, 5 Meadow Pipit, Kestrel, 2 Pochard, 14 Mute Swan (Jub) (Nick Croft).

Wanstead Park: Water Rail, 10 Gadwall, 6 Tufted Duck (Shoulder of Mutton), Redwing, 4 Stock Dove (Nick Croft).

8th

Wanstead Flats: 35 Linnet, 4 Skylark, 6 Redwing, 50+ Jackdaw, Great Black-backed Gull, 20+ Lesser Black-backed Gull, 1000+ Common Gull, 800+ Black-headed Gull, 20+ Herring Gull, 9 Gadwall, 8 Shoveler (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: Great Crested Grebe back on Heronry, Little Grebe on flooded Roding, 100+ Gadwall, 9 Pochard, 6 Shoveler, Sparrowhawk, 250+ Jackdaw in pre-roost on Wanstead golf course, 2 Goldcrest (Nick Croft).

11th

Wanstead Flats: 10 Fieldfare, 2 Redwing, Meadow Pipit, 3 Pied Wagtail, 5 Skylark, 15+ Linnet, 11 Tufted Duck (jub), 4 Shoveler on floods, Great Black-backed Gull (Nick Croft).

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: Firecrest in hollies along west boundary of Court at 10:15, Lesser Redpoll over, Grey Wagtail, 8 Shoveler, 3 Redwing (Stuart Fisher).

12th

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: 13 Shoveler, 3 Gadwall, Kingfisher, f Sparrowhawk, singing Nuthatch (Gilberts Slade), Redwing, 87 Tufted Duck, Egyptian Goose, 5+ Ring-necked Parakeet, Grey Wagtail, 7 Goldfinch (Stuart Fisher)

13th

Wanstead Flats: un-ringed ad Mediterranean Gull, 4-5 Skylark, 6 Shoveler, 2f Pochard, m Teal, 10 Tufted Duck, Meadow Pipit, 2 Redwing (Nick Croft).

Wanstead Park: 3 Little Grebe, Great Crested Grebe, 4 Gadwall, 2 Pochard, 30+ Tufted Duck, 2 Shoveler, 7+ Siskin, 2+ Lesser Redpoll, Kingfisher, displaying Stock Dove, Redwing (Nick Croft).

14th

Wanstead Flats: ad Mediterranean Gull still (Dan Hennessy)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: 2 Firecrest left roost in laurel hedge in court side early am, singing Goldcrest, 220+ Jackdaw in Epping Forest roost, Sparrowhawk by Snaresbrook tube stn (Stuart Fisher)

15th

Wanstead Flats: ad Mediterranean Gull still (Tony Brown)

19th

Wanstead Flats: 2 ad Mediterranean Gull (5 birds now this winter) (DH), 8+ Skylark (3 display song flights), 5 Meadow Pipit, 15+ Linnet, 6 Fieldfare, 10+ Redwing, Kestrel, 13 Shoveler, trilling Little Grebe on Alex (Dan Hennessy/Nick Croft).

Wanstead Park: report of Pheasant by stables (first record for 2 yrs), Great Crested Grebe, 2 Little Grebe, 2-3 Pochard, 2 Shoveler, Kingfisher, Grey Wagtail, Lesser Redpoll, flock of 10+ Goldfinch, 10+ Redwing (Dan Hennessy/Nick Croft).

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: Firecrest (Stuart Fisher)



2014 Sightings: February

20th

Wanstead Flats: 9 Linnet, 3 Lesser Redpoll, m Reed Bunting, 5 singing Skylark, 6 Meadow Pipit, Redwing, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk, Common Snipe (Nick Croft/Tim Harris).

21st

Wanstead Flats: ad Mediterranean Gull still, 1000+ Black-headed Gull, 1000+ Common Gull, 15 Shoveler, 2 Gadwall, 15 Tufted Duck, 2 Little Grebe, 14+ Mute Swan, 4 Linnet, Reed Bunting, 2 Redwing (Dan Hennessy/Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: 20+ Goldfinch, Lesser Redpoll, Kingfisher, Great Crested Grebe, 2 Little Grebe, 2 Gadwall pr, 5 Shoveler, f Pochard (Nick Croft/Dan Hennessy)

22nd

Wanstead Flats: 18 Linnet, 6 Skylark, 2 Meadow Pipit, Pied Wagtail, 2 Stock Dove pr, Kestrel (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: Treecreeper, Redwing (Nick Croft)

23rd

Wanstead Flats: Lesser Redpoll, Reed Bunting, Kestrel, Green Woodpecker, Skylark all SSSI area (Quentin Given)

24th

Wanstead Flats: 5 Meadow Pipit, 4 Pied Wagtail, 4 Skylark, 5 Linnet, 4 Lesser Redpoll, f Reed Bunting, 3 Redwing, Kestrel, 2-3 Sparrowhawk, 17 Shoveler, 26 Tufted Duck, 4 Gadwall, 4 Little Grebe (Nick Croft)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: Rook S, 2 singing Nuthatch (one on Leyton Flats), singing Grey Wagtail, 2 Egyptian Geese, 53 Tufted Duck, 7 Shoveler, 2 Goldcrest pr, Coal Tit, Sparrowhawk, Redwing, 4 drumming Great Spotted Woodpecker, Kingfisher (Stuart Fisher)

25th

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: singing m Firecrest on Court boundary, Common Buzzard, 12 Shoveler, Sparrowhawk, Kingfisher, 2 Goldcrest, Nuthatch, Coal Tit (Stuart Fisher)

26th

Wanstead Flats: 6 Skylark on territory, 4-6 Meadow Pipit, 2 Pied Wagtail, 6-8 Linnet (1 singing), Lesser Redpoll, 3 Reed Bunting (1 singing), Sparrowhawk, 5 Redwing, 2 Stock Dove pr, Shoveler, Little Grebe (Nick Croft/Tim Harris)

Wanstead Park: Yellowhammer N, Bullfinch, 2 Great Crested Grebe, 4 Little Grebe, 4 Gadwall, Little Egret, Sparrowhawk, Chiffchaff singing, Goldcrest (Nick Croft/Josh Selfe)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: singing m Firecrest on Leyton Flats, Nuthatch, Grey Wagtail, Great Crested Grebe, 16 Shoveler on Eagle Pond, 2+ Stock Dove, Kingfisher, 3 Gadwall (Stuart Fisher)

27th

Wanstead Flats: 7 Shoveler, 16 Tufted Duck, 3 Little Grebe, 6 Redwing, 2 Mistle Thrush pr, 10+ Linnet, f Reed Bunting, Meadow Pipit, 2 Pied Wagtail, 6 Skylark, 2 Stock Dove pr (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: Siskin, Lesser Redpoll, 70+ Redwing, Great Crested Grebe, 3 Little Grebe, Little Egret, Goldcrest, 2 Gadwall, 2 Shoveler, f Pochard, 30+ Tufted Duck (Nick Croft)

Snaresbrook/Leyton Flats: singing Chiffchaff, 7 Shoveler, Kingfisher, Redwing (Stuart Fisher)

28th

Wanstead Flats: Red Kite (Paul Ferris), 2 Shelduck on Police Scrape (Julie Donovan)

Wanstead Park: Tawny Owl (Tim Harris)

Forest Gate Common Buzzard (Nick Croft)



2014 Sightings: March

1st

Wanstead Flats: 10 Skylark, 4 Meadow Pipit, 20 Linnets (Tim Harris, Kathy Hartnett)

2nd

Wanstead Flats: pr Peregrine Falcon, f Kestrel, 5 Linnets, Reed Bunting, 5+ Skylark, 3 Meadow Pipit, 2 Pied Wagtail, 4 Redwing, 8 Shoveler, m Teal, Little Grebe, 100+ Starling (on police scrape) (Nick Croft).

Wanstead Park: 2 Goldcrest, Grey Wagtail, 6 Gadwall, Shoveler, 20+ Tufted Duck, Kingfisher, Siskin, 2 Little Grebe, Great Crested Grebe, Sparrowhawk, Kestrel (Nick Croft).

3rd

Wanstead Flats: 10 Linnets, 6 Lesser Redpoll, 15 Goldfinch, 2 Reed Bunting, 8 Skylark, 6 Meadow Pipit, Pied Wagtail, 3 Sparrowhawk, 4 Stock Dove, 30 Tufted Duck, 4 Little Grebe, 3 Heron W (Nick Croft).

4th

Wanstead Flats: 13 Linnets, 4 Lesser Redpoll, 4-5 Reed Bunting, 8 Skylark, 3 Meadow Pipit, 2 Pied Wagtail, 5 Fieldfare, 4 Redwing, 2 Sparrowhawk, Kestrel, 20 Tufted Duck, Shoveler, 2 Egyptian Goose, 3 Little Grebe, 3 Blackcap (1 singing Belgrave Rd & pr off Capel Rd), 4 Stock Dove (Nick Croft/Bob Vaughan/Rose Stephens).

5th

Wanstead Flats: 10 Skylark, 5 Meadow Pipit (1 singing), 10 Linnets, 2 Lesser Redpoll, Reed Bunting, Fieldfare, 3 Redwing, 4 Shoveler, pr Stock Dove (Nick Croft/Tim Harris).

Wanstead Park: Common Buzzard, Sparrowhawk, 2+ Lesser Redpoll, Kingfisher, pr Common Pochard, 2 Little Grebe, Great Crested Grebe, 10+ Redwing, 6 Stock Dove (Nick Croft/Tim Harris).

6th

Wanstead Flats: Chiffchaff, 6 Fieldfare, 4 Redwing, 6 Skylark, 10 Linnets, Reed Bunting, 3 Meadow Pipit, 2 Egyptian Goose, Little Grebe, pr Sparrowhawk, Kestrel (Bob Vaughan/Nick Croft)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: singing m Firecrest, singing m Blackcap, singing Nuthatch nr Gilberts Slade, 2 Goldcrest, Grey Wagtail, 22 Redwing many in subsong, Siskin over, 8 Shoveler, 2 Pochard, 2 Egyptian Geese over, 5 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 3 Green Woodpecker, 5 Stock Dove - 0720-1000 (Stuart Fisher)



7th

Wanstead Flats: pr Pochard, 20+ Tufted Duck, Shoveler, 3 trilling Little Grebe, Linnets, 7 Skylark 3 singing & 4 others, 2 Meadow Pipit, Pied Wagtail, Stock Dove, Sparrowhawk, 5 Redwing (Nick Croft)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: m Firecrest, 30 Redwing, Nuthatch, 8 Shoveler (Stuart Fisher)

8th

Wanstead Flats: Curlew SSSI 0700 (h only), 2 Chiffchaffs, Reed Bunting, c6 Linnets and Pied Wagtail police scrape (Bob Vaughan)

9th

Wanstead Flats: Common Buzzard drifting N, c4 singing Chiffchaff, Skylark, Meadow Pipit; Brimstones (David Lindo, Geoff & Kim Gramlick)

10th

Wanstead Flats: 2 Rook patch tick (NC), 25+ Redwing, 2 Fieldfare, 5-6 singing Chiffchaff, c20 Chaffinch N, 9 Linnets, 6 singing Skylark, 10 Meadow Pipit 2 singing & 8 others, 25 Tufted Duck, 3 Shoveler, 3 Little Grebe, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk, c100 Woodpigeon N, 6 Stock Dove (Wanstead Birders)

11th

Wanstead Flats: 4-5 singing Chiffchaff, 11 Linnets, 5-6 Reed Bunting, 10+ Meadow Pipit, 7 Skylark, 25+ Redwing, 35 Tufted Duck, 6 Shoveler, pr Teal, 6 Little Grebe, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk (Nick Croft/Bob Vaughan)

Wanstead Park: 16 Lesser Redpoll (& 2-3 possible Mealy), 3 Little Egret, 3 Little Grebe, Great Crested Grebe, 6 Shoveler, Gadwall, Sparrowhawk, 30+ Redwing (Nick Croft/Bob Vaughan/Dan Hennessy)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: singing Grey Wagtail, 15+ Redwing, 6 Shoveler, 58 Tufted Duck, Kingfisher, Nuthatch, Stock Dove, 10 Ring-necked Parakeet, singing Goldcrest, Coal Tit (Stuart Fisher)

12th

Wanstead Flats: 4-5 Chiffchaff singing, 6 singing Skylark, 14 Meadow Pipit (4 singing), Pied Wagtail, 4 Reed Bunting, Linnets, 4 Little Grebe, 3 Shoveler, 20 Tufted Duck, 4 Redwing, Sparrowhawk (Nick Croft/Tim Harris)

Wanstead Park: 16 Lesser Redpoll behind tea hut (Dan Hennessy); singing Blackcap in Bush Wood (Tim Harris)

13th

Wanstead Flats: pr Teal, 30 Tufted Duck, 4 Shoveler, 4 Little Grebe, Lesser Redpoll, 2 Linnets, 6 Skylark, 7 Meadow Pipit, 3 singing Chiffchaff ('Foggy' Bob Vaughan/Nick 'misty' Croft)

Wanstead Park: 2 Kingfisher, 2 Pochard, Great Crested Grebe (Bob Vaughan)

14th

Wanstead Flats: 3 singing Chiffchaff, 3-4 singing Meadow Pipit, 5 singing Skylark, Linnets, Lesser Redpoll, 5 Reed Bunting, 5 Little Grebe incl the first on Angel pond, 3 Shoveler, Sparrowhawk (Nick Croft/Tim Harris)

Wanstead Park: 4 singing Chiffchaff, singing Blackcap, Lesser Redpoll, Little Egret, 3 Kingfisher, Water Rail, Redwing, Grey Wagtail (Nick Croft/Tim Harris)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: 1-2 singing m Blackcap, 3 singing Nuthatch (2 Epping Forest side & 1 Leyton Flats), pr Grey Wagtail, 5 Great Spotted Woodpecker, Kingfisher, 8 Shoveler, 10+ Redwing, 2 singing Chiffchaff, Lesser Redpoll over, 11 Ring-necked Parakeet (Stuart Fisher)

2014 Sightings: March

15th

Wanstead Flats: 2 Sand Martin W over Alexandra Lake first thing (Tony Brown), 6-7 singing Skylark, 11-12 Meadow Pipit (3-4 singing), 3 Pied Wagtail, 3 singing Chiffchaff, Linnet, Siskin, 4 Reed Bunting, 2 Sparrowhawk, Kestrel, Peregrine Falcon, 48 Redwing N, Shoveler, 3 Little Grebe (Wanstead Birders)

16th

Wanstead Flats: Common Buzzard, 2 Sparrowhawk, 4 singing Meadow Pipit, possibly 7 singing Skylark, Fieldfare, 3 Reed Bunting, 2 Linnet (Wanstead Birders)

Wanstead Park: 2 Little Egret and Kingfisher along Roding; 15 Jay together in very noisy group moving round park (Barbara Miller); Woodcock (Tim Harris)

18th

Wanstead Flats: 3 Fieldfare, 20 Redwing, 4 singing Chiffchaff, singing Blackcap, Linnet, 3 Pochard, 9 Shoveler, 10+ Meadow Pipit, Pied Wagtail, 8+ Skylark, Sparrowhawk (Wanstead Birders)

Wanstead Park: 8 singing Chiffchaff, singing Blackcap, 4 Gadwall, Great Crested Grebe, 2 Little Grebe, 2 Kingfisher, 2 Little Egret, Sparrowhawk, Redpoll sp, 10 Redwing (Nick Croft)

19th

Wanstead Flats: 20+ Meadow Pipit (17 migrant birds in SSSI), 4 Chiffchaff (3 singing & presumed f calling Long Wd), Kestrel, 4 Mistle Thrush & nothing approaching a Wheatear - evg (Nick Croft)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: 2 Siskin over, 12 Meadow Pipit over, 3 Grey Wagtail by Eagle Pond, 13 Shoveler, singing Nuthatch on Leyton Flats & in court, 2 Goldcrest, 4 singing Chiffchaff, 4 Redwing (Stuart Fisher)

20th

Wanstead Flats: 2m Northern Wheatear (Tim Harris/Jono Lethbridge/Bob Vaughan/Barry Bishop); still at 18:00 (Dan Hennessy/Nick Croft), 6 Meadow Pipit, 20+ Tufted Duck, 2 Shoveler, Little Grebe flying across brooms in twilight; bat sp (Nick Croft)

21st

Wanstead Flats: pr Northern Wheatear still on police scrape (Josh Selfe)

Wanstead Park: 2 Kingfisher R Roding, 2 Redwing (James Palmer)

22nd

Wanstead Flats: 2m Northern Wheatear on police scrape then W, 2 Redwing, 6 Skylark, 10 Meadow Pipit, 8 Chiffchaff, pr Blackcap, Linnet, Reed Bunting, 20+ Tufted Duck, 17 Shoveler, 3 Little Grebe, 2 Sparrowhawk, Kestrel (Wanstead Birders)

Wanstead Park: 4 Kingfisher, Little Egret, 12 Chiffchaff, 5 Blackcap, Goldcrest, Nuthatch, 30+ Tufted Duck, 3 Gadwall, 4 Shoveler, 6 Teal, Great Crested Grebe, Little Grebe, 5-6 Lesser Redpoll, probable Mealy Redpoll, 2 Redwing, Common Buzzard, Sparrowhawk (Nick Croft)

23rd

Wanstead Flats: 2 Common Buzzard, f Wheatear, 6 singing Chiffchaff, 3 Reed Bunting, 10 Meadow Pipit, Skylark, 7 Shoveler, m Pochard, 20+ Tufted Duck (Wanstead Birders)

24th

Wanstead Flats: 5 singing Chiffchaff, pr Blackcap, 3 Linnet, 4 Reed Bunting, 6 Meadow Pipit, 5 Skylark, 2 Sparrowhawk, 5 Little Grebe (incl 2 now on Angel - a bad move), Mistle Thrush collecting nesting material (Nick Croft/Bob Vaughan).

Wanstead Park: 8 Lesser Redpoll, 6 singing Blackcap, 8 singing Chiffchaff, Little Egret, Sparrowhawk (Nick Croft/Mike Messenger).

25th

Wanstead Flats: 9 Shoveler, 5 Little Grebe, 6 Chiffchaff (5 singing), singing Blackcap, Kestrel, 5 Meadow Pipit, Pied Wagtail, 5 Skylark, Reed Bunting (Nick Croft/Dan Hennessy).

Wanstead Park: Kingfisher, pr Teal (Bob Vaughan).

26th

Wanstead Flats: 2 Reed Bunting, 5 singing Chiffchaff, 7 Meadow Pipit, 5 Skylark, 2 Shoveler, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk, 2 Grey Heron (Wanstead Birders).

Wanstead Park: 2 Great Crested Grebe (Heronry) (Dan Hennessy).

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: 3 Nuthatch, 6 singing Chiffchaff, 4 singing Blackcap, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk, 18 Shoveler, pr Gadwall, 2 Meadow Pipit, 5+ Redwing over, 5-6 Great Spotted Woodpecker, Mistle Thrush, 2 Coal Tit, Goldcrest, c6 Stock Dove, Little Egret SE (Stuart Fisher)

27th

Wanstead Park: Coal Tit, pr Kestrel, pr Nuthatch in Bush Wood (Tim Harris); Little Egret, pr Egyptian Goose (Bob Vaughan)

28th

Wanstead Flats: 21 Shoveler, 4 Little Grebe, 6 Meadow Pipit, 5 Skylark, 3 Linnet, singing Stock Dove, 4-5 singing Blackcap, 6 Chiffchaff (4 singing) (Nick Croft)

29th

Wanstead Flats: 4 Chiffchaff, 2 Blackcap, 2 Reed Bunting, Linnet, 2 Redpoll sp, 5 Meadow Pipit, 6 Skylark (Wanstead Birders)

Wanstead Park: 26 singing Chiffchaff, 3 singing Blackcap, Little Egret (Dan Hennessy)

30th

Wanstead Flats: 2 Common Buzzard SE, 3-4 Sparrowhawk, 10 Linnet, Lesser Redpoll, 2 Reed Bunting, 6 Meadow Pipit, 7 Skylark, 6 Stock Dove, 10 Shoveler, 3 Little Grebe (Wanstead Birders)

Wanstead Park: drake Mandarin Duck (first for 2 yrs), 2 Great Crested Grebe, Little Grebe, Great Black-backed Gull, Kingfisher, 2 Common Buzzard E, Water Rail, 9 singing Blackcap, 10+ singing Chiffchaff (Wanstead Birders)

31st

Wanstead Flats: singing Yellowhammer then E, 3 Reed Bunting, f Wheatear, 4 Fieldfare, 17 Tufted Duck, 14 Shoveler, 4 Pochard, m Gadwall, 6 Little Grebe, Kestrel (Wanstead birders)



2014 Sightings: April

1st

Wanstead Flats: 27 Tufted Duck, 8 Shoveler, 2 Pochard, 9 Little Grebe, 4 Reed Bunting, 6 singing Chiffchaff, 5 singing Blackcap, 5 Meadow Pipit, Pied Wagtail, 5 Skylark, Kestrel (Nick Croft/Bob Vaughan)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: singing Willow Warbler nr Hollow Pond, 4 Blackcap, c6 Chiffchaff, 2 Nuthatch, Sparrowhawk, Kestrel, 12 Shoveler, 2 Meadow Pipit, 7 Chaffinch N, pr Grey Wagtail (Stuart Fisher)

2nd

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: Green Sandpiper SE at 06:50, Lesser Redpoll over calling, 5 Blackcap, 6+ Chiffchaff, 12 Shoveler, pr Stock Dove, Nuthatch, Coal Tit, Goldcrest (Stuart Fisher)

5th

Wanstead Flats: Willow Warbler, 2 Swallow, 6 Chiffchaff, 10 Blackcap, Little Egret, Peregrine Falcon, 2 Pochard (Tony Brown et al)

6th

Wanstead Flats: 2 Swallow, Little Egret, 2 Pochard, Willow Warbler, Peregrine Falcon, Kestrel, 3 Linnet, 2 Reed Bunting (Wanstead Birders)

Wanstead Park: 3 Swallow, Little Egret, 2 Teal, 6 Little Grebe, Linnet, 2 mating Nuthatch, Sparrowhawk (Wanstead Birders)

7th

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: 2 Willow Warbler (one present on court site all day), 6 Blackcap, 6 Chiffchaff, Nuthatch, pr Grey Wagtail, 6 Shoveler, no Black-headed Gulls now, Coal Tit, Goldcrest (Stuart Fisher)

8th

Wanstead Flats: Osprey NW at 08:15, 2 Swallow, Willow Warbler (Wanstead Birders)

9th

Wanstead Flats: m Common Redstart west of centre rd, Wheatear, 2 Willow Warbler, 5 Swallow, pr Linnet, Reed Bunting, f Kestrel (Wanstead Birders)

Wanstead Park: singing Lesser Whitethroat [Ldn yr-1st] earliest by a week in Old Sewage Works, 4 singing Willow Warbler, 4 Little Egret, Yellowhammer N, pr Linnet, pr Sparrowhawk, pr Great Crested Grebe (Nick Croft)

10th

Wanstead Flats: m Ring Ouzel, 2m Wheatear, singing Lesser Whitethroat, 6 Willow Warbler (Wansteadbirders)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: 2 Wheatear m&f 1pm on deck for a few seconds but scared off by numerous dog walkers, 2+ Willow Warbler, 7 Chiffchaff, 8 Blackcap, 2 Nuthatch (Epping Forest side), 4-5 Grey Heron over, Sparrowhawk, 4 Shoveler, 3 Black-headed Gull over, 2 Coal Tit, Goldcrest (Stuart Fisher)

11th

Wanstead Flats: House Martin, 5 Swallow, 3 Wheatear (Wansteadbirders)

Wanstead Park: 2 singing Lesser Whitethroat, Willow Warbler, 2 Little Egret (Wansteadbirders)

13th

Wanstead Flats: 12 Sand Martin, 3 Swallow, 3 singing Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Common Whitethroat, Willow Warbler, f Wheatear, m Pochard, pr Shoveler, 5 Linnet (Nick Croft/Bob Vaughan)

Wanstead Park: pr Shelduck on heronry, 2-4 Little Egret, f Bullfinch, Sparrowhawk, singing Lesser Whitethroat (Nick Croft)

14th

Wanstead Flats: Yellow Wagtail north, 5 Meadow Pipit, 3-4 singing Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Sand Martin, 2-3 Linnet, Reed Bunting (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: 2 singing Willow Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat, Little Egret, pr Great Crested Grebe, Little Grebe, Sparrowhawk (Nick Croft)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: pr Shelduck on Court lawn early am (presumably the pair from Wanstead), Swallow N, 13+ Blackcap, 6 Chiffchaff, Goldcrest, Coal Tit, f Shoveler on Eagle (Stuart Fisher)

15th

Wanstead Flats: pr Shelduck briefly on Alex (the pair that have been doing the rounds), 6-12 Sand Martin, 6 Swallow, 4-5 singing Lesser Whitethroat, Common Whitethroat, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk, 3-4 Linnet, Reed Bunting (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: pr Shelduck on Heronry, Pochard, 3-4 Little Egret, Sparrowhawk, Peregrine Falcon, possible Water Vole on the Roding (Bob Vaughan)



2014 Sightings: April

16th

Wanstead Flats: m Common Redstart, 4 singing Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Willow Warbler, Common Whitethroat, 3 Swallow, 2 Sand Martin, 2 Linnet, Sparrowhawk, pr Shelduck nw (Wanstead Birders)

Wanstead Park: Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Common Whitethroat, pr Great Crested Grebe, 4 Little Grebe, Sparrowhawk, 2 Bullfinch (Nick Croft)

17th

Wanstead Flats: 3 Wheatear, 4 Common Whitethroat, 3 Lesser Whitethroat, Willow Warbler, 2 Linnet, Swallow, House Martin back over nest site, lonely male Pochard (Wanstead Birders) 5 Sand Martin (Alex) (James Palmer)

Wanstead Park: Willow Warbler (Bush Wood), Kingfisher, 3 Common Whitethroat, 2 Lesser Whitethroat OSW (TimHarris/Bob Vaughan)

18th

Wanstead Flats: 2 Common Buzzard north, 2 Shelduck, Peregrine, Sparrowhawk, 40 Sand Martins north-east, 2 Swallows, 5 Lesser Whitethroat singing, 2 Common Whitethroat singing, 2 Linnet (Wanstead Birders)

Wanstead Park: 2 Lesser Whitethroat singing, 4 Common Whitethroat singing, 1 Willow Warbler (T Harris)

19th

Wanstead Flats: 8 singing Lesser Whitethroat divided between SSSI, Long Wood & Alex scrub; 2 Common Whitethroat; 1 Willow Warbler (Wanstead Birders)

20th

Wanstead Flats: 6 Swallow, 6+ Sand Martin, 6 singing Lesser Whitethroat, Common Whitethroat, 2 Kestrel, Sparrowhawk, pr Shoveler, 4 Little Grebe, probable Yellow Wagtail (Wanstead Birders)

Wanstead Park: pr Shelduck, pr Great Crested Grebe, Little Egret, 2 Lesser Whitethroat, 4 Common Whitethroat, Willow Warbler (Tim Harris/Nick Croft/Sally Hammond)

21st

Wanstead Flats: 2 Wheatear, Willow Warbler, 6 Lesser Whitethroat, 6 Common Whitethroat, Yellow Wagtail, 2 Kestrel, 35 Herring Gull, 4 Linnet, House Martin, 2 Sand Martin, 6 Swallow, Fieldfare (Wanstead Birders)

24th

Wanstead Flats: Common Sandpiper, 2 Willow Warbler, 8 Lesser Whitethroat, 20 Common Whitethroat, pr Wheatear, Yellow Wagtail (Nick Croft/Barry Bishop) Red Kite (Rose Stephens)

25th

Wanstead Flats: Whimbrel (first for 2 years), Shelduck, 12 Sand Martin, 6 Swallow, 3 Sparrowhawk (Nick Croft),

Wanstead Park: Red-Crested Pochard (Sally Hammond) 2 Egyptian Goose (Nick Croft)

26th

Wanstead Flats: Wheatear, Little Egret (Wanstead Birders)

Wanstead Park: 2-3 Hobby, 2 Swift, House Martin, Swallow, Sand Martin, Willow Warbler, 2 Lesser Whitethroat, 3 Little Egret, Pheasant (Nick Croft/Bob Vaughan)

27th

Wanstead Flats: 6-9 Shelduck (Marco Johnson/Bob Vaughan)

28th

Wanstead Flats: Garden Warbler, 7 Lesser Whitethroat, 20 + Common Whitethroat, 2 Wheatear, 2 Yellow Wagtail, Pied Wagtail, 2 singing Meadow Pipit, 4 Swallow, Sand Martin, 2 House Martin, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk, Little Grebe with young, 3 Linnet, 30 + sub adult Herring Gull and Lesser Black-backed on Jubilee (Nick Croft)

29th

Wanstead Flats: Garden Warbler, 4 Swallow, 3 House Martin, Buzzard, 2 Sparrowhawk, 2 Egyptian Goose (Nick Croft/Marco Johnson)

Wanstead Park: Yellow Wagtail n over basin (Dan Hennessy); Peregrine Falcon, 20 Common Whitethroat, 3 Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Little Egret, Kingfisher (Nick Croft)

30th

Wanstead Flats: Garden Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat, 20 + Common Whitethroat, 2 pr Pochard + 1 other male, sub-adult Great Black-backed Gull, 2 Swallow (Bob Vaughan/Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: 2 Little Egret, 3 Lesser Whitethroat (Nick Croft)



2014 Sightings: May



1st

Wanstead Flats: Garden Warbler (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: 2 Common Tern, Swift, Swallow, 3 Little Egret, 2 Lesser Whitethroat (Dan Hennessy/Bob Vaughan/Nick Croft)

2nd

Wanstead Flats: f Wheatear, Garden Warbler, 3 singing Lesser Whitethroat, Kestrel, 3 House Martin (Nick Croft/Dan Hennessy)

Wanstead Park: 6 Common Pochard (Dan Hennessy)

3rd

Wanstead Flats: 2 Yellow Wagtail, 5 Swift, 3 Swallow, 3 Sand Martin, Garden Warbler, 3 Egyptian Goose, Green Hairstreak (Dan Hennessy/Bob Vaughan/Jonathan Lethbridge)

4th

Wanstead Flats: 2 m Whinchat, Red Kite, 3 Common Buzzard, Hobby, 20 + Swift, 10 Swallow, 5 House Martin, 3 Sand Martin, 3 Linnet, Garden Warbler, 2 Lesser Whitethroat, possible Cuckoo heard briefly (Wanstead Birders/Gideon Knight)

Wanstead Park: Reed Warbler singing in gorse bush Heronry, 2 Lesser Whitethroat, Common Buzzard, Hobby, Peregrine Falcon, 2 Sparrowhawk, 2-3 Little Egret, 2 Swallow, House Martin (Paul Davis/Nick Croft)

5th

Wanstead Flats: Whinchat (male) still present 10.20 - 10.40. Also half a dozen Skylarks and Mistle Thrush (Alan Hobson). 2 Shelduck, Garden Warbler, pr of Linnet, 4 Sand Martin, 5 Swallow, House Martin, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk (Wanstead Birders)

Wanstead Park: Hobby (Dan Hennessy)

6th

Wanstead Flats: f Wheatear, Garden Warbler, 2 Lesser Whitethroat, pr Peregrine Falcon, Kestrel, 50 + Swift, 20 Swallow, 3 House Martin, m Pochard, Little Grebe with young (Nick Croft/Keith Rayment/Christian Moss) + 4 Green Hairstreak

Wanstead Park: Kingfisher, 2 Little Egret on the Roding (Christian Moss)

7th

Wanstead Flats: Hobby, 50 + Swift, 34 Swallow through, 2 House Martin through (plus 2 resident birds), 4 Sand Martin, Garden Warbler, 2 singing Lesser Whitethroat, Kestrel (Nick Croft) Common Sandpiper (Bob Vaughan)

Wanstead Park: Common Sandpiper (present yesterday - Steve Thorpe), 30 + Swift, House Martin, Little Egret, Bullfinch, Lesser Whitethroat (Nick Croft) Willow Warbler (Tim Harris)

8th

Wanstead Flats: Red Kite south, Garden Warbler, 2 singing Lesser Whitethroat, 3 Egyptian Goose, Pochard, 2 Swallow, 20 + Swift, Pied Wagtail, 50 + larids mainly Herring Gull and some Lesser Black-backed Gull (Nick Croft) m Wheatear, 2nd Red Kite, 50 swift and m Sparrowhawk Alex (dry Bob Vaughan)

Wanstead Park: 3 Little Egret, Hobby heard, Sparrowhawk, Lesser Whitethroat (Nick Croft) Common Sandpiper Heronry (dry Bob Vaughan)

9th

Wanstead Flats: 50 + Swift, 4 Swallow, House Martin, Garden Warbler, 2 singing Lesser Whitethroat, m Pochard, Kestrel, possible Yellow Wagtail (Nick Croft) Common Redstart (Dan Hennessy)

Wanstead Park: 2 Garden Warbler (OSW), Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Little Egret, m Pochard, 30 + Swift, Swallow (Nick Croft) Willow Warbler (Tim Harris)

Whipps Cross Roundabout: Red Kite bring mobbed a crow @ 08:30. (Susan Huckle)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: singing male Willow Warbler, 3 Whitethroat, 8+ Blackcap, 2 Stock Dove, 8+ Swift, 2 Little Egret east (Stuart Fisher)

10th

Wanstead Flats: Tree Pipit west over Long Wood, Hobby (Dan Hennessy); Wheatear, Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Garden Warbler, 100 Swift, passage of 15 Swallow and 15 House Martin (Tim Harris), Spotted Flycatcher (Jono Lethbridge)

11th

Wanstead Flats: 100+ Common Swift 12:00-14:00, female Whinchat, 3 Garden Warblers including 2 singing birds, singing Lesser Whitethroat, Hobby (Tim Harris, Dan Hennessey, Marco Johnson)

Wanstead Park: singing Willow Warbler Bush Wood (T Harris)

Leyton Flats/Eagle Pond: Little Owl (P Betts)

12th

Wanstead Flats: 2-3 Garden Warbler, 30+ House Martin through in one tight flock, 2 Swallow, 100+ Swift, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: Lesser Whitethroat, Garden Warbler, 30+ Swift, Little Egret (Nick Croft/Keith Rayment)

13th

Wanstead Flats: Cuckoo, Sedge Warbler, Garden Warbler, 2 Lesser Whitethroat, 100+ Swift, 5 Swallow, 7 House Martin, 3 Sand Martin, Yellow Wagtail, Sparrowhawk, Kestrel, Pochard, Linnet, 2 Shelduck over (Nick Croft et al)

2014 Sightings: May

14th

Wanstead Flats: Yellow Wagtail, male Wheatear, singing Reed Bunting (Dan Hennessy/Bob Vaughan). 14 Swallow, 5 House Martin, 30+ Swallow, f Wheatear, 2 Linnet, 2 singing Meadow Pipit (Nick Croft)

15th

Wanstead Flats: 2 singing Garden Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Shelduck, pr of Pochard, 30 + Swift, 2 Sand Martin, Swallow, 5 House Martin, Hobby, Black-headed Gull, 65 larids in the gull creche on Jubilee, f Reed Bunting (Nick Croft/Bob Vaughan)

Wanstead Park: Hobby, Sparrowhawk, 3 Swallow, 20 + Swift, 2 Little Egret, Garden Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat (Nick Croft)

16th

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: Red Kite N at 13:20, pr Pochard, 5 Tufted Duck, singing Willow Warbler, 2 Common Whitethroat, Coal Tit (family party) (Stuart Fisher)

17th

Wanstead Flats: 2 Garden Warbler, 2 Hobby (Tony Brown)

18th

Wanstead Flats: f Wheatear, possible f Whinchat, Garden Warbler; 8 Green Hairstreak butterflies (Bob Vaughan/Tim Harris)

19th

Wanstead Flats: Garden Warbler, 30 + Swift, Sand Martin, 4 House Martin, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk, 6 Skylark, 3 Meadow Pipit, Linnet (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: Hobby (Bush Wood) (Bob Vaughan)

20th

Wanstead Park: singing Reed Warbler (Dan Hennessy)

21st

Wanstead Flats: Garden Warbler, Swallow, 4 House Martin, 30 + Swift, 2 m Pochard, Egyptian Goose, Kestrel, Linnet (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: singing Reed Warbler, 2 Common Tern (Dan Hennessy), Great Crested Grebe with 2 chicks, second acro, probably Reed Warbler in Old Sewage Works, Kestrel, 50 + Swift, 6 House Martin (Nick Croft)

22nd

Wanstead Flats: 100+ Swift, 1 Swallow, 2 Sand Martin, 6 House Martin, Garden Warbler, Sparrowhawk (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: Reed Warbler still singing Shoulder of Mutton, 2 Little Egret, 2 Common Tern, 30+ Swift, House Martin, Swallow (Nick Croft)

23rd

Wanstead Flats: 2 singing Garden Warbler, several hundred Swift, Sand Martin, 2 Swallow, 6+ House Martin, m Kestrel, Little Egret (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: 2 Reed Warbler, pr Common Tern, 3m and 1f Pochard, 2 Little Egret, 50 + Swift, House Martin, Great Crested Grebe have stuck with 2 chicks (Dan Hennessy/Nick Croft)

24th

Wanstead Flats: Garden Warbler, 30 + Swift, 2 House Martin, 3 singing Skylark, Green Hairstreak and Small Copper (Tim Harris)

25th

Wanstead Flats: Singing Willow Warbler, Garden Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Swallow, 4 House Martin, 50 + Swift, Kestrel (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: Little Egret (Richard Rae), 2 Reed Warbler, 3m + 1f Pochard, 2 Common Tern, Grey Wagtail (Dan Hennessy), Red Kite, 1-

2 Hobby, 3-4 Sparrowhawk, Kestrel, 2 Sand Martin, House Martin, 50 + Swift, Great Crested Grebe has 3 chicks, Little Egret, Terns still at 19:00 (Nick Croft/Paul Davis)

26th

Wanstead Flats: Red Kite (Rose Stephens)

28th

Wanstead Flats: Linnet, 2 Black-headed Gull, Budgie (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: singing Reed Warbler, 11 House Martin, 2 m Pochard + 1 female, pr Shelduck east, 2 Common Tern, 3 fledged Common Whitethroat (Nick Croft/Dan Hennessy)

29th

Wanstead Flats: BLYTH'S REED WARBLER singing in brambles just west of Long Wood/Centre Road still 2.30pm at least but rarely if ever showing, please keep to footpaths (Nick Croft et al per JA) Still singing and calling to 1900 at least (Matt Palmer). 6 Egyptian Goose, singing Reed Bunting, singing Linnet, Lesser Whitethroat, Sparrowhawk, Cuckoo (Wanstead Birders)

30th

Wanstead Flats: singing Garden Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat carrying food, 4 Swallow (Wanstead Birders)



2014 Sightings: June



2nd

Wanstead Flats: 4 Egyptian Goose, 2 m Gadwall, f Pochard, singing Garden Warbler, singing Lesser Whitethroat, Grey Wagtail over, 6 House Martin, 30 + Swift (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: singing Reed Warbler + mate, m Pochard, Swallow through, Kingfisher, 2 Little Egret on Roding (Nick Croft)

4th

Wanstead Flats: 4m and 2 f Pochard, m Gadwall, 3 Egyptian Goose, singing Garden Warbler, singing Lesser Whitethroat, 6 House Martin, 40 + Swift, 2 Kestrel (Nick Croft)

5th

Wanstead Flats: Singing (2) Lesser Whitethroat and Garden Warbler, 6 House Martin, 30 + Swift, Kestrel, 6 Egyptian Goose (Nick Croft)

6th

Wanstead Flats: 3 Egyptian Goose, singing Garden Warbler, singing Lesser Whitethroat, Kestrel, 4 House Martin, 20 + Swift (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: singing Willow Warbler (Tim Harris), singing Reed Warbler, 2 Common Tern, 3 Little Egret, 6 House Martin, 10 + Swift (Nick Croft)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: Hobby hawking insects lunchtime, Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Common Whitethroat, 1 Willow Warbler, 6 Stock Dove, 3 Grey Wagtail, 5 Collared Dove, Goldcrest, Coal Tit (Stuart Fisher)

8th

Wanstead Park: singing Reed Warbler by the Roding (Tim Harris), pr Common Tern (Bob Vaughan)

9th

Wanstead Flats: 5 Lesser Whitethroat, singing Garden Warbler, 4 Egyptian Goose, 3 Pochard, m Gadwall, Kestrel, Linnet, 30 + Swift, 4 House Martin (Nick Croft)

10th

Wanstead Flats: singing Garden Warbler, singing Lesser Whitethroat, Kestrel, 6 House Martin, 30 + Swift, Pochard, m Gadwall, juv Pied Wagtail (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: singing Reed Warbler, pr Common Tern carrying food north, 5 Great Crested Grebe (3 chicks), 2 Little Egret, 5 Grey Heron (3 juv) (Nick Croft)

11th

Wanstead Flats: singing Garden Warbler and a pair making alarm calls in Motorcycle Wood, Lesser Whitethroat singing, 4 Egyptian Goose, pr Pochard, Kestrel, 30 + Swift, 6 House Martin, Kestrel, 2 Little Grebe chicks (Nick Croft).

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: 2 Common Tern on Eagle, then later perched on buoys on Hollow Pond (Stuart Fisher).



12th

Wanstead Flats: singing Garden Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat, Kestrel, 5 Stock Dove, 50 + Swift, 6 House Martin (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: possibly 2 singing Reed Warbler (Shoulder of Mutton), flycatching bald juvvy Blackcaps, Little Egret, Kestrel, 40 + Swift, 4 House Martin (Nick Croft)

13th

Wanstead Flats: Siskin over, Reed Warbler Cat & Dog and then later singing east end of Long Wood (presumably the same bird), 4 Lesser Whitethroat, singing Garden Warbler, Grey Wagtail, 2 singing Meadow Pipit, 30 + Swift, 5 House Martin, singing Stock Dove + 4 others, f Pochard, 2 Egyptian Goose, Kestrel (Nick Croft)

15th

Wanstead Flats: 2 Garden Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat carrying food, 5 Swift, 4 House Martin, Little Egret (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: Kingfisher, Reed Warbler, Common Tern, 4 Grey Wagtail (Nick Croft)

16th

Wanstead Flats: Garden Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat, 20 Swift, 3 House Martin, 1-2 Kestrel, Little Grebe chick on Angel (first for many years, first time there has been appreciable water in the pond during the summer for many years) (Nick Croft)



2014 Sightings: June

17th

Wanstead Flats: singing Garden Warbler, 3 House Martin, 10 Swift, 2 singing Meadow Pipit, 5 Skylark, Kestrel (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: 3 House Martin, Reed Warbler, Swift, Common Tern, Little Grebe (Nick Croft); Wanstead Park p.m: 2 Kingfisher, Grey Wagtail, Peregrine on pylon plus Grass snake sunning itself by river (Jean-Patrick Elmes).

18th

Wanstead Flats: 2 Garden Warbler, 1st summer Common Gull (first returning bird of the Autumn), Egyptian Goose, 2 m Pochard, 5 singing Skylark, singing Meadow Pipit, Pied Wagtail, 10 + Swift, 2 House Martin (Nick Croft)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: family group of Willow Warbler, drake Pochard, Grey Wagtail, 3 Great Crested Grebe, Kestrel, 2 Grey Heron, 6 Tufted Duck, 1+ Coal Tit, Goldcrest (Stuart Fisher)

22nd

Wanstead Park: Hoopoe briefly in flight over Wanstead Cricket Club towards the basin, not seen subsequently (first for 38 years), Egyptian Goose with young (Basin), Common Tern (Jono Lethbridge); Reed Warbler carrying food, Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Common Tern, Grey Wagtail, 2-3 Little Egret, singing Goldcrest, Swallow north, 4-5 House Martin 50 + Swift, Grass Snake in Roding (Nick Croft)

23rd

Wanstead Flats: 4 Garden Warbler (adult with young SSSI), singing Willow Warbler, 4 House Martin, 20 + Swift, Egyptian Goose, m Pochard, juv Pied Wagtail, singing Meadow Pipit, Sparrowhawk, 6 Skylark (Nick Croft)

24th

Wanstead Flats: Turaco, singing Meadow Pipit, Grey Wagtail, 6 Skylark, Garden Warbler, 20 + Swift, 8 House Martin, Kestrel, Stock Dove (Nick Croft). 3.15pm 2 Peregrines high over Aldersbrook adjacent to the Flats (John Richardson)

Wanstead Park: singing Stock Dove, Reed Warbler, Grey Wagtail, 8 House Martin, 10 Swift, 4 Little Grebe (Nick Croft).

25th

Wanstead Flats: 3 Lesser Whitethroat (2 singing), singing Garden Warbler, singing Meadow Pipit, 3 singing Skylark, pr Pochard, 10 Little Grebe (5 new chicks), 10 Swift, House Martin (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: 2 Little Egret, Kestrel, Lesser Whitethroat, Common Tern, 5 Black-headed Gull, Grey Wagtail (Nick Croft)

26th

Wanstead Flats: Willow Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat, 4 Stock Dove, 9 House Martin, 20 Swift, Kestrel (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: Little Egret, 2 Reed Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat (Nick Croft)

29th

Wanstead Flats: Spotted Flycatcher (either really late or really early), 5 Lesser Whitethroat (2 singing), 3 Garden Warbler 1 singing), 10 + Swift, 6 + House Martin, singing Meadow Pipit, Pied Wagtail, 4 Skylark, 2-3 Kestrel (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: 2 Reed Warbler, Kingfisher, 3-4 Little Egret, 4 House Martin, 6 Swift, Common Tern, 14 Black-headed Gull (Nick Croft)

30th

Wanstead Flats: Buzzard sized raptor circling on flat wings heading high towards Leytonstone, so if anyone nails a Honey B...., singing Garden Warbler, singing Lesser Whitethroat (pus 2 young), 30 + Swift, 6 House Martin, Stock Dove (Nick Croft)



2014 Sightings: July

2nd

Wanstead Flats: 2 singing Lesser Whitethroat, singing Garden Warbler, Sand Martin, 6+ House Martin, 30+ Swift, 5 Black-headed Gull, 4 Lesser Black-backed Gull, Kestrel, 3 singing Skylark, 2 Stock Dove (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: 4 Little Egret at the west end of Heronry (Dan Hennessy) Hobby (Jono Lethbridge)

3rd

Wanstead Flats: 2 Kestrel, Sparrowhawk, 2 Lesser Whitethroat, singing Garden Warbler, 50+ Swift, 8+ House Martin, 4 Stock Dove, 3 singing Skylark, singing Meadow Pipit (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: Little Egret, adult and 3 Great Crested Grebe chicks, 3 adult Little Grebe, Swift, House Martin, Little Egret, Grey Wagtail (Nick Croft)

5th

Wanstead Flats: 3-4 Lesser Whitethroat, singing Garden Warbler, 12 House Martin, 40+ Swift, 2 Egyptian Goose, 6 Little Grebe (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: 2 Reed Warbler (Tony Brown), 2 Little Egret, Little Grebe with chick, Grey Wagtail, calling Goldcrest, 2 fledged Mistle Thrush (Nick Croft)

7th

Wanstead Flats: 2 Garden Warbler, 3 Lesser Whitethroat, Kestrel, f Pochard, 10+ House Martin, 30+ Swift (Nick Croft/Marco Johnson)

Wanstead Park: 2 Kingfisher, 3 Little Egret, Reed Warbler, House Martin, 10+ Swift, 13 Black-headed Gull, 4 Great Crested Grebe, Little Grebe, Grey Wagtail (Nick Croft/Marco Johnson)

8th

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: Treecreeper, Nuthatch, Little Egret west, 2 Great Crested Grebe (one with possible nest site on Eagle Pond), 7 Tufted Duck, 2 Black-headed Gull, Coal Tit, c5 Swift (Stuart Fisher)

9th

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: Common Tern on Hollow Pond, 3 Great Crested Grebe (1 juv Hollow Pond, pr, female on nest at Eagle (Stuart Fisher)

11th

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: Oystercatcher East at 10:10 (presumed to be same bird as one seen over Blackhorse Road at 6:10am), 2 Common Tern, Sand Martin, Whitethroat singing, 2 Green Woodpecker, 3 Black-headed Gulls (Stuart Fisher)

12th

Wanstead Flats: 5 Common Gull, 40+ kettling Black-headed Gull feeding on flying ants, 3 Skylark, 40+ Swift, 6 House Martin, Lesser Whitethroat (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: 3 Reed Warbler, 2 Little Egret, 3 Little Grebe, 4 Great-crested Grebe, 10+ Black-headed Gull (+ 1 juvenile), 2 Common Tern, f Shoveler, Kingfisher, 30+ Swift, House Martin (Nick Croft/Bob Vaughan/Jono Lethbridge)

15th

Wanstead Flats: 30+ Black-headed Gull, 6 Common Gull, Kestrel, 4-5 Lesser Whitethroat, Garden Warbler, 40+ Swift, 300+ Starling, House Martin, singing Meadow Pipit, Grey Wagtail, 30+ Greylag Goose, 3 Little Grebe chicks, 3 singing Skylark, singing Stock Dove; Purple Hairstreak (Nick Croft).

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: Treecreeper (heard), Common Tern, 4 Great crested Grebe (incl 2 juvs), Sparrowhawk, 6 Black-headed Gull, 2 Stock Dove, Coal Tit, Golderest, 12 Tufted Duck, 20 Mallard (Stuart Fisher)



2014 Sightings: July

16th

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: Treecreeper, Peregrine soaring over lunchtime (Stuart Fisher)

17th

Wanstead Park: Nuthatch calling in Bush Wood (Bob Vaughan).

22nd

Wanstead Flats: 2 Common Gull, 40 + Black-headed Gull, 6 House Martin, Swift, Skylark, Meadow Pipit, 4 Little Grebe (Nick Croft/Marco Johnson) Common Sandpiper (Gary Hewett)

Wanstead Park: 2 Reed Warbler, 4 Great Crested Grebe, 6 Little Grebe, f Pochard, Swift, House Martin, Sparrowhawk (Nick Croft/Marco Johnson)

23rd

Wanstead Flats: 2 Lesser Whitethroat, 7+ Chiffchaff, 5 Little Grebe, 2 Common Gull, 5 Skylark, 1-2 Meadow Pipit, 10 + Swift, 6+ House Martin (Nick Croft/Marco Johnson) Northern Wheatear, earliest return record (Gary Hewett)

Wanstead Park: Little Egret, 2 Grey Wagtail, Peregrine Falcon carrying food, Reed Warbler, 2 Common Tern, 4 Great Crested Grebe, 6 Little Grebe, Gadwall, Swift, House Martin (Nick Croft/Marco Johnson)

24th

Wanstead Flats: SSSI and Long Wood: 3 Lesser Whitethroat, 20+ Common Whitethroat, 15+ Chiffchaff, singing Willow Warbler, Yellow Wagtail over, 2 Meadow Pipit, 4 Skylark, Sparrowhawk with food, 5+ Swift, 6+ House Martin, 4 Stock Dove, family of 5 Mistle Thrush and a family of 6 Goldfinch (Nick Croft)

25th

Wanstead Flats: Long Wood/SSSI - 10+ Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler, 20+ Common Whitethroat, singing Meadow Pipit, 4 Skylark, Stock Dove, c.10 Swift, House Martin, Kestrel (Nick Croft).

28th

Wanstead Flats: Lesser Whitethroat (pub scrub), 10 + Chiffchaff, Goldcrest, 2 eclipse Gadwall, Great Black-backed Gull, Kestrel, 15 + House Martin, 2 Swallow east, 2 Swift, 400 + Starling, 3 Skylark (Nick Croft).

29th

Wanstead Flats (Long Wood/SSSI): 22 House Martin, 1 juv Swallow, 3 Swift, 15 + Chiffchaff, 3 Lesser Whitethroat (Long Wood), 20 + Common Whitethroat, juv Willow Warbler, 10 + Blackcap, 2 Kestrel, Sparrowhawk, Stock Dove, Pied Wagtail (Nick Croft)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: 2 Treecreeper (two different areas), 2 Stock Dove, Painted Lady, Jersey Tiger (Stuart Fisher)

30th

Wanstead Flats: Yellow Wagtail east, Meadow Pipit, 3 Skylark, 7 House Martin, 3 Swift, 25 + Chiffchaff, 15 Common Whitethroat, singing Willow Warbler, 12 + Blackcap, 40 + Long-tailed Tit, 30 + Blue Tit, 1-2 Sparrowhawk, Kestrel, 6 Little Grebe, 20 + Goldfinch (Nick Croft)

Leyton Flat/Snaresbrook: Treecreeper just west of Crown Court, Kestrel alarm calling, juv Willow Warbler, 5 Great Crested Grebe (incl pair with 2 chicks on Eagle Pond) (Stuart Fisher)

31st

Wanstead Flats: f/juv Pied Flycatcher (Birdguides), Treecreeper (first record for the flats), Willow Warbler, 2 Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Sparrowhawk (Dan Hennessy)



2014 Sightings: August

1st

Wanstead Flats: f/juv Pied Flycatcher (Birdguides) Mid Long Wood (Twitter), Treecreeper (first record for the flats), Willow Warbler, 2 Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Sparrowhawk (Dan Hennessy)

2nd

Wanstead Flats: No sign of Pied Flycatcher, 15 + Chiffchaff, 4 + Willow Warbler, 4-5 Lesser Whitethroat, 15 + Common Whitethroat, Garden Warbler, 2 Swallow south, 10 + House Martin, 6 Swift, Meadow Pipit, 3 Skylark, 2 Kestrel (Dan Hennessy/John Weil/Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: Grey Wagtail, Kingfisher, 10 + Chiffchaff, 2 Sand Martin, 6 House Martin, Swift, young Sparrowhawk heard (Nick Croft)

3rd

Wanstead Flats (Long Wood/SSSI): 25 + Common Whitethroat (including the sandy pale one - tried to make into Desert Warbler but its far too big!), 3 Lesser Whitethroat, 15 + Blackcap, 1 Willow Warbler, 13 + Chiffchaff, 20 + House Martin, no Swift, Kestrel, 3 Stock Dove (Nick Croft)

4th

Wanstead Flats: Hobby, 2 Sparrowhawk, 5+ Willow Warbler, 15 + Chiffchaff, 30 + Common Whitethroat, 4 Lesser Whitethroat, Garden Warbler, 13 Skylark, 10 + House Martin, 4 Swift, 6 Little Grebe (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: Green Sandpiper, 3-4 Little Egret, 2 Grey Wagtail, Kingfisher, 3 Lesser Whitethroat, Willow Warbler, 10 + Chiffchaff, Reed Warbler, 1-2 Hobby, Sparrowhawk, 4 Little Grebe, juv Great Crested Grebe (Nick Croft)

5th

Wanstead Flats: Reed Warbler, Garden Warbler, 5 Willow Warbler, 15 + Chiffchaff, 20 + Common Whitethroat, 4 Lesser Whitethroat, 6 Blackcap, 2 Swallow, Sand Martin, 20 + House Martin, 5 Swift,

Gadwall, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk (Nick Croft/Dan Hennessy)

Wanstead Park: Green Sandpiper on Roding, 2 Little Egret, Kingfisher (Dan Hennessy)

6th

Wanstead Flats: 5 Lesser Whitethroat, 40+ Common Whitethroat, 3 Garden Warbler, 15+ Blackcap, 20+ Chiffchaff, 7 Willow Warbler, 14+ House Martin, 4 Swift, 4 Skylark, Meadow Pipit, 9 Mistle Thrush, 10+ Song Thrush, Hobby, 2 Kestrel, Sparrowhawk, 3 Gadwall, 2 f Pochard, 9 Little Grebe (Dan Hennessy/Nick Croft).

Snaresbrook/Leyton Flats: 2 Nuthatch, 4 Great crested Grebe, 6 Swift, juv Sparrowhawk, Willow Warbler, Jersey Tiger (Stuart Fisher).

7th

Wanstead Flats: 15 + House Martin, 4 Swallow, 30 + Swift, 3 Willow Warbler, 10 + Chiffchaff, 40 + Common Whitethroat, 5 Lesser Whitethroat, Garden Warbler, 10 + Blackcap, 4 Skylark, Meadow Pipit, 2 Teal, Kestrel (Dan Hennessy/Nick Croft)

8th

Wanstead Flats: Yellow Wagtail, 5 Skylark, 3 Lesser Whitethroat, 30 + Common Whitethroat, 15 + Chiffchaff, 6 Willow Warbler, 3 Swift, 10 + House Martin, 19 Mistle Thrush, 15 Gadwall, f Teal, 10 Little Grebe, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk (Nick Croft/Dan Hennessy/Tim Harris)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: Treecreeper, Nuthatch, 6 Great crested Grebe, 3+ Blackcap, 3 Chiffchaff, 3 Stock Dove, Sparrowhawk, Kestrel (Stuart Fisher)

10th

Wanstead Flats: Hobby, Kestrel, Skylark, Willow Warbler, 14 + House Martin, 7 Swift (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: 3 Kingfisher, 2 Gadwall, 2 Reed Warbler, 6 + Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler, 2 Grey Wagtail, Hobby, Sparrowhawk, Kestrel, 6 House Martin, 2 Swift (Nick Croft)



2014 Sightings: August

11th

Wanstead Flats: Hobby south over SSSI, lingering juv Sparrowhawk, 30 + Chiffchaff, 2 + Willow Warbler, 2 Garden Warbler, 15 + Common Whitethroat, 4 Lesser Whitethroat, 10 + Blackcap, 10 + House Martin, Swallow, Meadow Pipit carrying food, Pied Wagtail, 5 Stock Dove, pr Egyptian Goose, 2 Linnet (Nick Croft).

12th

Wanstead Flats: Whinchat (Alex/pub scrub), 15 + Chiffchaff, 3 Willow Warbler, Garden Warbler, 5 + Lesser Whitethroat, 15 + Common Whitethroat, 10 + Blackcap, 2 Swallow, 10 + House Martin, Hobby (SSSI), Sparrowhawk, Kestrel, Meadow Pipit, Pied Wagtail, 2 Linnet, 3 Gadwall, 11 Little Grebe (Nick Croft/Dan Hennessy/Richard Rae)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: Kingfisher, Nuthatch, Kestrel, 2 Common Whitethroat, 9 Chiffchaff, 4 Great crested Grebe, Swift over west, 10 Tufted Duck, 2 Stock Dove (Stuart Fisher)

13th

Wanstead Flats: Hobby, Sparrowhawk, Kestrel, 35+ Common Whitethroat, 7-8 Lesser Whitethroat, 10 + Blackcap, 3 Willow Warbler, 15 + Chiffchaff, 3 Meadow Pipit, 2 Skylark, 3 Swallow, Sand Martin, 14 + House Martin, 2 Swift, Linnet, 6 Gadwall, 6 Little Grebe (Nick Croft)

14th

Wanstead Flats: Reed Warbler (Alex), 10 + Willow Warbler, 35 + Chiffchaff, 8 + Lesser Whitethroat, 20 + Common Whitethroat, 10 + Blackcap, 3 Garden Warbler, Hobby, 2-3 Sparrowhawk, 2 Kestrel, Swift, 14 + House Martin, Teal, 3 Gadwall, 10 + Little Grebe (Nick Croft/Richard Rae)

15th

Wanstead Flats: Tree Pipit (Birdguides), 4 Meadow Pipit, 3 Yellow Wagtail, Pied Wagtail, 3 Spotted Flycatcher, 4 Garden Warbler, 20 + Common Whitethroat, 6 Lesser Whitethroat, 10 + Blackcap, 20 + Chiffchaff, 6 + Willow Warbler, Common Snipe, Common Sandpiper, 7 Sand Martin, 4 Swallow, 10 + House Martin, 2 Swift, 9 Gadwall, f Teal, f Pochard, 2 Sparrowhawk, 3 Kestrel, Linnet, Little Egret (Nick Croft/Dan Hennessy/Richard Rae/James Palmer) 2 Wheatear yesterday

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: 4 Tree Pipit together on the Flats near the burnt oaks until about 10:30 at least calling frequently and showing well, Spotted Flycatcher, Yellow Wagtail over, 30+ Chiffchaff, 5+ Willow Warbler, 5+ Blackcap, 2 Common Whitethroat, Treecreeper calling, 3 Teal on Hollow Pond, drake Pochard (Stuart Fisher/Birdguides)

16th

Wanstead Flats: 2 Common Redstart (1st winter male in enclosure, f type SSSI), Whinchat, f Wheatear, Reed Warbler, 15 + Lesser Whitethroat, 40 + Common Whitethroat, 15 + Blackcap, 7 Garden Warbler, 30 + Chiffchaff, 8 + Willow Warbler, Yellow Wagtail, Grey Wagtail, Meadow Pipit, Skylark, Hobby (several times), 2 Sparrowhawk, 2 Kestrel, 3 Swallow, 10 + House Martin, Little Egret, 11 Gadwall (A Wanstead Collective)

Leyton Flats: Spotted Flycatcher and 2 Willow Warblers in Tit flock, Little Egret over (JW Davies)

17th

Wanstead Flats: Wood Warbler (one first winter bird with a very grey chunky Chiffchaff at SE corner of the Alex in willows on island, not seen after 13:30) possible adult in with a few Chiffchaff and Willow Warbler further to west in willows on that island (again not seen subsequent to 14:00 and not easy to see in the wind and with 2 Kestrels and a Sparrowhawk putting in appearances) (NC), 8 + Willow Warbler,

20 + Chiffchaff, 4 Lesser Whitethroat, 3-4 Garden Warbler, 20 + Common Whitethroat, 6 Blackcap, 2 Common Redstart still (m south of Long Wood at visimig point, f north of Long Wood on the edge of the old clay pits), Northern Wheatear, Yellow Wagtail over, Swift, 8 House Martin, Common Sandpiper, Hobby, 2 + Sparrowhawk, 3 Kestrel, 4 Gadwall, f Teal, 10 + Little Grebe (Nick Croft/Tony Brown/John Weil/Dan Hennessy)

18th

Wanstead Flats: 3 Tree Pipit, Meadow Pipit, Yellow Wagtail (s), 3 Pied Wagtail, Skylark, 2 Wheatear, Spotted Flycatcher, 8 + Willow Warbler, 20 + Chiffchaff, (no sign Wood Warbler at Alex), 6 Lesser Whitethroat, 15 + Common Whitethroat, 4 Garden Warbler, 15 + Blackcap, 8 + House Martin, Peregrine Falcon, 1-3 Kestrel, Sparrowhawk, f Teal, 2 Gadwall (Dan Hennessy/Richard Rae/Nick Croft)

19th

Wanstead Flats: metal ringed first winter Mediterranean Gull (possibly 2nd winter briefly too), Common Redstart (SE of motorcycle wood in small line of hawthorns), 1-2 Whinchat NE SSSI, f Wheatear, Tree Pipit (SSSI), 2 Yellow Wagtail, 8 + Willow Warbler, 20 + Chiffchaff, Reed Warbler, 6+ Lesser Whitethroat, 20 + Common Whitethroat, 10 + Blackcap, 2 Garden Warbler, 4 Common Buzzard in group going west, Hobby mixed with them for a while, 2 Sparrowhawk, 2+ Kestrel, 9 Sand Martin, Swallow, 8 + House Martin, Swift, 6 Gadwall (Nick Croft/Marco Johnson/Dan Hennessy/Richard Rae/Jonathan Lethbridge)

20th

Wanstead Flats: 2-3 Tree Pipit, Meadow Pipit carrying food, 6 Yellow Wagtail, 2 Grey Wagtail, 3 Wheatear (2 x 1st winter males), 2 Spotted Flycatcher, 2 Garden Warbler, 7 Lesser Whitethroat, 30 + Common Whitethroat, 10 + Blackcap, 10 + Willow Warbler, 20 + Chiffchaff, 6 + House Martin, 2-3 Keestrel, 3 + Sparrowhawk, 6 Pochard, 8 Gadwall (A Wanstead Collective)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: Spotted Flycatcher, Lesser Whitethroat, Firecrest (heard), 3 Willow Warbler, 7+ Chiffchaff, 3+ Blackcap, 5 Pochard, 3 Sand Martin, Sparrowhawk, 2-3 Goldcrest, Coal Tit (Stuart Fisher)



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21st

Wanstead Flats: Tree Pipit, Meadow Pipit carrying food, f Wheatear, 2 Spotted Flycatcher, 6 Lesser Whitethroat, 30 + Common Whitethroat, 6 + Willow Warbler, 20 + Chiffchaff, Swallow, 6 + House Martin, Kestrel (Nick Croft/Barry Bishop/Dan Hennessy)

22nd

Wanstead Flats: 2 m Common Redstart, 3 Spotted Flycatcher, Tree Pipit, 2 Meadow Pipit, 3 Swallow, 6 + House Martin, Sedge Warbler, 6 + Willow Warbler, 20 + Chiffchaff, 8 Lesser whitethroat, 30 + Common Whitethroat, 10 + Blackcap, Garden Warbler, Linnets, 11 Mistle Thrush, Kestrel (Dan Hennessy/John Weil/Nick Croft)

23rd

Wanstead Flats: 2 Common Redstart, 3 Wheatear, Whinchat, Tree Pipit, 2 Spotted Flycatcher, 8 + Willow Warbler, Hobby (Barry Bishop/Dan Hennessy/Bob Vaughan)

24th

Wanstead Flats: Turtle Dove N from Long Wood, 6 Yellow Wagtails over, 1 Tree Pipit, 2 Common Redstart, 2 Whinchat, 2 Northern Wheatear, 6 Lesser Whitethroat, 30 + Common Whitethroat, 10 + Blackcap, 8 + Willow Warbler, 20 + Chiffchaff, 4 Spotted Flycatcher, 1 Pied Flycatcher, Hobby, 2 Sparrowhawk, 3 Kestrel, Common Buzzard, Peregrine Falcon, 8 Gadwall, Egret sp, 4 Swallow, 10 + House Martin (Wanstead Collective).

Wanstead Park: 1-2 juv Water Rail by River Roding, 3 Little Egret, Kingfisher (Bob Vaughan) 15 Pochard, 2 Willow Warbler, 10 + Chiffchaff, 3 Common Whitethroat, 3 Hobby, Sparrowhawk, Great Black-backed Gull, 2 Kingfisher, Goldcrest, Coal Tit (Nick Croft)

25th

Wanstead Flats: Common Redstart (pub scrub), Whinchat (brooms), 4 Wheatear, 2 Spotted Flycatcher, 5 + Willow Warbler, 40 + Chiffchaff (mostly SSSI), 10 + Common Whitethroat, 3 Lesser Whitethroat, 15 + Blackcap, 15 Gadwall, 3 Pochard, f Teal, Sparrowhawk, Kestrel, Yellow Wagtail, Pied Wagtail, Grey Wagtail, 3 Meadow Pipit, 3 + House Martin, Skylark, 6 Mistle Thrush (Dan Hennessy/Bob Vaughan/Nick Croft)

26th

Wanstead Flats: Female Common Redstart (still pub scrub), f Wheatear, 2 Tree Pipit, Meadow Pipit, Pied Wagtail, Spotted Flycatcher, 30 + Chiffchaff, 4 Willow Warbler (1 singing), 5 Common Whitethroat, 4 Lesser Whitethroat, 8 + Blackcap, 7 Swallow through, 2

Teal, 3 Pochard, 10 + Gadwall, 6 + Little Grebe, 2 Sparrowhawk, 3 Kestrel (Nick Croft) Whinchat (Rose Stephens)

27th

Wanstead Flats: Marsh Harrier, 3-6 Sparrowhawk, 3 Kestrel, Hobby, Tree Pipit, 3 Yellow Wagtail, Grey Wagtail, Northern Wheatear, probable Whinchat, 15+ Chiffchaff (looks like a big clear out overnight), Willow Warbler, Garden Warbler, 4 Lesser Whitethroat, 15+ Common Whitethroat, 8+ Blackcap, poss Reed Warbler SSSI, 5 Swallow, 6 House Martin, 3 Gadwall, 6 Little Grebe, Skylark, Spotted Flycatcher (Nick Croft/Richard Rae/Keith Marchant)

28th

Wanstead Flats: Tree Pipit, Yellow Wagtail, Wheatear, 3 Spotted Flycatcher, 14 + Lesser Whitethroat, 20 + Common Whitethroat, 10 + Blackcap, 20 + Chiffchaff, 1 Willow Warbler, 6 + House Martin, Hobby, 4-6 Sparrowhawk, 3 Kestrel, 13 Mistle Thrush, 2 Teal, 7 Gadwall, Swift (Nick Croft/Tim Harris/Richard Rae)

29th

Wanstead Flats: Reed Warbler, Common Redstart (first winter male), Whinchat, Wheatear, Turtle Dove, 5-6 Spotted Flycatcher, 2 Yellow Wagtail, 20 + Swallow, 10 + House Martin, Hobby, 2-3 Sparrowhawk, 3 Kestrel, 3 Willow Warbler, 10 + Chiffchaff, Garden Warbler, 10 + Blackcap, 3 Lesser Whitethroat, 15 + Common Whitethroat, 4 Gadwall, Teal, Skylark, 21 Cormorant in one flock (Nick Croft/Richard Rae)
Wanstead Flats: Sparrowhawk, Kestrel, Whinchat (male & female), 4 Common Whitethroat (rDo)

30th

Wanstead Flats: 2 Whinchat, Common Redstart (f), 2 Northern Wheatear, 5-6 Spotted Flycatcher, 4 Yellow Wagtail, 2 Meadow Pipit, 10 + Swallow, 10 House Martin, 10 + Chiffchaff, 3 Willow Warbler, 3 Lesser Whitethroat, 5 Blackcap, 15 + Common Whitethroat, 2-3 Sparrowhawk, 3 Kestrel, Gadwall (Wanstead Collective)

31st

Wanstead Flats: 11 Whinchat, 7 Common Redstart, 10 Northern Wheatear, 14 + Spotted Flycatcher, Tree Pipit, 2 Meadow Pipit, 5 Yellow Wagtail, 3 Grey Wagtail, 10 + Swallow, House Martin, 10 + Willow Warbler, 30 + Chiffchaff, 5 Lesser Whitethroat, 20 + Common Whitethroat, Garden Warbler, 10 + Blackcap, Hobby, 2 Sparrowhawk, 3 Kestrel, Skylark (Wanstead Birders)



Whinchat (12th): 22 (high of 11 on the 31st)
Northern Wheatear: 25 (high of 4 on the 25th)
Common Redstart (16th): 22 (high of 7 on the 31st)
Pied Flycatcher (1st and 24th): 2
Spotted Flycatcher (15th): 49 (high of 14+ on the 31st)
Tree Pipit (15th): 16 (high of 3 though Stu got 4 on the 15th at Leyton)
Yellow Wagtail: 37 (a couple of 6 days)



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1st

Wanstead Flats: (big clearance) Cuckoo, 2-3 Whinchat, Common Redstart, Wheatear, 4 Spotted Flycatcher, 1-2 Tree Pipit, 5 Meadow Pipit, 3 Yellow Wagtail, Pied Wagtail, 15 Mistle Thrush, Hobby, 3 Sparrowhawk, 3 Kestrel, 2 Skylark, 3 Pochard, 2 Teal, Gadwall, 5 Swallow, Sand Martin, 22 House Martin, 3 Willow Warbler, 20+ Chiffchaff, 10+ Common Whitethroat, 2 Lesser Whitethroat, 10+ Blackcap, Goldcrest (Richard Rae/Dan Hennessy/John Weil/Nick Croft)

Leyton Flats: 2 Great Spotted Woodpeckers, 6 Cormorant flying over, 6 Mistle Thrush, 2 Jay (Roger Orwin)

2nd

Wanstead Flats: 3 Whinchat, 2-3 Spotted Flycatcher, 2 Yellow Wagtail, Pied Wagtail, Meadow Pipit, 40+ Swallow, Sand Martin, 10+ House Martin, 10+ Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler, 15+ Blackcap, 4 Lesser Whitethroat, 5 Common Whitethroat, 6 Shoveler, f Pochard, f Teal, 3 Gadwall, plenty of Dunnock though! (Nick Croft). Nuthatch over Bush Wood Road (Richard Rae)

Leyton Flats: 3 Great Spotted Woodpeckers, 1 Green Woodpecker, 3 Jay, 5 Chiffchaff (Roger Orwin)

3rd

Wanstead Flats: 3 Spotted Flycatcher, 3 Willow Warbler, 15+ Chiffchaff, 2 Lesser Whitethroat, 4 Common Whitethroat, 10+ Blackcap, 5+ Swallow, House Martin, 6 Shoveler, 9 Gadwall, 6+ Little Grebe, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk (Nick Croft).

Wanstead Park: juv male Red-crested Pochard (Dan Hennessy), 53 Common Pochard, 7 Gadwall, 2 Egyptian Goose, 2 Little Egret, Kingfisher, 2 Common Whitethroat, 5+ Chiffchaff, Sparrowhawk (Dan Hennessy/Jonathan Lethbridge/Nick Croft).

Leyton Flats: 3 Green Woodpecker, 4 Jay, 2 Mistle Thrush, 1 Willow Warbler, 2 Great Crested Grebe (Roger Orwin).

4th

Wanstead Flats: 5 Whinchat, Common Redstart (1st winter m), Tree Pipit, Meadow Pipit, 3 Yellow Wagtail, Pied Wagtail, Grey Wagtail, 7 Swallow, Sand Martin, 10 + House Martin, 15+ Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Common Whitethroat, 6 + Blackcap, Sparrowhawk, 3 Kestrel, 5 Common Pochard, 6 Gadwall (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: Wigeon, 63 Common Pochard (Dan Hennessy), 2 Teal, 7 Gadwall, 2 Swallow, House Martin, 5 Chiffchaff, Lesser Whitethroat, Reed Warbler, Blackcap, Kingfisher, 2 Meadow Pipit (Nick Croft)

Leyton Flats: 8 Chiffchaff, 2 Great Spotted Woodpeckers, Jay, 7 Pochard, Great Crested Grebe (Roger Orwin)

5th

Wanstead Flats: Pied Flycatcher (enclosure), 2 Common Redstart (pub scrub), 3 Whinchat, Northern Wheatear, 7 Yellow Wagtail, Pied Wagtail, Grey Wagtail, 7 Meadow Pipit, Skylark, 13+ Swallow, 8 House Martin, 3 Willow Warbler, 15+ Chiffchaff, 4 Lesser Whitethroat, 3 Common Whitethroat, 8 Blackcap, 2 Sparrowhawk, 3 Kestrel, 4 Teal, 5 Pochard, 4 Shoveler, 4 Gadwall (Nick Croft).

Wanstead Park: 60 Pochard (Tim Harris/DanHennessy)

6th

Wanstead Flats: 5 Whinchat, 2 f Common Redstart, m 1st winter Northern Wheatear, 2 Tree Pipit, 36 + Meadow Pipit, 16 + Yellow Wagtail, 2 Grey Wagtail, 2 Pied Wagtail, 5-6 Spotted Flycatcher, 6 + Willow Warbler, 20 + Chiffchaff, 5 Lesser Whitethroat, 5 Common Whitethroat, 20 + Blackcap, Reed Warbler, Goldcrest, 18 + House Martin, Swallow, 3 Kestrel, 2 Sparrowhawk, 2 Shoveler, Teal, 4 Pochard, 3 Gadwall, 2 Egyptian Goose, 200 + Ring-necked Parakeet going west to roost (Wanstead Birding)

Wanstead Park: An amazing spectacle of 24 buzzard moving through north-west en masse over Heronry c.16:35 2, at least, looking good for Honey Buzzard (didn't anyone else in London see this?) (NC/Kathy Hartnett/Jonathan Lethbridge/TimHarris). Hobby, Kestrel, 3 Spotted Flycatcher, Goldcrest, Lesser Whitethroat, Common Whitethroat, Blackcap, 6+ Willow Warbler, 10+ Chiffchaff, 50+ Pochard, f Teal, 23 Gadwall, Little Egret, 6+ Little Egret, Bullfinch (Nick Croft)



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7th

Wanstead Flats: 6 Whinchat, 2 Northern Wheatear, 10 + Yellow Wagtail, 3 Pied Wagtail, 24 Meadow Pipit, 42 Swallow, 18 House Martin, 4 Willow Warbler, 20 + Chiffchaff, Lesser Whitethroat, Common Whitethroat, Blackcap, Goldcrest, 7 Linnet, 2 Sparrowhawk, 2 Kestrel (Wanstead Birders)

Wanstead Park: Buzzard sp (Bob Vaughan), Tawny Owl, 16 Mute Swan, 6 Egyptian Goose, 28 Gadwall, 58 Mallard, 7 Shoveler, 47 Common Pochard, 28 Tufted Duck, 10 Little Grebe, 1 ad 3 juv Great Crested Grebe on Basin, 99 Coot, 22 Moorhen, 2 Grey Wagtail (Tim Harris)

Leyton Flats: male Redstart (P Betts).

8th

Wanstead Flats: 2-4 Whinchat, Northern Wheatear, 2 Swallow, 10 + House Martin, 2 Willow Warbler, 10 + Chiffchaff, Garden Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat, 5-6 Common Whitethroat, 6 Blackcap, Goldcrest, Reed Bunting, 2 Yellow Wagtail, 2 Grey Wagtail, 40 + Meadow Pipit, 2 Skylark, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk, 6 Gadwall, Teal, 3 Pochard (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: Common Sandpiper, 27 Pochard, 5 Egyptian Goose, 2 Yellow Wagtail, 4 Meadow Pipit, Grey Wagtail (Dan Hennessy)

9th

Wanstead Flats: 2 Yellow Wagtail, Pied Wagtail, 30 + Meadow Pipit, Skylark, 10 + Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat, Common Whitethroat, 10 + Blackcap, Goldcrest, 3 Kestrel, 2 Sparrowhawk, 2 Shoveler, 3 + Gadwall (Nick Croft/Tim Harris/Richard Rae)

Wanstead Park: 44 Pochard (Dan Hennessy)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: fem Tawny Owl calling in Gilberts Slade 06:10, 26 Meadow Pipit, 1 Yellow Wagtail over, 11 Jay, 3 Goldcrest, Coal Tit, 10 Swallow 2 fem/imm Shoveler, Pochard, Little Grebe on Hollow Pond, probable Osprey S at 13:05 but rather distant (Stuart Fisher)

10th

Wanstead Flats: 20 + Meadow Pipit, 20 + Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler, Reed Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Blackcap, 4 Swallow, Coal Tit, Common Snipe, 4 Shoveler, f Teal, 4 + Gadwall, 2 probable first winter Yellow-legged Gull flew northover SSSI (Nick Croft/Richard Rae)

Wanstead Park: 67 Common Pochard (Dan Hennessy)

11th

Wanstead Flats: Yellow Wagtail, 5 Grey Wagtail, Pied Wagtail, 6+ Meadow Pipit, Skylark, 15 + Chiffchaff, Common Whitethroat, 2 f Blackcap, Sparrowhawk (Nick Croft/Richard Rae)

Wanstead Park: 56 Pochard, 4 Teal, Coal Tit (Dan Hennessy)

12th

Wanstead Flats: 1-2 Stonechat (year's first here), 4-5 Whinchat, Yellow Wagtail, 2 Grey Wagtail, 20 + Meadow Pipit, 20 + Swallow, 2 Common Whitethroat, Blackcap, 15 + Chiffchaff, 3 Sparrowhawk, Kestrel, 9 Shoveler, 6 Gadwall, 2 Pochard (Nick Croft/Bob Vaughan/Richard Rae)

Wanstead Park: 74 Pochard (site record), 5 Teal (Heronry) (Dan Hennessy).

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: 2 Whinchat and Spotted Flycatcher on dead oaks at 10:15 - 10:20 then flew off, 4 Yellow Wagtail 3 SE 1 E, 22+ Meadow Pipit (mostly south), Little Egret NE, Coal Tit, 50+ Blue Tit, Common Buzzard over mid afternoon, Sparrowhawk, Kestrel, 8+ Jay, 1 Blackcap and no other sylvia warblers detected, 6+ Chiffchaff, 3 Goldcrest, 3 Swallow and 4 House Martin thru, Kingfisher, 2-3 Grey Wagtail (Stuart Fisher)

13th

Wanstead Flats: 5-6 Whinchat, 1st winter m Stonechat, Willow Warbler, 10 + Chiffchaff, 10 + Meadow Pipit, Yellow Wagtail, 2 Pied Wagtail, 4 Skylark, 2 Sparrowhawk, Peregrine Falcon, 2 Kestrel, 15 Swallow, House Martin, 10 Shoveler, 6 Gadwall, Great Black-backed Gull (Josh Selfe/Wanstead Birding)

Wanstead Park: Common Buzzard (Kathy Hartnett)



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14th

Wanstead Flats: 4 Whinchat, 1 Stonechat, c50 Meadow Pipit, 4 Skylark, 2 Common Whitethroat, 2 Yellow Wagtail (Tony Brown)

15th

Wanstead Flats: Tree Pipit, 15+ Meadow Pipit, 2 Yellow Wagtail, 2 Grey Wagtail, Pied Wagtail, 2 Skylark, Whinchat, Stonechat, Wheatear, 2 Spotted Flycatcher, 20 + Chiffchaff, 2 Blackcap, Common Whitethroat, 3 Kestrel, 2 Sparrowhawk, Common Gull, 12 + Gadwall, 11 Shoveler, 7 Pochard, 2 Teal, Coal Tit, Reed Bunting (Nick Croft)

16th

Wanstead Flats: Whinchat, Stonechat, 1-2 Wheatear, 3 Spotted Flycatcher, 2 Tree Pipit, 40 + Meadow Pipit, 4 Yellow Wagtail, Grey Wagtail, 1-2 Sedge Warbler (3rd record this year), 2 Lesser Whitethroat, Common Whitethroat, 6 Blackcap, Willow Warbler, 10 + Chiffchaff, 20 + Swallow, House Martin, 2 Goldcrest, 2 Kestrel, 4 Egyptian Goose, 7 Shoveler, 2 Skylark, Snipe (Nick Croft/Richard Rae/Bob Vaughan/John Weil)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: Spotted Flycatcher in court grounds, 45+ Meadow Pipit over, 10-12 Song Thrush, 4 Blackcap, 30+ Goldfinch, Grey Wagtail, 3 Goldcrest, 8+ Chiffchaff, 22 Pochard, 3+ House Martin, Sparrowhawk, Kingfisher (Stuart Fisher)

17th

Wanstead Flats: 2 Whinchat, Wheatear, 2 Spotted Flycatcher, Yellow Wagtail, grey Wagtail, 70+ Meadow Pipit (could have been twice that number), 20+ Swallow, House Martin, Common Buzzard, 2 Kestrel, 25 Gadwall, 16+ Shoveler, 2 Wigeon, Pochard, 2 Tufted Duck, 4 Egyptian Goose, 3 Lesser Whitethroat, 5 Blackcap, 20+ Chiffchaff, Common Gull, 1st winter Great Black-backed Gull (Nick Croft/Richard Rae)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: 16 Meadow Pipit, c35 Goldfinch, 9 Mistle Thrush, Grey Wagtail, Coal Tit, 6+ Goldcrest, Sparrowhawk, Kingfisher, 3 Chiffchaff, 2 House Martin, 28 Tufted Duck, 2 Great-crested Grebe (Stuart Fisher)

18th

Wanstead Flats: 3 Whinchat, Stonechat still, Wheatear, Spotted Flycatcher, Lesser Whitethroat, Common Whitethroat, 7 Blackcap, Willow Warbler, 15 + Chiffchaff, 2 Goldcrest, 13 Swallow through, 3 Yellow Wagtail, 3 Grey Wagtail, 20 + Meadow Pipit, 3 Skylark, 2 Kestrel, 12 Shoveler, 11 Gadwall, f Teal, singing Coal Tit (Nick Croft)

19th

Wanstead Flats: 2 Whinchat, 3-4 Wheatear, Stonechat, Spotted Flycatcher, 10 + Song Thrush, 20 + Blackcap, Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Common Whitethroat, 20 + Chiffchaff, 2 Grey Wagtail, Pied Wagtail, 10 + Meadow Pipit, 3 Skylark, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk, Common Gull, 11 Gadwall, 2 Teal, 6 + Shoveler, 7 Little Grebe (Nick Croft)

20th

Wanstead Flats: 3 Whinchat, Stonechat (8th day), Wheatear, Spotted Flycatcher, 40+ Meadow Pipit, 3 Grey Wagtail, 8 House Martin, 15+ Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler, Blackcap, 18 Gadwall, 11 Shoveler, 3 Teal, Sparrowhawk, Kestrel, Reed Bunting, 9 Mistle Thrush, Common Gull, Great Black-backed Gull (Wanstead Birding)

Wanstead Park: 12+ Goldcrest, 2 Wigeon, 40+ Pochard, 30+ Gadwall, 30+ Tufted Duck, Teal, 7 Little Grebe, 2 Kingfisher, Nuthatch, Sparrowhawk, 4 Chiffchaff, Blackcap, House Martin (Nick Croft)

21st

Wanstead Flats: 3-4 Whinchat, 2 Stonechat, 2 Wheatear, 1-2 Spotted Flycatcher, Willow Warbler, 15+ Chiffchaff, 2 Lesser Whitethroat, 3 Blackcap, 60 + Meadow Pipit, 4 Yellow Wagtail, Grey Wagtail, 20 + Swallow, 3 House Martin, 2 Reed Bunting, 2 Skylark, Common Buzzard, 2 Sparrowhawk, 2-3 Kestrel, 4 Gadwall, 1 Shoveler, Goldcrest, Common Gull, Great Black-backed Gull (Wanstead Birding)

22nd

Wanstead Flats: Short-eared Owl west (patch year first), Common Redstart f, Whinchat, Stonechat (11th day), 40 + Meadow Pipit, 5 Grey Wagtail, Swallow, 10 + Chiffchaff, 2 Blackcap, Goldcrest, 4 Skylark, 20 + Gadwall, 2 Teal, 2 Pochard, 16 Shoveler (Richard Rae/Bob Vaughan/Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: 28 Pochard, Kingfisher, Little Egret, 3 Goldcrest (Dan Hennessy)



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23rd

Wanstead Flats: Jack Snipe (flushed from s shore of Alex), 3 Stonechat, 1 Whinchat, 15+ Chiffchaff, 5 Blackcap, 15 + Song Thrush, 6 Swallow, 30 + Meadow Pipit, 2 Grey Wagtail, 3 Skylark, Sparrowhawk, 10 Shoveler, 3 Teal, 16+ Gadwall, Common Gull, 2 Reed Bunting, Nuthatch, Goldcrest (Bob Vaughan/Nick Croft/Richard Rae)

24th

Wanstead Flats: 150 + Swallow, 70 + House Martin, 5 Sand Martin, 2 Stonechat, 50 + Meadow Pipit, 3 Grey Wagtail, Pied Wagtail, 2 Blackcap, 13 Chiffchaff, 7 Teal, 10 Gadwall, 3 Shoveler, 3 Kestrel, 2 Common Gull, 5 Skylark, Linnet, 20 + Goldfinch (Nick Croft/Bob Vaughan)

25th

Wanstead Flats: Stonechat (13th day), 50 + Meadow Pipit, Skylark, Reed Bunting, 4 Chiffchaff, 3 Chaffinch (Bob Vaughan/Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: Wigeon, 28 Gadwall, 19 Pochard, 6 Goldcrest Reservoir Wood (Dan Hennessy)

26th

Wanstead Flats: Probable Olive-backed Pipit low west from Coronation Copse towards Long Wood, called twice and distinctly from Tree Pipit, at 09:10. Not able to relocate with five of us looking. Firecrest, Goldcrest, Stonechat (14th day), 5 + Chiffchaff, 2 Blackcap, Lesser Whitethroat, 30 + Meadow Pipit, 2 Grey Wagtail, 2 Pied Wagtail, 2 Swallow south, 2 Egyptian Goose, 5 Teal, 2 Skylark, Sparrowhawk, Kestrel (Wanstead Birders)

Wanstead Park: Water Rail reported on Perch (Jennifer Charter).

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: 2 Tawny Owl (m & f calling in Gilberts Slade 06:20), c65 House Martin (most E), f Wigeon (Hollow Pond), 2 Grey Wagtail, Blackcap, 3 Chiffchaff, Sparrowhawk, 4 Goldcrest, 2 Coal Tit (Stuart Fisher)

27th

Wanstead Flats: Woodlark, 5 Skylark, Garden Warbler, 8 Blackcap, 6+ Chiffchaff, 4 Goldcrest, 6 Swallow, Wheatear, 2 Wigeon, 4 Teal, 5 Pochard, Yellow Wagtail, 3 Grey Wagtail, 40 + Meadow Pipit, 3 Linnet, Reed Bunting, Sparrowhawk, Kestrel (Wanstead Birders)

28th

Wanstead Flats: Male Stonechat, 7 Skylark (Dan Hennessy)

Wanstead Park: 2 Wigeon, 4 Common Buzzard (Dan Hennessy)

29th

Wanstead Flats: Greenshank (north, calling), Common Snipe, Whinchat, 10 + Chiffchaff, 3 Blackcap, 30 + Meadow Pipit, 4 Grey Wagtail, 5 Pied Wagtail, 3 Goldcrest, 5 Linnet, 20 + Goldfinch, 15 Greenfinch, 3 Reed Bunting, 5 Pochard, 5 Teal, 25 Gadwall, 10 Shoveler, 2-6 Egyptian Goose, Coal Tit, 6 Common Gull, Great Black-backed Gull (Nick Croft/Bob Vaughan/Richard Rae).

Wanstead Park: Kingfisher (Bob Vaughan)

30th

Wanstead Flats: Short-eared Owl for about 40 minutes over the SSSI and brooms, being mobbed by crows, magpies, parakeets and Starling in turn, then flew high north. At one point looked to land in the brooms, but seemingly not bothered by the attention it was receiving. 2 Sparrowhawk, 2 Kestrel, 5 Swallow, 5 + Chiffchaff, 2 Blackcap, 5-6 Goldcrest, 20 + Meadow Pipit, 4 Pied Wagtail, 3 Grey Wagtail, 2 Pochard, 10 + Shoveler, 3 Teal, 12 Gadwall, 7 Common Gull, 2 Linnet, 4 Skylark (Nick Croft/Richard Rae)

Wanstead Park: Tawny Owl calling in Bush Wood c 6:20 (Dan Hennessy)

Snaresbrook/Leyton Flats: m Stonechat, drake Gadwall, 9 Swallow S, c10 Meadow Pipit, 2 Grey Wagtail, Kingfisher, 6+ Pied Wagtail, 8 Chiffchaff, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk, Coal Tit, 3+ Goldcrest (Stuart Fisher/P Betts)

September's scores

(August in italics, last September bold)

Whinchat: 60, 22 (80)

Northern Wheatear: 15, 25 (9)

Common Redstart: 7, 22 (7)

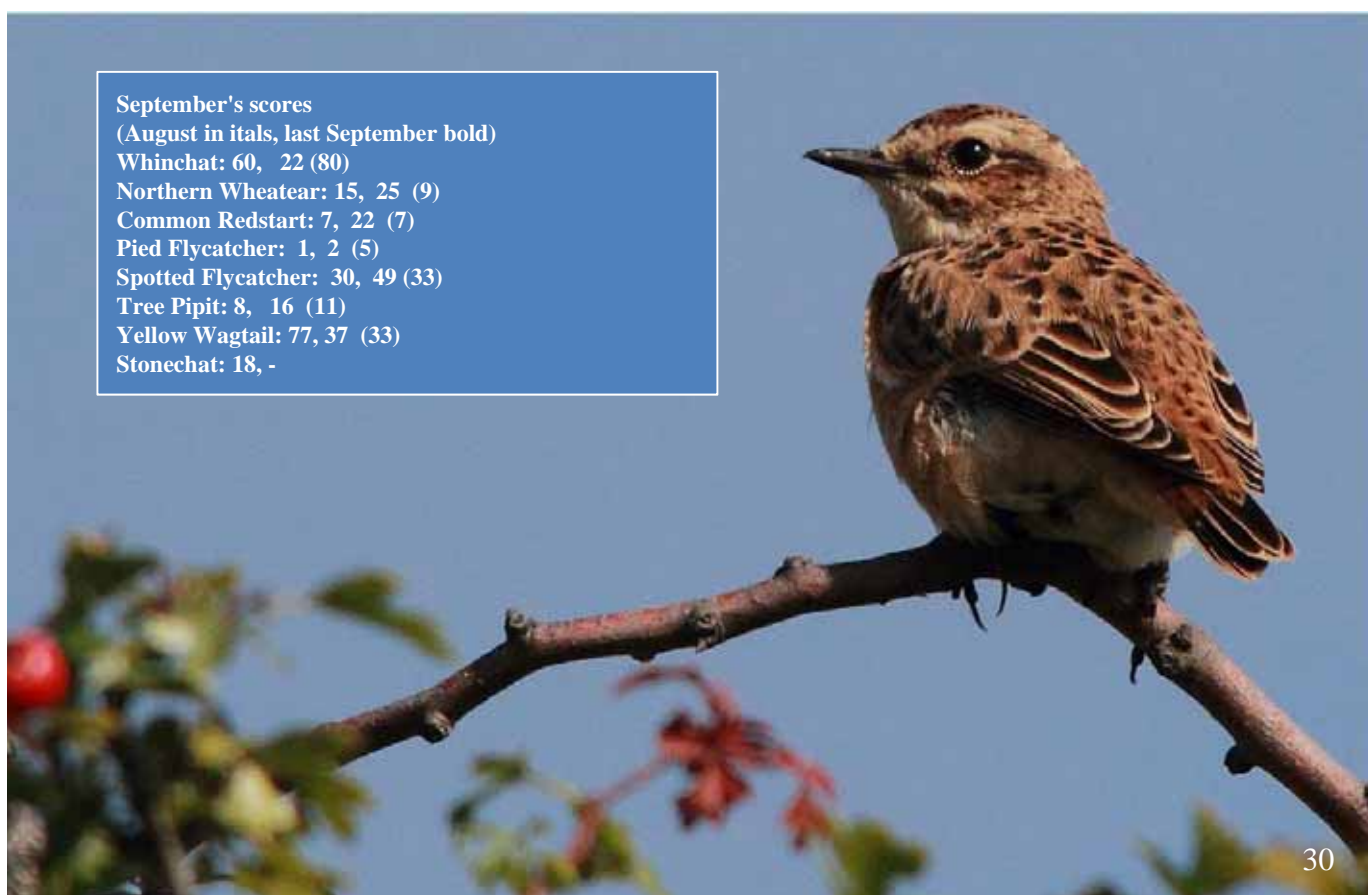
Pied Flycatcher: 1, 2 (5)

Spotted Flycatcher: 30, 49 (33)

Tree Pipit: 8, 16 (11)

Yellow Wagtail: 77, 37 (33)

Stonechat: 18, -



2014 Sightings: October

1st

Wanstead Flats: 2 m Stonechat (1W/Ad), f Wheatear, 30 + Meadow Pipit, 5 Pied Wagtail, Grey Wagtail, 6 Swallow, 15+ Chiffchaff, Blackcap, 4 Goldcrest, Reed Bunting, 10 + Goldfinch, 30 + Gadwall, 4 Teal, 2 Kestrel, Sparrowhawk (Nick Croft/Josh Selfe)

2nd

Wanstead Flats: Ad m Stonechat, 30 + Meadow Pipit, 5 Grey Wagtail, 3 Pied Wagtail, 2 Skylark, 2 Sparrowhawk, 2 Kestrel, 2 Wigeon, 2 Egyptian Goose, 6 Pochard, 4 Teal, 10 + Gadwall, Shoveler, 7 Common Gull, 13 Chiffchaff, 5 Blackcap, 6 Goldcrest, 20 + Linnet, Reed Bunting (Nick Croft/Bob Vaughan) 2 Shelduck east over w Flats (Josh Selfe)

3rd

Wanstead Flats: Lapwing (mega! first for year), 3 Stonechat, 10 Meadow Pipit, Grey Wagtail, Pied Wagtail, 5 + Chiffchaff, 4 Blackcap, 2 Skylark, Sparrowhawk, Kestrel, 7 Common Gull, 5 Linnet, 2 Teal, 5 Goldcrest (Dan Hennessy/Nick Croft/Sally Hammond)

Wanstead Park: 2 Wigeon, 20 + Gadwall, 20 + Pochard, 3 Shoveler, 30 + Tufted Duck, 3 Goldcrest, Little Egret, Meadow Pipit, Sparrowhawk, Kestrel, 2 Chiffchaff (Dan Hennessy/Nick Croft/Sally Hammond)

4th

Wanstead Flats: m Ring Ouzel fly through, Lapwing, 2 Stonechat, Wigeon, six Teal, ten Shoveller, Goldcrest, 20 + Meadow Pipits, 4 Skylark (Dan Hennessy, John Weil, Bob Vaughan)

5th

Wanstead Flats: Stonechat, Reed Bunting, 7 Linnet, 3 Chiffchaff, 4 Skylark (Dan Hennessy and Bob Vaughan, T Harris, Debbie Burkett)

Wanstead Park: Common Buzzard, Nuthatch, Treecreeper (Tim Harris, Debbie Burkett, Cath McEwan, Dan Hennessy)

6th

Wanstead Flats: 2 Goldcrest (Longwood), Kestrel, Green and G spotted Woodpeckers, Jay, 2 Meadow Pipits (G Gram)

7th

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: m Tawny Owl calling and singing from oak on court perimeter with Leyton Flats at 07:00, Common Buzzard low S at 08:10, Nuthatch, 3 Shoveler, 3 Gadwall, 4 Chiffchaff, Grey Wagtail, 7 Goldcrest (Stuart Fisher)

8th

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: m Firecrest in laurel hedge in Court, Tawny Owl calling (Gilberts Slade), 2 Grey Wagtail, 2 f/imm Teal, 3 Gadwall, 3 Shoveler, Meadow Pipit, Sparrowhawk, c5 Goldcrest (Stuart Fisher)

9th

Wanstead Flats: 50 Common, 12 Lesser Black-back and 6 Herring Gull Football pitches, 3 Teal Alex; 20 Linnet, 4 Skylark Fairground.

10th

Wanstead Flats: M Ring Ouzel N brooms, 2 Reed Bunting and 3 Goldcrest brooms, 12 Linnet fairground, 2 Egyptian geese Jubilee Pond (Bob Vaughan)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: m Ring Ouzel on Flats, later seen from Court flying high N over Epping Forest, Firecrest (singing briefly), 6 Goldcrest, 7 Skylark W, 20+ Chaffinch (most S), 15 Greenfinch, 13 Linnet over, Kingfisher, 1-2 Reed Bunting S, 5 Chiffchaff, 3 Sand Martin NE, 5+ Meadow Pipit plus a lot of unidentified finches S, 6 Shoveler, 3 Gadwall, 2 Grey Wagtail, 15+ Jay, Mistle Thrush, Song Thrush (Stuart Fisher)

11th

Wanstead Flats: f Ring Ouzel briefly SSSI, 6 to max 11 Skylark, 2 Reed Bunting, 8 Linnet, 15 Lesser Black-back 10 Herring and 20 Common Gull footy pitch, 6 Egyptian Geese, scattered Mpipits, Chiffchaff and Goldcrest. (Dan Hennessy and Bob Vaughan)



2014 Sightings: October

12th

Wanstead Flats: Stonechat (still 1st w male), Wheatear, 8 Chiffchaff, Blackcap, poss. Tree Pipit (Long Wood), 30 +Meadow Pipit, Pied Wagtail, 6 + Skylark, 14 + Linnet, 1+ Reed Bunting, 45 Gadwall, 3 Teal, f Pochard, 9 Shoveler, 2 Goldcrest, 10 + Song Thrush, 12 Common Gull, 2 Yellow-legged Gull (early morning nr Bush Wood), 2 Kestrel, 2 Sparrowhawk (Dan Hennessy/Nick Croft/Bob Vaughan/Sally Hammond)

Wanstead Park: 2 Firecrest (w side Bush Wood), 15 Mute Swan, 31 Canada Geese, 2 Greylage Geese, 78 Mallard, 5 Wigeon, 10 Shoveler, 101 Gadwall, 8 Teal, 21 Pochard, 33 Tufted Duck, Little Grebe, 5 Great Crested Grebe (Basin), 6 Grey Heron, Little Egret, 4 Cormorant, 2 Kingfisher, 2 Grey Wagtail, Chiffchaff, 2 Goldcrest, Sparrowhawk, Kestrel (Tim Harris/Sally Hammond/Nick Croft)

13th

Wanstead Flats 10:00-18:00: 2 male Ring Ouzel, 1500+ Redwing, 1 Fieldfare, 20 + Song Thrush, 30 + Blackbird, 2 Stonechat, 2 Wheatear, c.5000 Starling, 20 + Skylark, 30 + Meadow Pipit, 20 Linnet, 15 Brambling, 20 + Chaffinch, 2 Reed Bunting, 7 Chiffchaff, 3 Goldcrest, 15 Golden Plover, 60 Lapwing, 2 Common Snipe, Dunlin, 6 Pochard, 3 Teal, 30 + Gadwall, 9 Shoveler, 2 Egyptian Goose, 20 + Common Gull, 3 Swallow (Nick Croft/Richard Rae)

14th

Wanstead Flats: 3-6 Ring Ouzel (Long Wood and brooms area), c 2000 Redwing, 3 Fieldfare, 50 + Song Thrush, 3 Stonechat, Wheatear, 50 + Goldfinch, 8 Linnet, 20 Chaffinch, Brambling, Reed Bunting, 20 + Meadow Pipit, 8 Pied Wagtail, Grey Wagtail, Common Snipe, 3 Teal, 4 Egyptian Goose, Gadwall, Shoveler, Pochard, 2 Kestrel, 2 Sparrowhawk, 30 + Common Gull, 2 Chiffchaff, Goldcrest, 3 Swallow (Nick Croft/Bob Vaughan/Richard Rae/Dan Hennessy et al) Ring Ouzel seen again at 2.45 at brooms area.(G. Gram.), Mediterranean Gull (Richard Rae).

Wanstead Park: 3 Wigeon Heronry (Dan Hennessy).

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook Firecrest, 400+ Redwing over between dawn and 10am, 5 Goldcrest, Coal Tit, 11 Greenfinch, Little Egret by pond, Grey Wagtail, Muntjac barking from Court grounds (Stuart Fisher)

15th

Wanstead Flats: Short-eared Owl, Mediterranean Gull (BV), 2 Ring Ouzel still, 40 + Song Thrush, several hundred Redwing, 2 Stonechat, 20 + Meadow Pipit, 20 Pied Wagtail, Grey Wagtail, 12 Skylark, 3 Chiffchaff, Blackcap, 7 Linnet, 20 + Chaffinch (Bob Vaughan/Wanstead Birders)

Wanstead Park: 7 Wigeon (basin), Common Buzzard (Jonathan Lethbridge/Tim Harris)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: Tawny Owl 06:40, 950+ Redwing over at least from dawn to 09:30, 4 Skylark (3 of which low SE), Ring Ouzel (heard), Firecrest, 6 Goldcrest, 10+ Goldfinch, 8 Linnet, 300+ Starling N, several Chaffinch over, 25+ Song Thrush over, 4-5 migrant Blackbirds, Swallow S, 18 Meadow Pipit, 2-3 Grey Wagtail (Stuart Fisher)

16th

Wanstead Flats: Lapland Bunting, 4 Reed Bunting, 2 Ring Ouzel still, Brambling, many Song Thrush, 2 Stonechat, Bullfinch, 10 + Linnet, 20 + Chaffinch, 20 + Meadow Pipit, 10 + Skylark, 4 Chiffchaff, 4 Goldcrest, 15 Shoveler, 10 Gadwall (Nick Croft/Richard Rae/Bob Vaughan/John Weil) Lapland Bunting still present at dark, Mediterranean Gull (Bob Vaughan)



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17th

Wanstead Flats: Lapland Bunting still in grassland south of Alex, 2 Stonechat, 100+ Redwing, 20+ Song Thrush, Fieldfare, 2 Reed Bunting, 10+ Chaffinch, 20+ Linnet, flock of presumed Brambling over, 20+ Meadow Pipit, 3 Pied Wagtail, 10+ Skylark, 100+ Wood Pigeon commuting south, Gadwall, Shoveler, 2 Blackcap, 5 Chiffchaff (one singing), 2 Sparrowhawk, Kestrel, Yellow-legged Gull Bush Wood early doors (Wanstead Birding)

Wanstead Park: 5 Wigeon, 5 Great Crested Grebe (Basin), 25 Redwing, Grey Wagtail, Kingfisher (Richard Rae/Jono Lethbridge)

18th

Wanstead Flats: No sign Lapland Bunting, Yellow-legged Gull, Mediterranean Gull (Dan Hennessy).

19th

Wanstead Flats: 4 Stonechat, Yellow-legged Gull, Mediterranean Gull, 3 Snipe, 10+ Linnet, Swallow, Goldcrest, Blackcap, 5 Chiffchaff, 35 Gadwall, 2 Shoveler (Wanstead Birders)

Wanstead Park: 2 Kingfisher, 8 Wigeon, 52 Gadwall, 50+ Tufted Duck 15 Pochard, 8 Goldcrest, grey Wagtail, Sparrowhawk, Redwing (Nick Croft)

20th

Wanstead Flats: Short-eared Owl one flushed from SSSI, 6 Brambling, 4 Siskin, 8 Lesser Redpoll, 20+ Chaffinch, 10+ Linnet, 3 Reed Bunting, 4 Stonechat still centre rd car park, 52 Gadwall, 3 Teal, 10 Shoveler, 2 Sparrowhawk, 2 Kestrel, 20+ Meadow Pipit, 4 Pied Wagtail, 6 Skylark, Stock Dove, 2 Goldcrest, 3 Chiffchaff, 3 Redwing (Nick Croft/Birdguides).

21st

Wanstead Flats: Mediterranean Gull, Stonechat, 3 Redwing, Chiffchaff, Goldcrest, 5 Meadow Pipit, 2 Skylark, Reed Bunting, 22 Gadwall, 4 Pochard, 3 Teal, 9 Shoveler, 10+ Tufted Duck, 2 Egyptian Goose, Sparrowhawk, Kestrel (Nick Croft)

Snaresbrook Crown Court: Firecrest (Stuart Fisher)

22nd

Wanstead Flats: 35+ Brambling, 3 Bullfinch, 10+ Linnet, 15+ Chaffinch, 20+ Greenfinch, 10+ Goldfinch, 3 Stonechat still, 20+ Meadow Pipit, 4 Pied Wagtail, 8 Skylark, 7-8 Chiffchaff, 5+ Goldcrest, 11 Gadwall, 4 Teal, 8 Shoveler, 3 Kestrel, 2 Sparrowhawk, several hundred Wood Pigeon through (Nick Croft).

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: Yellowhammer low N calling, Firecrest in copse near Eagle Pond in court grounds, 7 Goldcrest, 3-4 Linnet over, 8+ Meadow Pipit over, 2 Pied Wagtail, Kingfisher, 750+ Woodpigeon S (Stuart Fisher)

23rd

Wanstead Flats: Common Snipe, 10 Linnet, 15+ Chaffinch, 3 Reed Bunting, 10+ Meadow Pipit, 5+ Pied Wagtail, Grey Wagtail, 5 Skylark, 5 Chiffchaff, 5+ Goldcrest, 20+ Song Thrush, 10 Redwing, 3 Stonechat, Kestrel, 4 Teal, 20+ Gadwall, 5 Shoveler, f Pochard, 2 Egyptian Goose, 3 Little Grebe, 50+ Common Gull (Bob Vaughan/Nick Croft)

Leyton Flats: Gadwall 2, Great Crested Grebe 2, Heron 1, Jay 6, Collard Dove 1, Herring Gull 1, Shoveler 2, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Goldcrest 1 seen 2 more heard. (RO)

25th

Wanstead Flats: Brambling over SSSI, Common Buzzard, 2 Reed Bunting, 3 Linnet, 3 Little Grebe, 2 Teal, 5 Egyptian Geese, 12 Pied Wagtail, 8 Skylark, Chiffchaff (Bob Vaughan) 3 Stonechat (brooms), Kestrel, 4 Jay, (G.Gram).

26th

Wanstead Flats: Med. Gull, 3 Stonechat, 2 Reed Bunting, Sparrowhawk, 4 Skylark, 10 Meadow Pipit, 8 Linnet, (Tony Brown, Dan Hennessy, Bob Vaughan)

Wanstead Park: 4 Wigeon on ornamentals (Kathy Hartnett)

27th

Wanstead Flats: 4 Bullfinch, Brambling, Siskin, 16+ Linnet, Reed Bunting, 30+ Redwing, 10+ Song Thrush, 3 Stonechat, 10+ Meadow Pipit, 5 Pied Wagtail, 4 Chiffchaff, Blackcap, 4 Goldcrest, 6+ Skylark, 2+ Sparrowhawk, Kestrel, 1000+ Wood Pigeon, 3 Shoveler, 2 Teal, 3 Pochard, Clouded Yellow, 2 Holly Blue, 2 Red Admiral (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: Wigeon still on ornamentals (Neil H)

28th

Wanstead Flats: 3 Stonechat, Redwing, 20+ Song Thrush, 2-3 Bullfinch, 10+ Linnet, Siskin (h), 10+ Chaffinch, 2+ Reed Bunting, Chiffchaff (h), 3+ Goldcrest, 2 Sparrowhawk, 2 Kestrel, 100+ Common Gull, 4 m Teal, 3 Shoveler, 20+ Tufted Duck, 12 Gadwall, 8 Pochard, 7 Little Grebe, 10+ Meadow Pipit, 2 Pied Wagtail, 3 Skylark (Nick Croft)

29th

Wanstead Flats: 2 Siskin, 30+ Goldfinch, 15+ Pied Wagtail, 10+ Meadow Pipit, Skylark, 20+ Song Thrush, 14 Redwing, 3 Stonechat, 11 Shoveler, 6 Gadwall, 4 male Teal, f Pochard, Little Grebe, Kestrel (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: 52 Gadwall, 4 Shoveler, 13 Pochard, 40+ Tufted Duck, 24 Mute Swan, 5 Little Grebe, 3 Siskin, Bullfinch, 20+ Goldfinch, 6+ Goldcrest, 3 Grey Wagtail, 20+ Redwing (Nick Croft)

30th

Wanstead Flats: 2 Stonechat, 30+ Redwing, Fieldfare (h), 10+ Song Thrush, 6 Mistle Thrush, Chiffchaff, 6+ Goldcrest, 7 Linnet, 20 Chaffinch, 10+ Meadow Pipit, Pied Wagtail, 2 Sparrowhawk, 2 Kestrel, 4 Skylark, 6 Pochard, 8 Teal, 10+ Gadwall, 6 Shoveler, 20 Tufted Duck (Nick Croft/Richard Rae)

31st

Wanstead Flats: 2 Reed Bunting, 2 Bullfinch, 6+ Linnet, 2 Goldcrest, 3 Redwing, 2 Sparrowhawk, 2 Kestrel, 2 Teal (Nick Croft)





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2nd

Wanstead Flats: 15 Fieldfare, 10 Redwing, Reed Bunting, 2 Goldcrest, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk, 3 Teal, Gadwall, 3 Shoveler, 5 Meadow Pipit, Skylark (Nick Croft/Bob Vaughan)

Wanstead Park: Little Egret, 6 + Little Grebe, Kingfisher, Grey Wagtail, Sparrowhawk, 60 + Gadwall, 31 Tufted Duck, 16 + Pochard, 6 Shoveler, m Wigeon, 6 + Goldcrest and a blue budgie (Nick Croft)

4th

Wanstead Flats: m Stonechat, 10 Fieldfare, 7 Mistle Thrush, Redpoll sp, 2-3 Bullfinch, 2 Linnet, 2 Reed Bunting, 8 Meadow Pipit, Pied Wagtail, 3 Skylark, 3 Goldcrest, 19 Gadwall, 12 Shoveler, 11 Tufted Duck, m Pochard, 3 + Little Grebe, 2 Kestrel, Sparrowhawk (Nick Croft/Bob Vaughan)

5th

Wanstead Flats: Brambling, Linnet, 2 Reed Bunting, 36 Fieldfare, 8 Redwing, 10 + Song Thrush, 300 + Common Gull, 200 + Black-headed Gull, 2 Kestrel, 8 Skylark, 6 Meadow Pipit, 4 Pied Wagtail, Chiffchaff, 2 Goldcrest, 15 Gadwall, 8 Shoveler, 3m Teal, 2 f Pochard, 5 Little Grebe, 600 + Wood Pigeon south (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park/Bush Wood: Firecrest, 6 + Goldcrest (Bob Vaughan)

Leyton Flats: Kingfisher, Shoveler, Great Crested Grebe x 2, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Jay x 2 (RO) Brambling over Gilberts Slade at dawn, 4 Redwing, Linnet, Grey Wagtail, 6+ Goldcrest, 17 Gadwall (Hollow and Eagle Ponds), drake Shoveler, Green Woodpecker, 2 Egyptian Geese (Stuart Fisher)

6th

Wanstead Flats: 2 Fieldfare, Redwing, 5 Song Thrush, Reed Bunting, 2 Linnet, Skylark, 6 Meadow Pipit, 4 Pied Wagtail, Chiffchaff, Goldcrest, Sparrowhawk, 2 Kestrel, 3 Teal, 3 Shoveler, Gadwall, 4 Little Grebe (Nick Croft/Bob Vaughan) Currently Bob and Rich are trying to track down what could be an exciting bird, Bob and I have poor views of a dove sized (and looking) bird with a longish pin-tail, flushed from beneath trees in the SSSI, dark above with a hint of white on the flank, so if your in the vicinity....

Wanstead Park: 50 Gadwall, 3 Shoveler, 15 Pochard, 40 + Tufted Duck, 4 Little Grebe, 2 Kingfisher, Grey Wagtail, Meadow Pipit, Sparrowhawk, Goldcrest (Nick Croft)

7th

Wanstead Flats: No sign of "possible" Mourning Dove from yesterday in SSSI (based on our pooled sightings it was the best fit bird after some research), Peregrine Falcon, Kestrel, Stonechat male first winter (possibly 2 birds), Redwing, 10 + Song Thrush, Mistle Thrush, 4 Meadow Pipit, 2 Pied Wagtail, 4 + Goldcrest (Nick Croft)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: 2 Firecrest in the Court grounds, 2 Tawny Owl (Gilberts Slade) (Stuart Fisher)



2014 Sightings: November

9th

Wanstead Flats: Stonechat, 40 Fieldfare, 17 Redwing, 7+ Skylark, 3 Meadow Pipits, 4 Pied Wagtail, Linnet, Bullfinch, 5+ Goldcrest, 28 Gadwall, Teal, 5 Pochard, 5 Shoveler, 11 Tufted Duck, 4 Little Grebe, 2 Sparrowhawk, 2 Kestrel (Dan Hennessy/Bob Vaughan/Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: 27 Mute Swans, 41 Canada Geese, 12 Egyptian Geese, 4 Eurasian Wigeon, 193 Gadwall, 9 Common Teal, 92 Mallard, 11 Shoveler, 17 Pochard, 40 Tufted Duck, 9 Little Grebe, 4 Great Crested Grebe, 3 Kingfisher, 2 Grey Wagtail (Wren Wildlife Group).

10th

Wanstead Flats: 15 Fieldfare, 6 Song Thrush, Bullfinch, Lesser Redpoll, 2 Linnet, 11 Skylark, Meadow Pipit, 8 Pied Wagtail, 2 Goldcrest, 4 m Teal, 18 Gadwall, 3 Shoveler, 8 Tufted Duck, 2 Little Grebe, 2 Sparrowhawk (Nick Croft/John Weil)

Snaresbrook Crown Court: 2 Firecrest, Treecreeper, Gilberts Slade: Tawny Owl (Stuart Fisher)

11th

Wanstead Flats: 1st winter Mediterranean Gull, 300 + Common Gull, 200 + Black-headed Gull, 2 Peregrine Falcon (males judging by their size), Sparrowhawk, Kestrel, 6 Meadow Pipit, 4 Pied Wagtail, 6 Skylark, 2 Lesser Redpoll, Bullfinch, 2 Linnet, 2 Pochard, 12 Gadwall, 4 Shoveler, 10 + Tufted Duck, 2 Little Grebe, 5 + Goldcrest (Nick Croft)

12th

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: Firecrest, 4 Lesser Redpoll, 20+ Redwing, 7 Song Thrush, 9 Gadwall, drake Shoveler, 6-7 Goldcrest, Grey Wagtail, Pied Wagtail, Great Spotted and Green Woodpeckers (Stuart Fisher)

13th

Wanstead Flats: 10 Fieldfare, Redwing, 15+ Song Thrush, 13 Mistle Thrush, 20 + Blackbird, 20 Linnet, 5 Skylark, 15 Meadow Pipit, 5 Pied Wagtail, 3 Goldcrest, Kestrel, 15 + Gadwall, 6 Pochard, 7 Shoveler, m Teal (Nick Croft/Richard Rae/Bob Vaughan)

15th

Wanstead Flats: 21 Fieldfare, 15 + Song Thrush, 4-6 Skylark, 7 Linnet, 5 Goldcrest, 25 Gadwall, 11 Shoveler, 9 Pochard, m Teal, 2 Little Grebe, 5 Pied Wagtail, Meadow Pipit, Kestrel (Wanstead Birding)

Wanstead Park: 10 Teal, 4 Wigeon, 14 Shoveler, 187 Gadwall, 60 + Tufted Duck, 40 Pochard, 5 Little Grebe, Great Crested Grebe, Grey Heron, 2-3 Kingfisher, 10 + Goldcrest, Grey Wagtail, 2 Meadow Pipit (Nick Croft)

16th

Leyton Flats: 10+ Redpoll, 3 Bullfinch, Sparrowhawk, 5 + Goldcrest, pr Shoveler, 6 Pochard, 2 Great Crested Grebe, 1 Greater Black-backed Gull. (Joe Dickens and Martha Birungi)

17th

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: Firecrest, Grey Wagtail, 4 Goldcrest, Fieldfare, 6 Gadwall, 3 Egyptian Geese, 39 Tufted Duck, 3 Pochard, 2 Great crested Grebe (Stuart Fisher). There are 2 areas at Snaresbrook Crown Court, first the copse east of Eagle Pond in the ivy covered trees not far from pedestrian entrance, secondly one roosts in the giant Laurel hedge near the lower visitor car park towards the NW side of the Court grounds, this can often be detected (its often very vocal) from over the fence in Leyton Flats as it sometimes heads off in that direction early in the morning (SF).

19th

Wanstead Flats: 10 + Meadow Pipit, 10 + Pied Wagtail on newly cut area in SSSI, 8 Skylark, 7 Linnet, 4 Redwing, 10 + Song Thrush including 4 singing birds, 2 Mistle Thrush, 44 Gadwall, 12 Shoveler, 3 Teal, 2 Pochard, 10 + Tufted Duck, Little Grebe (Nick Croft); 5 Pied Wagtail, Fieldfare, 3 Mistle Thrush, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk, 5 Green Woodpecker, 6 Jay (RO)



2014 Sightings: November



20th

Wanstead Flats: Short-eared Owl (flew in from east over Alex, then chased by crows flew high east again), Little Owl (BV), Kestrel, Sparrowhawk, 9 Linnet, Siskin, 30 + Goldfinch, Reed Bunting, Redwing, 10 + Song Thrush, 5 Mistle Thrush, 4+ Goldcrest, 15 + Meadow Pipit, 15 Pied Wagtail, 5 Skylark, 54 Gadwall, 5 Teal, Pochard, 17 Shoveler, 8 Egyptian Goose, 10 + Tufted Duck, Little Grebe, Stock Dove (Bob Vaughan/Nick Croft)

21st

Snaresbrook/Leyton Flats: 2 Firecrest in the big Laurel hedge and nearby scrub NW end of Court early morning, 9+ Lesser Redpoll, Fieldfare, 4 Redwing, Grey Wagtail, 7 Stock Dove, Kingfisher, 20 Gadwall, 2 Great crested Grebe, Coal Tit (Stuart Fisher)

22nd

Wanstead Flats: 47 Fieldfare, 20 Redwing, 9 Mistle Thrush (1 singing), Siskin, Lesser Redpoll, 2 Bullfinch, 9 Linnet, 10 Meadow Pipit, 8 + Pied Wagtail, 5 Skylark, 2 Goldcrest, 4 Pochard, 5 Teal, 12 Shoveler, 54 Gadwall, Egyptian Goose, 3 Little Grebe, Sparrowhawk, Kestrel (Bob Vaughan/Nick Croft)

24th

Wanstead Flats: 4 Fieldfare, 15 Linnet, 3 Lesser Redpoll, 10+ Meadow Pipit, 5 Pied Wagtail, c.50 Gadwall, 6 Teal, 15 Shoveler, 4 Little Grebe, 6 Skylark, Kestrel (Nick Croft)

Snaresbrook/Leyton Flats: 1-2 Firecrest in buddleias near laurel hedge in Court, 8 Fieldfare, Siskin N, Lesser Redpoll, 6 Shoveler, 34 Gadwall, Kingfisher, Meadow Pipit, Nuthatch, Great Crested Grebe, Sparrowhawk (Stuart Fisher)

25th

Wanstead Flats: m Bullfinch, Kestrel, Goldcrest Long Wood; 4 Skylark, 16 Linnet Police Scrape; Snipe, Lesser Redpoll, 2 Fieldfare SSSI (Bob Vaughan)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: Firecrest at roost spot, 14 Lesser Redpoll, Common Buzzard SW over Leytonstone at 12.33, Grey Wagtail, Kingfisher, 2 Great Crested Grebe, 28 Gadwall, 2 Redwing, 5 Shoveler (Stuart Fisher)

26th

Wanstead Flats: 27 Linnet, 5 Skylark, 10 Meadow Pipit, 5 Pied Wagtail, 3 Goldcrest, 3 Fieldfare, 60 Gadwall, 12 Shoveler, 20 Tufted Duck, 2 Pochard, m Teal, Little Grebe, Kestrel (Nick Croft)

Snaresbrook Crown Court: Firecrest (Stuart Fisher)

27th

Wanstead Flats: Yellowhammer, 10 + Linnet, 4 Meadow Pipit, 2 Pied Wagtail, Goldcrest, Fieldfare, Sparrowhawk, 71 Gadwall, 33 Shoveler, Teal, 20 + Tufted Duck, 2 Little Grebe (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: 89 Gadwall, 4 Shoveler, 31 Pochard, 30 + Tufted Duck, 3 Egyptian Goose, Great Crested Grebe, Little Grebe, Goldcrest (Nick Croft)

Snaresbrook Crown Court: 1-2 Firecrest early morning (Stuart Fisher)

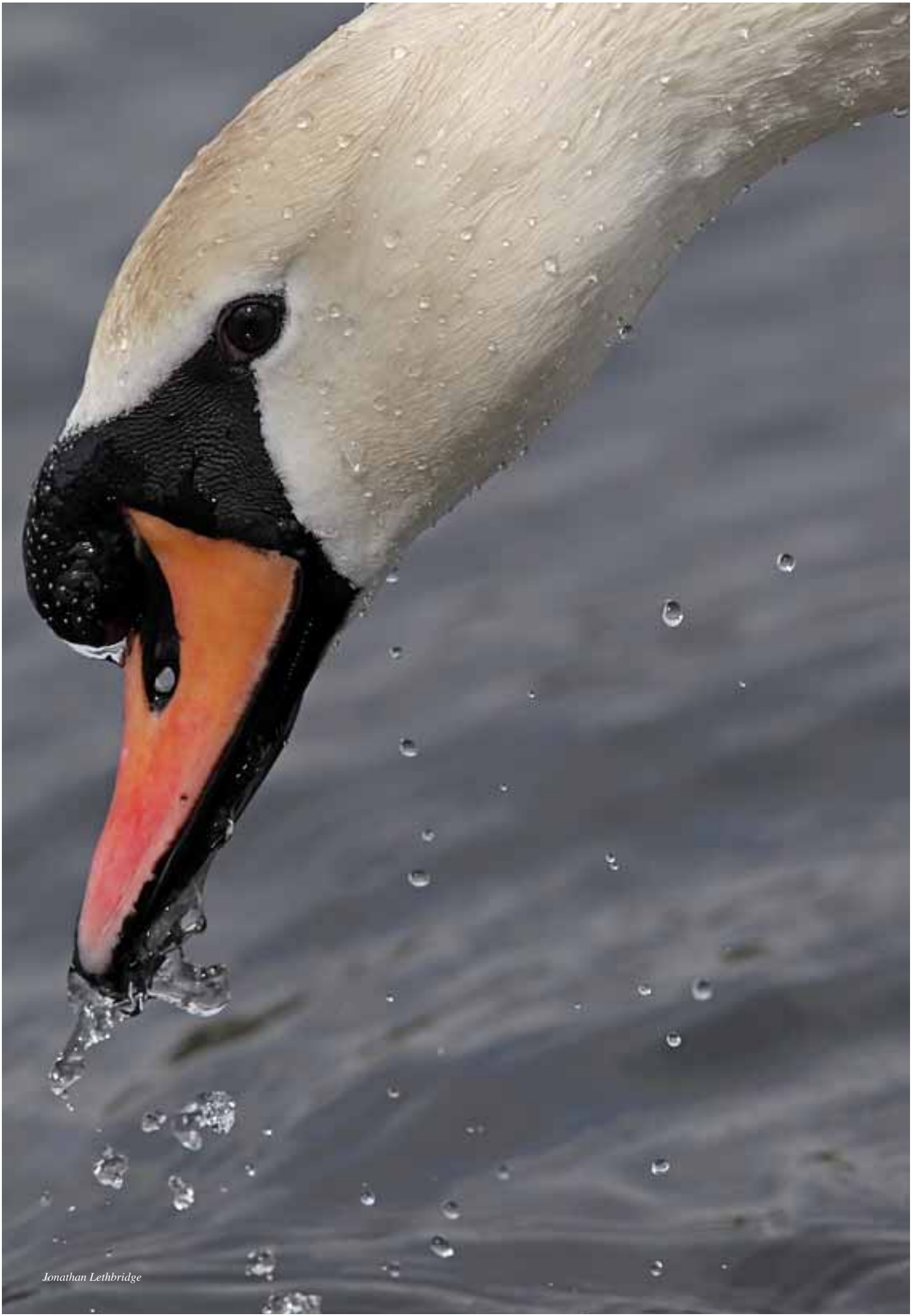
28th

Wanstead Flats: Chiffchaff, 20 Fieldfare, 12 Linnet, 13 + Goldfinch, 10 Chaffinch, 1-2 Lesser Redpoll, 3 Pied Wagtail, 3 Pochard, 54 Gadwall, 14 Shoveler, 200 + Starling, 600 + Common Gull, Kestrel (Nick Croft)

Snaresbrook Crown Court: Firecrest still at dawn (Stuart Fisher)

29th

Wanstead Flats: 8 Mute Swan, 381 Canada Geese, 8 Greylags, 40 Mallard, 8 Shoveler, 27 Gadwall, 2 Pochard, 19 Tufted Duck, 3 Little Grebe, 31 Moorhen, 88 Coot, 79 Black-headed Gull, 273 Common Gull, 2 Skylark, 6 Meadow Pipit, Goldcrest, 16 Linnet (Tim Harris)



Jonathan Lethbridge

2014 Sightings: December

1st

Wanstead Flats: 44 Gadwall, 12 Shoveler, 2 Teal, 9 Linnet, Fieldfare, 2 Kestrel (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: 104 Gadwall, 41 Pochard, 2 Shoveler, Kingfisher, 3 Little Grebe, Great Crested Grebe, 40 + Goldfinch, Lesser Redpoll, 4 Goldcrest, Chiffchaff, 10 Fieldfare (Nick Croft)

Snaresbrook Crown Court: Strangely, no sign of Firecrest this am (Stuart Fisher)

2nd

Wanstead Flats: 51 Gadwall, 16 Shoveler, 20 + Tufted Duck, 4 Pochard, 2 Little Grebe, 14-18 Linnet, 7 Skylark, 3 Meadow Pipit, 2 Pied Wagtail, 8 Mistle Thrush (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: The Basin 104 Gadwall, 2 Wigeon (Dan Hennessy)

4th

Wanstead Flats: 60 Gadwall, 15 Shoveler, 8 Pochard, 2 Little Grebe, 21 Linnet, 7 Skylark, 10 + Redwing, 5 Pied Wagtail (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: 99 Gadwall, 14 Pochard, 4 Shoveler, 20 + Tufted Duck, 4 Little Grebe, Great Crested Grebe, 3 Grey Heron, m Kingfisher, Grey Wagtail, 3 Lesser Redpoll, 20 + Goldfinch, 3 Goldcrest, Redwing (Nick Croft) The Basin: 117 Gadwall, 9 Pochard, 2 Great Crested Grebe, 2 Little Grebe (Dan Hennessy)

5th

Wanstead Park: The Basin 183 Gadwall, 5 Wigeon (Dan Hennessy)

Snaresbrook Crown Court: Oystercatcher heard calling overhead at 06.35 (Stuart Fisher)

6th

Wanstead Park: 239 Gadwall, 7 Wigeon (all waters counted) (Dan Hennessy) f Bullfinch in garden nr Bush Wood (Lindsay Vaughan). The Basin: 6 Egyptian Geese, 191 Gadwall, 17 Pochard (Tim Harris). Heronry: 7 Little Grebe. Also, 83 Jackdaw, 334 Carrion Crow, 24 Magpie into dusk corvid roost (partial count only) (Nick Croft, T Harris), Water Rail, 2 Goldcrest, Teal, 2 Egyptian Goose (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Flats: 45 Gadwall (Dan Hennessy). Jack Snipe (Angel pond), Chiffchaff, Goldcrest, 5+ Meadow Pipit, Grey Wagtail, 3 Pied Wagtail, 8 Skylark, 13 Linnet, 6 Pochard, Shoveler, Little Grebe, Kestrel (Wanstead Birders)

7th

Wanstead Flats: WeBS count 33 Moorhen, 107 Coot, 2 Little Grebe, 7 Pochard, 23 Tufted Duck, 68 Mallard, 43 Gadwall, 11 Shoveler, 2 Egyptian Goose, 10 Greylag Goose, 210+ Canada Goose, 4 Mute Swan, 600+ Common Gull, 200+ Black-headed Gull, 7 Herring Gull, 6 Lesser Black-backed Gull, 1-2 Snipe, 2 Little Egret over, 3 Pied Wagtail, Meadow Pipit, 8 Skylark, 28-32 Linnet, 3 Goldcrest, Kestrel, 2 Fieldfare, 2 Redwing (Nick Croft).

Wanstead Park: 2 Water Rail (Bob and Lindsay Vaughan) WeBS count: 23 Mute Swan, 3 Greylag Goose, 53 Canada Goose, 338 Gadwall (combined total of 378 a new record for the wider patch), 2 Teal, 85 Mallard, 19 Shoveler, 27 Pochard, 40 Tufted Duck, 8 Little Grebe, 3 Great Crested Grebe, 5 Cormorant, 3 Grey Heron, 42 Moorhen, 176 Coot, 278 Black-headed Gull (Tim Harris et al)

8th

Wanstead Park: Nuthatch and female Bullfinch in OSW (Tim Harris)
Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: 2 Firecrest, 2 Egyptian Geese, 5 Shoveler, 14 Gadwall, 2 Great crested Grebe, 2 Coal Tit, c5 Redwing, 3 Stock Dove, 3 Goldcrest, 10 Goldfinch (Stuart Fisher)



2014 Sightings: December

9th

Wanstead Flats: 20 Gadwall, 4 Shoveler, 21 Grey-lag Goose, Little Grebe, 3 Skylark, 2 Redwing, Kestrel (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: Water Rail, 90+ Gadwall, 5 Shoveler, Little Grebe, Goldcrest, 30+ Redwing, Kingfisher (Nick Croft), 209 Gadwall and 5 Wigeon on Basin (Dan Hennessy)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: 2 Firecrest (one in NW of court near end of laurel hedge, 1 in Ivy covered trees E of Eagle Pond), Fieldfare, 22 Goldfinch, 30+ Gadwall, 2 Shoveler, 9 Redwing, 2 Great crested Grebe (Stuart Fisher)

10th

Wanstead Park basin: 7 Wigeon (J Lethbridge)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: 2 Firecrest together at roost site, 7 Goldcrest, Treecreeper, 38 Gadwall, 5 Shoveler, 2 Great crested Grebe, 2 Green Woodpecker (Stuart Fisher)

11th

Wanstead Flats: 7 Skylark, 4 Meadow Pipit, Pied Wagtail, 21 Linnet, 3 Shoveler, 3 Pochard, 5 Tufted Duck, Little Grebe (Jubilee pond), Redwing (Nick Croft)

12th

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: Firecrest, 2 Nuthatch (Gilbert Slade), 10 Lesser Redpoll (Stuart Fisher)

13th

Wanstead Park: 368 Gadwall (411 for Wanstead today), 7 Wigeon, Teal, 2 Kingfisher, Water Rail, 15 Redwing (Dan Hennessy).

14th

Wanstead Park: 334 Gadwall, 9 Wigeon (3 Ornamental Waters, 6 Basin), 11 Teal (Ornamental Waters), 17 Shoveler, 2 Coal Tit, Grey Wagtail, Kingfisher (Dan Hennessy)

15th

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: 2 Firecrest, 16 Gadwall, Sparrowhawk, 65+ Woodpigeon heading S including a pale leucistic bird, 2 singing Coal Tit, 7 Redwing, Grey Wagtail (Stuart Fisher)

16th

Wanstead Flats: 18 Shoveler, 9 Pochard, 47 Gadwall, 2 Egyptian Goose, Little Grebe, 7 Skylark, Meadow Pipit, 3 Pied Wagtail, 2 Linnet, 2 Lesser Redpoll, Kestrel (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: 199 Gadwall (excluding basin), 22 Shoveler, 4 Teal, 4 Egyptian Goose, Little Grebe, 8 + Stock Dove, 2 Goldcrest, 2 +Siskin, 2+ Lesser Redpoll, Bullfinch, Sparrowhawk, 5 Grey Heron (Nick Croft)

Snaresbrook Crown Court: Firecrest, Goldcrest, 2 Lesser Redpoll, 3 Fieldfare over, singing Coal Tit (Stuart Fisher)

20th

Wanstead Park: 7 Wigeon (Basin), 10 Teal (Ornamental Waters), 24 Shoveler, 315 Gadwall, 3 Great Crested Grebe, Nuthatch, Kingfisher (Dan Hennessy).



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21st

Wanstead Flats, Fairground/SSSI: 2 Egyptian Goose, Common Snipe, 2 Green Woodpecker, 8 Skylark, Mistle Thrush in full song, 6 Linnet (Tim Harris) Red Kite (Gary Hewett) A Lesser Spotted Woodpecker has been reported in a garden between the flats and the park - the year's only record

22nd

Wanstead Park: 8 Wigeon, 10 Teal, 339 Gadwall, 19 Shoveler, 17 Pochard, 31 Tufted Duck, 2 Great Crested Grebe (Dan Hennessy).

Snaresbrook: Tawny Owl calling at Gilberts Slade at c6:30am (Stuart Fisher)

23rd

Wanstead Flats: 4-7 Meadow Pipit, 2 Pied Wagtail, 7 Skylark, 17 Linnet, m Reed Bunting, 3 Shoveler, 4 Pochard, 10 Tufted Duck, Little Grebe (Jub), 8 Gadwall over park, 2 Goldcrest (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: Woodcock at dusk, flew over R Roding on to golf course, 2 Little Grebe, 69 Gadwall (Perch & Heronry), 4 Shoveler, Sparrowhawk (Nick Croft)

25th

Wanstead Park: 3 Nuthatch, Blackcap in garden (Dan Hennessy)

26th

Wanstead Flats: 41 Gadwall, 9 Shoveler, 5 Pochard, 2 Egyptian Goose, 2 Little Grebe, Kestrel, 5+ Great Black-backed Gull through, 3-4 Lesser Redpoll, 3 Fieldfare, 2 singing Mistle Thrush, singing Stock Dove, 6 Skylark, 2 Pied Wagtail, no sign of any Meadow Pipit or Linnet (Nick Croft/Dan Hennessy)

Wanstead Park: 418 Gadwall (total for park and flats 459, a new record), 16-17 Wigeon (Basin - record count), 5 Teal, 21 Shoveler, 2 Great Crested Grebe, 2 Bullfinch (Old Sewage Works) (Dan Hennessy)

27th

Wanstead Flats: Lapwing, Common Buzzard, 31 Gadwall, 10 Shoveler, 7 Pochard, 2 Teal, 4 Egyptian Goose, Little Grebe, 17 Linnet, Reed Bunting, Meadow Pipit, 4 Pied Wagtail (Nick Croft/Dan Hennessy/Tony Brown)

Wanstead Park: 263 + Gadwall, 12 + Wigeon, 6 Shoveler, 2 Teal, 10 + Pochard, 8 Little Grebe, 2 Great Crested Grebe, Water Rail, Kingfisher, Kestrel, 2 Lesser Redpoll, Goldcrest, 2 Great Black-backed Gull, 5 Grey Heron (Nick Croft)

28th

Wanstead Flats: Woodcock (Bob Vaughan)

Wanstead Park: still 12 Wigeon on Basin (Tim Harris)

29th

Wanstead Flats: 26 Linnet, 5 Lesser Redpoll, Meadow Pipit, 2 Pied Wagtail, Skylark, Fieldfare, Sparrowhawk, Kestrel, 9 Shoveler, 10 Gadwall, 4 Egyptian Goose, 2 Little Grebe, Goldcrest (Nick Croft/Kathy Hartnett)

Wanstead Park: 23 Shoveler (Perch Pond), 12 Gadwall, 2 Teal, Water Rail, Redwing, Grey Wagtail (Nick Croft)

Leyton Flats/Snaresbrook: 2 f/imm Bullfinch (Leyton Flats), Treecreeper, 4 Goldcrest, 3 Redwing, 81 Tufted Duck, c500 Black-headed Gull, Kingfisher, Common Buzzard S at 13:16 (Gilberts Slade) (Stuart Fisher)

30th

Wanstead Flats: 1-3 Common Snipe, 6 Shoveler, 4 Egyptian Goose, 30 Greylag Goose grazing on football pitches in the dark, Meadow Pipit, 10 Linnet, 3 Lesser Redpoll, f Bullfinch, Kestrel, singing Stock Dove (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: 365 Gadwall, 5 Wigeon, 21 Shoveler, Siskin (Dan Hennessy), Water Rail, 5 Teal (Manor Park allotments in Aldersbrook), Goldcrest, Bullfinch, Grey Wagtail (Nick Croft)

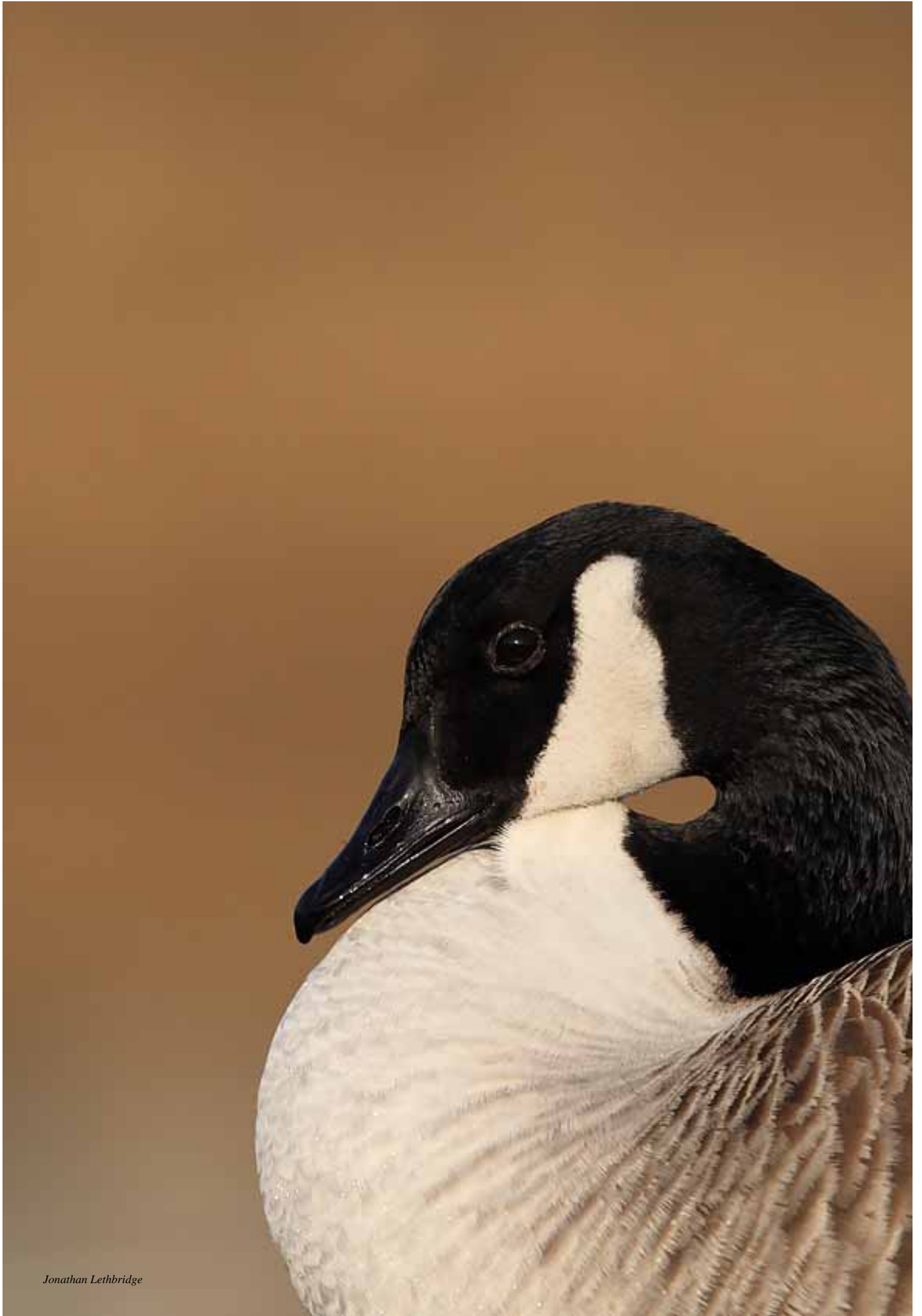
31st

Wanstead Flats: 20 Linnet, 3 Lesser Redpoll, 4 Meadow Pipit, 4 Pied Wagtail, 6 Gadwall, 2 Shoveler, 2 Pochard, 2 Egyptian Goose, 2 Sparrowhawk, Kestrel (Nick Croft)

Wanstead Park: 300 Gadwall, 2 Wigeon, 2 Great Crested Grebe still on the Basin, Water Rail old sewage works on Roding, Teal Manor Park allotments in the Aldersbrook (Dan Hennessy), 23 Shoveler, 3 Little Grebe, Water Rail south east corner of the Shoulder of Mutton (possibly up to 5 now on site), Goldcrest, Redwing (Nick Croft)

Snaresbrook Crown Court: Firecrest very briefly at dawn (Stuart Fisher)





Jonathan Lethbridge

The systematic list

Mute Swan

Resident, breeding in small numbers

Coordinated waterbird counts produced the following totals (refers to combined Park and Flats):

Jan	33
Feb	15
Mar	34
Oct	15
Nov	31
Dec	27

28 on Heronry on 11/1 was an unusually high count there.

Greylag Goose

Resident, breeding in small numbers

Coordinated waterbird counts produced the following totals:

Jan	41
Feb	33
Mar	43
Nov	14
Dec	13

Canada Goose

Resident, breeding in small numbers

Coordinated waterbird counts produced the following totals:

Jan	258
Feb	58
Mar	161
Nov	181
Dec	269

Egyptian Goose

Regular visitor

12 in Park on 7/11 was record local WeBS count. Up to 30 had been reported around The Basin in the previous week.

Shelduck

Scarce visitor passing between Thames and Walthamstow Marshes, presumably.

Two by Police Scrape, 28/2. Then a pair at various sites in the Park, over the Flats and at Snaresbrook Court, 13-20/4. At least six over Flats, 27/4. Two E over Flats, 2/10.

Gadwall

Commonest duck in midwinter

A count on 1/1 produced a site-record 385 (345 in the Park, 40 on Alex). On the last WeBS count of the year on 7/12 there were 338 in the Park and 40 on Alex, remarkably similar figures. Numbers continued to increase with a total of 459 in the area on 26/12 (418 in the Park and 41 on Alex). Coordinated WeBS counts produced the following totals:

Jan	257
Feb	82
Mar	3
Oct	146
Nov	229
Dec	378



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Common Teal

Scarce winter visitor

First of autumn were two on Alex on 7/8.

Coordinated waterbird counts produced the following totals:

Jan	4
Feb	0
Mar	0
Oct	11
Nov	9
Dec	2



Mallard

Resident, breeding in small numbers

Coordinated waterbird counts produced the following totals:

Jan	116
Feb	59
Mar	85
Oct	78
Nov	129
Dec	153



Shoveler

Fairly common winter visitor Coordinated waterbird counts produced the following totals:

Jan	23
Feb	11
Mar	30
Oct	19
Nov	16
Dec	30



Wigeon

Regular winter visitor

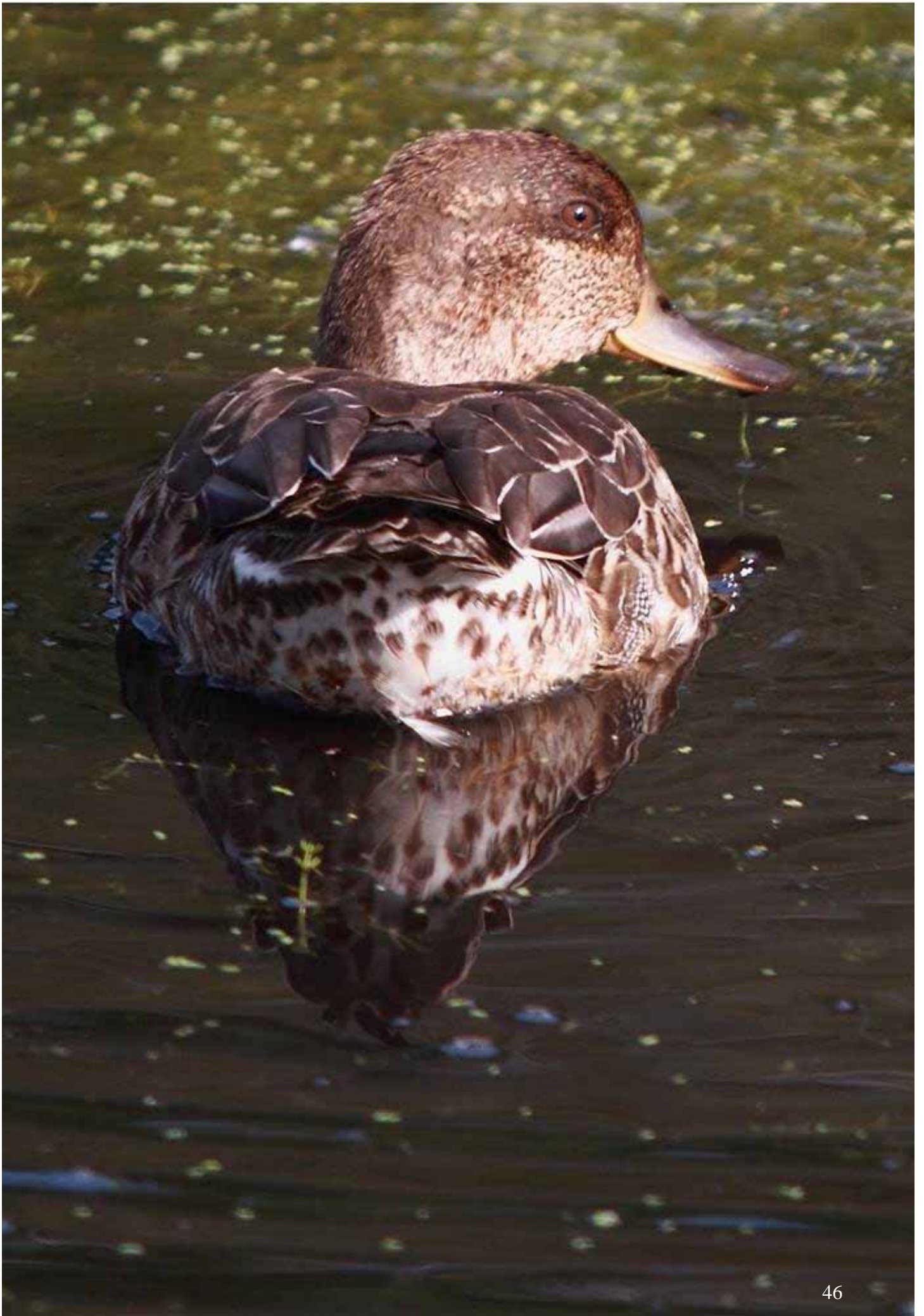
This species has increased in recent winters. At least one was in the Park early in the year, and the first returning bird was in Wanstead Park on 4/9. Birds were almost ever-present on The Basin through the last quarter of the year, with a local record count in late December. Unfortunately, WeBS counts did not fully reflect this. Coordinated WeBS counts late in the year were as follows.

Oct	5
Nov	4
Dec	0

Peak: there were seven on The Basin, 15/10; seven in the Park on 6/12; nine in the Park on 14/12 and 16-17 on The Basin on 26/12.







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Red-crested Pochard

Rare visitor

One in Wanstead Park, 25/4; first-winter male, Wanstead Park, 3/9.

Pochard

Fairly common winter visitor

Coordinated WeBS counts produced the following totals:

Jan	25
Feb	2
Mar	4
Oct	22
Nov	22
Dec	35

The typical late summer/early autumn peak was apparent again with a max. Count of 74 in Park and 2 on Flats on 12/9. Numbers then tend to decline before increasing again late in the year.



Tufted Duck

Resident, with numbers increasing significantly in winter

Coordinated waterbird counts produced the following totals:

Jan	123
Feb	129
Mar	82
Oct	33
Nov	78
Dec	63

Mandarin

Rare visitor

Drake in Park on 30/3 was first for two years.



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Pheasant

Rare visitor

One near the riding stables, 18/2.

Little Grebe

Resident, breeding in small numbers

Chick on Angell Pond in mid-June was the first there in many years, reflecting unusual amount of water in pond. Ten (including five chicks) on Flats, 25/6.

Coordinated waterbird counts produced the following totals:

Jan	6
Feb	9
Mar	6
Nov	13
Dec	10

Great Crested Grebe

Resident

A pair nested on Heronry and were attending three chicks by 25/5. Female on nest on Eagle Pond and a juvenile on Hollow Pond, 9/7. Two adults and two chicks on Eagle Pond on 15/7.

Coordinated waterbird counts produced the following totals:

Jan	1
Feb	2
Mar	3
Nov	4
Dec	3

Cormorant

Regular visitor

A regular visitor in small numbers to Wanstead Park; and a daily fly-over (especially in spring and summer), commuting between the Thames and Walthamstow Reservoirs. 21 in one flock over Flats, 29/8.

Coordinated waterbird counts produced the following totals:

Jan	7
Feb	3
Mar	4
Nov	3
Dec	5

Little Egret

Increasingly frequent visitor

Grey Heron

Regular visitor; formerly bred

Regularly feed on ponds in Wanstead Park in small numbers and probably a daily fly-over. Five, inc. three juveniles in Park, 10/6.

Coordinated waterbird counts produced the following totals:

Jan	3
Feb	2
Mar	1
Nov	7
Dec	3



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Osprey

Rare visitor

One NW over Flats, 8/3.

Honey Buzzard

Rare passage migrant

At least one probable with the buzzard movement on 6/9.

Red Kite

Scarce visitor

One mobbed by crows over CoL Cemetery, 27/2. One over Flats, 24/4. Another on 8/5. Mobbed by crows over Whipps Cross roundabout, 9/5. One N, Leyton Flats, 16/5. One over Park on 25/5 and over Flats on 26/5.

Marsh Harrier

Scarce passage migrant in spring and autumn

One over Flats on 27/8.

Sparrowhawk

Resident

Ones and twos are regularly seen, especially over Wanstead Flats. The species bred locally. Up to six over Flats towards the end of August.

Common Buzzard

Passage migrant in spring and autumn

A number of birds were noted on spring passage, including birds over Leyton Flats, Chalet Wood, Bush Wood, Reservoir Wood and Wanstead Flats.

Most noteworthy autumn records included four W over Flats on 19/8 and a locally unprecedented movement of 24 NW over Park between 16:30-16:50, 6/9, may have included two Honey Buzzards.

Kestrel

Scarce resident

Hobby

Summer visitor

At least two in Wanstead Park on 26/4.

Bred in Park.

Peregrine Falcon

Regular visitor

Sightings during the year included a pair over Wanstead Park on 2/3; one on a pylon by the River Roding on 17/6; one over Aldersbrook on 24/6; and one carrying food over the Park on 23/7.



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Water Rail

Winter visitor

The only bird in the first part of the year was by the Shoulder of Mutton, where two had been heard late in 2013. It was last seen on 30/1, possibly because exceptional rainfall meant water levels rose too high after that. Seen again up to 30/3. One at Eagle Pond, 22/1.

In autumn, were one or two juveniles by the Roding/OSW in August locally bred birds? One at Perch on 26/9. Two at SoM, 7/12.

Moorhen

Common resident

Coordinated waterbird counts produced the following totals:

Jan	66
Feb	46
Mar	33
Nov	78
Dec	75

Coot

Very common resident

Coordinated waterbird counts produced the following totals:

Jan	216
Feb	140
Mar	156
Nov	311
Dec	283



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Oystercatcher

Rare visitor

One E over Leyton Flats, 11/7; one over Snaresbrook, 5/12

Lapwing

Scarce visitor in cold weather

Singles over Flats on 3/10 and 4/10, then 60 over on 13/10. A single over on 27/12 at the onset of a cold snap.

Golden Plover

Scarce visitor in cold weather

15 over Flats, 13/10.

Dunlin

Rare

One over Flats, 13/10.

Woodcock

Winter visitor in small numbers

One was flushed by runners in Bush Wood on 1/1. One flying from The Plain towards The Dell, 16/3.

Jack Snipe

Rare

One flushed from Alex shore, 23/9. Another in Angell Pond, 6/12.

Common Snipe

Regular winter visitor

Possibly just a single was present around the SSSI in January and February. The first autumn bird on Flats, 15/8. Numbers were again low late in the year, with a best of three on 19/10.

Whimbrel

Rare

One over Wanstead Flats on 25/4 was the first for two years.

Curlew

Rare

One over Flats, 8/3.

Common Sandpiper

Passage migrant

In spring, singles at Alex on 24/4, in Wanstead Park on 6/5 and 8/5, and at Alex on 7/5. In autumn, at Alex on 22/7, 15/8, 17/8 and in Park on 8/9..

Green Sandpiper

Scarce passage migrant

One SE, Leyton Flats, 2/4. One by the Roding, 4-5/8.

Greenshank

Rare

One N over Flats, calling, on 29/9, was the first for two years.



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Black-headed Gull

Resident, with numbers increasing in winter

Coordinated waterbird counts produced the following totals:

Jan	612
Feb	c1750
Mar	177
Nov	192
Dec	478

Mediterranean Gull

Winter visitor

A good early winter period with an adult (not Valentino) on the Flats on several dates, inc 13/2 and 15/2, and 2 adults there on 18/2. Metal-ringed first-winter on Flats on 19/8. Adult seen on the Flats on several dates in the second half of October. First-winter there in early November.

Common Gull

Winter visitor

First returning bird on Wanstead Flats, 18/6. Coordinated waterbird counts produced the following totals:

Jan	829
Feb	c1110
Mar	124
Nov	6
Dec	602

Lesser Black-backed Gull

Regular visitor in small numbers

A spring crèche of this species and the next numbered 50+ at Jubilee in May.

Coordinated waterbird counts produced the following totals:

Jan	5
Feb	27
Mar	6
Nov	1
Dec	7

Herring Gull

Regular visitor in very small numbers

Coordinated waterbird counts produced the following totals:

Jan	4
Feb	25
Mar	1
Nov	1
Dec	8

30+ sub-adults of this species and Lesser Black-backed Gulls at Jubilee Pond from 28/4, reaching 65 on 15/5. Is this the start of a new local trend?

Yellow-legged Gull

Rare visitor

Two on western Flats, 12/10; one on 18/10.

Great Black-backed Gull

Scarce visitor

Two on the Flats, 7/1.

Kittiwake

Rare visitor

An exhausted adult was by Alex on 7/1.

Common Tern

Summer visitor

Two in Wanstead Park on 1/5. Occasional sightings in the Park thereafter, including one flying N with food on 10/6. Two on Eagle Pond, 11/6.





Feral Rock Dove

Common resident

Stock Dove

Resident breeder

In breeding season pairs present in Bush Wood (2?), OSW, Centre Copse, Chalet Wood and near the Ornaments.

Woodpigeon

Abundant resident and autumn passage migrant

Autumn passage: 100 S over Flats, 17/10; 750 S over Leyton Flats, 23/10; 1000+ over Wanstead Flats, 27/10; 600+ S on 5/11.

Collared Dove

Resident breeder

Turtle Dove

Rare passage migrant

Single juveniles on Flats on 24/8 and 29/8

Ring-necked Parakeet

Increasing resident

Cuckoo

Scarce passage migrant

Singles on Wanstead Flats on 13/5, 29/5 and 1/9.



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Little Owl

Resident breeder?

One on Wanstead Flats on 1/1. Following reports of a bird back in a copse on Wanstead Flats in December 2013, one present there early in the year and intermittently reported thereafter, until 20/11 at least.

Also, one near Eagle Pond, 11/5.

Tawny Owl

Scarce resident

Hooting in Bush Wood on 19/2, Chalet Wood on 28/2, Bush Wood on 30/9.

Short-eared Owl

Scarce visitor One W over Wanstead Flats, 22/9; another or the same over the Flats for 40 minutes on 30/9; one flushed from SSSI on 20/10; one flew in from the east on 20/11..

Common Swift

Common summer visitor

One over Wanstead Park on 1/5. Numbers built to 50+ over the Flats on 7/5, 100+ from 11-13/5 and "several hundred" on 23/5.

Kingfisher

Regular visitor and possible breeder

Present throughout the year. Four in Wanstead Park, 22/3.

Hoopoe

Rare

A probable seen by Wanstead CC, heading towards the golf course, on 22/6 (JL). This would be the first record since 1976.

Green Woodpecker

Resident breeder

Pairs in breeding season in Bush Wood, in several areas of Wanstead Flats and in Wanstead Park.

Great Spotted Woodpecker

Resident breeder

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker

Very scarce visitor and former breeder

Another very poor year. One in a private garden in Empress Avenue on a date between 10-14/12.



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Skylark

Resident breeder on Wanstead Flats, and passage migrant

Birds wintered on the Fairground, with a maximum of 15 on 12/1. The first song-fighting bird was seen on 28/1 and 6 had returned to the core breeding area east of Centre Road on 1/2. By 5/3 there were 4 singing birds (1 in SSSI and 3 in core area) and 10 birds altogether. Survey work from March to May indicated eight territories in the area east of Centre Road and another in the rough grass near Alexandra Lake. Still five singing males on 20/6. 13 on Flats, 4/8. Winter feeding party on Fairground numbered 8 throughout December.

Woodlark

Scarce passage migrant

One on Wanstead Flats, 27/9.

Sand Martin

Summer visitor

Two over Flats, 15/3; 12 over, 13/4; 40 NE, 18/4.

Last, three NE over Leyton Flats, 10/10.

Swallow

Passage migrant

Two over Wanstead Flats and three over the Flats, 6/4. Spring passage peaked on 7/5 with 34 over the Flats. Serious autumn passage got going on 29/8 with 20+ over the Flats; 40+ on 2/9, 150+ on 24/9.

House Martin

Summer breeding locally

First over Wanstead Flats on 11/4. Back at Brading Crescent colony, 17/4. 22 over Long Wood/SSSI on 29/7.

Autumn passage peaked with 70+ on 24/9, a low figure.

Olive-backed Pipit

Scarce passage

Probable near Long Wood, 26/9.

Tree Pipit

Scarce passage migrant in spring and, especially, autumn

One W over Long Wood, 10/5.

First of autumn, 15/8 on Wanstead Flats. Then monthly totals there in autumn:

August: 16 bird-days with max. of three on 15/8.

Four on Leyton Flats, 15/8.

Meadow Pipit

Resident breeder and passage migrant

Small numbers of birds wintered in the SSSI/Fairground area in January and February. 20+ including 17 migrants, in SSSI, 19/3. On 5/3 there was a pair in the SSSI, with a singing bird and two others in the core area east of Centre Road. Maximum count of song-fighting birds was five in April. One still singing on 3/7. Individuals seen carrying food, 11/8, 20-21/8. Autumn passage counts included 36+ on 6/9 and 20+ on 10/9, 20+ on 12/9, 70+ on 17/9, 20+ on 18/9, 40+ on 20/9, 60+ on 21/9, 40+ on 22/9, 30+ on 23/9, 50+ on 24/9, 30+ on 26/9, 40+ on 27/9, 30+ on 29/9.

Yellow Wagtail

Scarce passage migrant in spring and, especially, autumn

First of spring flew N over Flats on 14/4.

Monthly totals on Flats:

August: 37 bird-days with max. of six on 24/8.

September: xxx bird-days including 33+ over in the period 5-7/9.

Grey Wagtail

Resident, with increased numbers in winter

A pair with one youngster was seen on a number of occasions in and around Heronry. Four in Park, 15/6.

Pied Wagtail

Resident

Wintering birds were seen on the (very wet) Fairground, by Jubilee Pond and by Alexandra Lake in January and February.

Wren

Abundant resident



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Dunnock

Common resident and passage migrant

Robin

Abundant resident and passage migrant

Common Redstart

Passage migrant in spring and autumn

Two in spring: singles on Flats on 9/4, 16/4 and 9/5.

First of autumn, singles in SSSI and 'enclosure', 16/8. Then monthly totals on Flats as follows:

August: 22 bird-days (max. of seven on 31/8).

Whinchat

Passage migrant in spring and autumn

Two males on Wanstead Flats, 4/5, with a female on 11/5.

Monthly totals in autumn on the Flats:

First of autumn in 'pub scrub' on 12/8.

August: 22 bird-days (max. of 11 on 31/8).

September: 60 bird days

Stonechat

Winter visitor

The first of year on Wanstead Flats from 12/9 was joined by a second bird on 21/9 and there were three on 23/9. Three were still present on 3/10 and there were four on 19/10. One remained in the first half of November.







Northern Wheatear

Passage migrant in spring and autumn

Two males on Flats, 20/3.

The earliest-ever autumn return was on the Flats on 23/7 (GH). Last of spring on 18/5.

Monthly totals in autumn on Wanstead Flats:

August, 25 bird-days (max of 10 on 31/8).

Ring Ouzel

Scarce passage migrant

Male, Long Wood, 10/4, was the only spring record.

In autumn, sightings were concentrated in the period 4-16/10. The first was a male on 4/10, followed by another on 10/10 and a female on 11/10. On the big 'thrush day' of 13/10 two males were seen, with between three and six present the following day and two on 15/10 and 16/10.





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Blackbird

Common resident and passage migrant

Fieldfare

Passage migrant in autumn

Small numbers only were seen in early year, with a very late bird on Wanstead Flats, 21/4.

The first of autumn was 13/10 and thereafter numbers remained low, with a peak of 97+ over Wanstead Flats in the period 5-15/11.

Song Thrush

Resident breeder

11 singing males were in the OSW at dawn on 15/1, with 6 singing males in Bush Wood on 18/1. In autumn, 50+ over Wanstead Flats on 14/10.

Redwing

Passage migrant in autumn

There was concentrated visible migration of 3500+ over the Flats on 13-14/10 with "hundreds" more on 15/10.

Mistle Thrush

Resident breeder

Pairs were noted in Bush Wood,





Reed Warbler

Scarce breeder

Singing birds heard by Heronry Lake, 4/5, at Shoulder of Mutton from mid-May (possibly two singers on 12/5), by the Roding on 8/6, by Cat and Dog and Long Wood on 13/6. One seen carrying food, SoM, 22/6.

Sedge Warbler

Scarce passage migrant

A spring record, on Wanstead Flats on 13/5 was unusual. In autumn, singles there on 22/8 and 16/9.

Blyth's Reed Warbler

Rare vagrant

One in the SSSI on 29/5 sang intermittently (but beautifully) from a patch of broom for much of the day, giving poor views on a handful of occasions. This was the third London record after previous at Canary Wharf in October 2001 and at Fishers Green in June in June 2003. Initially found by Nick Croft, the bird attracted many visitors though their admiration was of song rather than sight. Birders on site at 4:00 the next morning were disappointed as the bird had presumably departed overnight.

Blackcap

Common summer breeder and scarce winter visitor

One singing in Leybourne Road (Bushwood estate) on the very early date of 28/1. Most early winter reports came from gardens in January and February, with a pair in a Forest Gate garden on 4/3.

Garden Warbler

Scarce summer visitor

First, Wanstead Flats, 28/4. Two singing males there and another in Wanstead Park in mid-May. Four, including three juveniles in SSSI on 23/6. One still singing on Flats, 5/7. Seven on Flats, 16/8.

Lesser Whitethroat

Passage migrant and breeder

Singing male, OSW, on 9/4 was first London record for the year. Eight singing birds on Wanstead Flats on 19/4 must surely be a record for recent times. Five territories were established: at the north end of the SSSI, at either end of Long Wood and two near Alexandra Lake. One was seen carrying food on the Flats on 30/5. Two still singing on Flats, 29/6, and two young seen there the following day. Peak counts: 15 on 24/8 and 14+ on 28/8

Common Whitethroat

Common summer visitor Extraordinarily, the species returned later than Lesser Whitethroat. The first two were on Wanstead Flats on 13/4 and there were 20 there by 24/4. First fledged birds noted there by 28/5. By 6/8, 40+ on Flats.

Wood Warbler

Rare visitor

One or two first-winters in poor weather conditions on Alex island, 17/8.



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Chiffchaff

Common summer visitor; some overwinter

A few singles were noted in January and February. 26 singing males in Park, 29/3. By 25/8, 40+ birds on Wanstead Flats, mostly in SSSI.

Willow Warbler

Passage migrant in spring and autumn, possibly breeding

Singing male near Hollow Pond, 1/4; four singing males in Wanstead Park, 9/4, with six on Flats, 10/4. Family party of four on Leyton Flats, 18/6. Still singing in Park on 25/5 and on Flats, 23/6. Biggest count of autumn, 10+ on Flats, 14/8.

Goldcrest

Localised resident

Numbers in the early part of the year were below average, presumably reflecting the very mild conditions. The same was true in autumn, with 12+ in Wanstead Park on 20/9 an unexceptional count.

Firecrest

Regular winter visitor

A bird was seen in Bush Wood on several dates in January, the last instance being 24/1. Also noted in the grounds of Snaresbrook Court, with two on 21/1, a singing male on 6/6, for example. One in Long Wood, 26/9. Two had returned to Bush Wood on 12/10.

Spotted Flycatcher

Mainly autumn passage migrant

There have not been many spring records in recent years so one on Wanstead Flats on 10/5 was noteworthy, while another there on 29/6 was either very late or very early.

First of autumn, three on Flats, 15/8. Then, monthly totals on the Flats:
August: 49 bird-days (max. of 14+ on 31/8).

Pied Flycatcher

Scarce autumn passage migrant

Singles on Flats on 31/7, 2/8 (both female/first-winter), 24/8 and 5/9.



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Long-tailed Tit

Abundant resident

40+ on Wanstead Flats on 30/7.

Blue Tit

Abundant resident

Great Tit

Abundant resident

Coal Tit

Scarce resident

Birds reported from most places on the patch, but again only in singles or pairs.

Nuthatch

Scarce visitor and former breeder

Up to 3 birds (11/1) were present in Bush Wood in January, then after a gap there was a pair on 27/3, mating on 6/4. Bush Wood, 17/7.

Two, Leyton Flats, 6/8.

Treecreeper

Rare visitor; former breeding species

Two birds were in Bush Wood on 4/1, with a single on 11/1. One on Flats on 31/7 was the first record for the site.

Seen regularly on Leyton Flats in the summer, including two on 29/7.



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Jay

Common resident

A noisy group of 15 roamed Wanstead Park on 17/3.

Magpie

Common resident

24 counted going into golf course roost on 6/12 (partial count).

Jackdaw

Increasing resident

A local record 200 were on Wanstead Golf Course on 8/2. 83 counted going into golf course roost on 6/12 (partial count).

Carrion Crow

Common resident

334 counted going into golf course roost on 6/12 (partial count).

Rook

Rare visitor

One S over Leyton Flats early in the year; two over Wanstead Flats, 10/3.



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Starling

Common resident and passage migrant, numbers increasing in winter

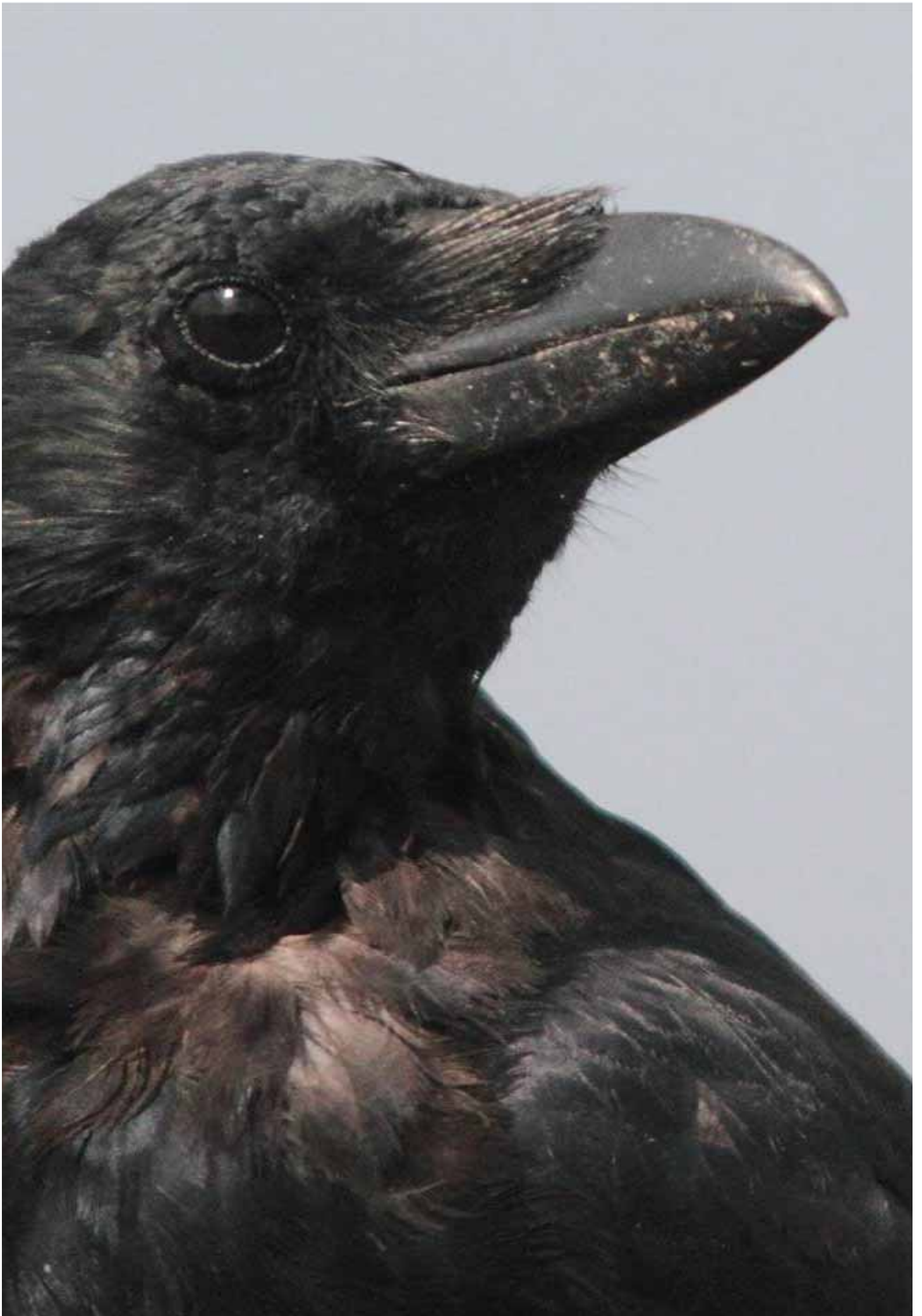
By mid-July there were 300+ on Wanstead Flats, with 400+ at the end of the month. Visible migration of 5000 over Flats on 13/10; this was the biggest movement of the autumn.

House Sparrow

Resident, much reduced in numbers

A small breeding colony was noted in Richmond Road, on the Lakehouse estate.





Brambling

Passage migrant

15 over Wanstead Flats on the best day of visible migration, 13/10. A single there on 16/10; six on 20/10, 35+ on 22/10 and singles on 25/10 and 27/10.

Chaffinch

Resident, breeding in small numbers; numbers build in autumn

10+ by the riding stables, 15/1.

Greenfinch

Common resident

Goldfinch

Quite scarce visitor and local breeder?

Autumn passage included 50+ over Wanstead Flats on 14/10.

Siskin

Winter visitor

Numbers were very low in the first winter period, with up to 7 in the Dell alders in January. An unseasonal bird flew over the Flats on 13/6. Numbers were also low in autumn, with just single-figure counts from mid-October.

Linnet

Quite scarce visitor

The very high counts on the Fairground in late 2013 were exceeded early in the year, with the flock building to 54 on 6/2 before declining to 20 on 1/3 and then into single figures by April. Late in the year birds reappeared on the Fairground, with a peak of 25 on 6/12.

Lesser Redpoll

Winter visitor and passage migrant

At the start of the year, double-figure counts were only seen in the first week of January, with 18 redpolls (including 1 Mealy) in the SSSI on 5/1. 16 in Park, 12/3. Small numbers from mid-October.

Mealy Redpoll

Rare

One with the Lesser Redpoll flock in the SSSI on 7/1 after a probable two days earlier.

Bullfinch

Scarce visitor

Present in the OSW in January, with 3 present there on 12/1.

Up to four present on Wanstead Flats in late October. One in Belgrave Road garden, 6/12.



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Yellowhammer

Rare visitor

One over Heronry, 26/2; singing male on Flats, 31/3. One N over Leyton Flats, 23/10. One over Wanstead Flats, 27/10.

Lapland Bunting

Rare visitor

One south of Alex for two days, 16-17/10.

Reed Bunting

Scarce resident and former breeder

Present in the SSSI in January and February.





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Mute Swan: Common resident breeder found on all the local ponds.

Bewick's Swan: There is one record of a bird on the Basin in the winter of 1947. Prior to that Bewick's Swan *Cygnus columbianus bewickii* Recorded from the Alexandra Pond on Wanstead Flats on 5th February, 1931. This bird later visited the Perch Pond and was to be seen on the Basin on 15th March, returning to the Alexandra Pond where it remained until 21st March (EN XXIII p. 150)

White-fronted Goose: A flock of 50-60 birds flew over the Flats on Jan 28th 1979. More recent records are of a juvenile on Jubilee on December 3rd & 10th 2007, and a flock of c100 birds over the Flats as part of a wider cold-weather movement on December 22nd 2011.

Greylag Goose: Small numbers of feral birds can usually be found around Alexandra Lake on the Flats, where they mix with the Canadas, sometimes with dire results.

Canada Goose: A large flock of c200 birds is resident on Wanstead Flats. Small numbers breed in the Park.

Barnacle Goose: Single feral birds are sometimes seen associating with the Canada Geese on the Flats.

Brent Goose: Very irregular, small flocks sometimes seen as part of wider cold-weather movements in London.

Red-breasted Goose: May contain plastic, but in any event a beautiful bird that graced the Alex for a week at the end of May 2011

Shelduck: Single birds or pairs very occasionally seen flying over the area. Last sighting of a pair circling near Alexandra Lake on April 27th 2012. Subsequently a fairly regular spring flyover as London's population increases

Egyptian Goose: Once relatively rare, a pair are seemingly now resident in the Park, and are most often seen near the tea hut. As of 2011, more birds seem to have moved into the area, with up to eight regularly seen on the Basin, and four regularly on Wanstead Flats.

Mandarin Duck: A rare visitor from further north in Epping Forest. The most recent record is of a pair on the Ornamental Waters on March 11th 2012 that stayed for a week or so and were evening seen mating. More recently a male on Heronry on the afternoon of the 30th March 2014

Mallard: Resident breeder.

Pintail: Very rare here. There is a record of a pair on October 10th 1963, and then a female on the Ornamental Waters on February 1st 1975.

Gadwall: A regular winter visitor, numbers can reach three figures but are normally around 60 birds. The majority are on the Ornamental Waters. In 2013 a record count of over 350 birds was noted making this site one of national importance for wintering Gadwall

Shoveler: Winter visitor in small numbers c.30 +.

Wigeon: Rare but annual visitor, typically in cold weather, usually of single birds or small parties.

Teal: Irregular winter visitor during cold weather, appears to be increasing in numbers. More likely to be seen in the Park, or around Alexandra Lake.

Garganey: Occasionally seen on spring passage. Last seen in 2009.

Pochard: Winter visitor, peaking at c50 birds. A record high of 76 was recorded on Heronry on the 12th September 2014

Red-crested Pochard: A pair were present on Heronry from January 9th to February 12th 2009. In 2013 a single juvenile bird stayed on the Heronry from 17th September to the 24th and again in 2014 a juvenile was sighted on the Heronry in August and an adult male on the Ornamental Waters on the 25th April

Tufted Duck: Winter visitor in larger numbers, usually around 60, though can peak close to 100. Found on all the ponds. In hard weather they retreat to the Thames. Small numbers also present as a resident non-breeder.

Scaup: one very old record of seven or eight birds on the Basin in 1929. A repeat is overdue!

Common Scoter: A drake was found on the Basin on May 25th 1959, and another, moribund, at the same location on December 23rd 1961.

Goldeneye: Rare visitor. A female was on Alexandra Lake from November 20th to December 24th 1977. Another female was on Alexandra Lake on March 23rd 1999, and yet another female arrived on Heronry during hard weather on November 2nd 2009, and stayed until the end of December. Two females that stayed only for about three hours on October 15th 2012 - also on Heronry, and most recently four birds, three males and a female, spent February 20th 2013 on the Perch Pond.

Goosander: Rare but possibly annual visitor, associated with hard weather. There is a record of a redhead on January 28th 2011, first found on the Ornamental Water, and the following day on Perch, and most recently, on February 9th 2012, 4 drakes and a duck were on the Basin briefly - just some of approximately 20 birds noted passing through Wanstead during a cold snap.

Smew: Very rare. There are two records, the first of a female on the Ornamental Waters on November 13th 2006, and the latest, of two females together on the Roding from February 8th 2012 for about a week.

Ruddy Duck: A very occasional visitor, however the effectiveness of the cull means that the last record was of a pair on Heronry on July 14th 2007. Prior to this, 2 pairs bred on the Flats in 2003.

Eider Duck: A party of 7 birds seen on the Roding near Ilford in the winter of 1917 (Birds of Newham, Colin Plant)

Wood Duck: one record from 25th March 2012 on the Shoulder of Mutton

Pallas' Sand Grouse: several records from the invasion summer of 1863, and a bird shot on Wanstead Flats in July 1864. About time for the next one....

Red-legged Partridge: A pair bred in the Old Sewage works in 1977, however since then the only records are from the SSSI; a pair from February to May 2004, and then two birds near the SSSI on March 16th 2006.

Grey Partridge: Last reported as being present in 1981, and unfortunately very unlikely to occur again.

Pheasant: Once present in small numbers in the vicinity of the Old Sewage works in the late 1970s, there were no further sightings until a male took up residence in the SSSI from February 7th 2010 until at least April 26th. In 2011, a bird was heard to call from the Cemetery.

Quail: One flushed from the grasslands to the east of centre path on August 24th, 2013, unfortunately not refund. An earlier record from 1889 in Manor Park is the only other (Birds of Newham, Colin Plant)

Red-throated Diver: Extremely rare occurrences of disoriented birds, the most recent of a bird recovered dead on the Flats on February 11th 1964, though previously there is a record of a live bird from 1930, and before that, one in January 1887 on the Basin. "In January 1877 I watched one of these rare visitors on the Wanstead basin. My telescope showed the speckling on the back quite distinctly; it was therefore probably a young bird."—A. Lister. The latest was a record (Bob Vaughan) from 1st December 2002 on Heronry

Black-throated Diver: a very old record of a bird in Wanstead Park in 1881.

Slavonian Grebe: 3-17th January-2015 on Heronry the first and only site record

Black-necked Grebe: Very rare, the only record is of one present in Wanstead Park from April 24th to 29th, 1981.

Little Grebe: Breeding resident in small numbers.

Great Crested Grebe: Regular visitor in small numbers. Two pairs failed in 2011, but were successful on Heronry in 2012 and in 2014 on both the Heronry and the Basin. The Basin, Heronry and Perch Ponds are favoured.

Red-necked Grebe: " In February 1877 one of these birds remained for almost a week on the basin in Wanstead Park. I watched it repeatedly with a good telescope. It was in fine plumage."—A. Lister

Gannet: On May 1st 1981, an adult on Shoulder of Mutton was taken to KGV but was found dead on May 3rd. More recently a bird flew west over Wanstead Park as part of a larger influx into London airspace on September 25th 2010.

Cormorant: Common as a flyover on Wanstead Flats, presumably from the Walthamstow Reservoirs to the river. A few birds generally to be found on Perch Pond or the Ornamental Waters.

Bittern: There is mention of a record in 1885 (Buxton) of a bird killed on the Roding.

Little Egret: Increasingly common in small numbers, with most sightings coming from the River Roding in the summer months. Maxima count of seven birds in August 2009 when the Heronry Pond had particularly low water levels.

Great White Egret: A record from the Old Sewage Works on April 5th 2009, and more recently of a brief flyover on Wanstead Flats on April 3rd 2013, perhaps indicative of the nation-wide trend in reports.

Cattle Egret: One in Wanstead Park on May 10th 1998 was only the second record for London.

Grey Heron: Regularly seen flying over, and fishing on the water bodies in Wanstead Park. It is not uncommon to see four in a day.

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Osprey: One historic record of one in the Park fishing on Perch Pond, and very recently from Wanstead Flats, a fly-over early in the morning of September 7th 2011. In 2014 a bird was seen on passage over the flats on the 8th of April of that year.

Red Kite: Increasing passage migrant, especially in spring. Three records of flyovers from 2010, two from 2011, and five in 2012. The final two weeks of March are consistently the best.

Black Kite: A bird reported over Wanstead Park on October 17th 2010. *

Buzzard: Occasional visitor and passage migrant in spring. There were 18 birds recorded in 2010, including ten in the period from April 11th to May 22nd. In 2012 sightings had surpassed this previous total by April. On the 6th of September 2014 a large movement of Buzzard was seen over Heronry in the afternoon, 24 birds counted including 2 or more that were most likely Honey Buzzard

Honey Buzzard: Extremely rare. A bird over the Park on September 23rd 2000 was part of the large national influx. More recently, a bird reported over Wanstead Flats on September 16th 2010. * Lately 2 +probables were noted in with a large movement of Common Buzzard over Heronry (6th September 2014)

Marsh Harrier: A single record on May 8th 2011, seen from the Old Sewage Works, with another on August 26th 2012 seen from the Lake House Scrub, and on March 20th 2013. In 2014 a juvenile bird was recorded over Long Wood on the 27th August

Sparrowhawk: Breeding resident in small numbers.

Goshawk: Records from both the Park and the Flats in 2010 and 2011.

Kestrel: Resident in small numbers. Breeding suspected.

Hobby: Breeding summer visitor in small numbers.

Red-footed Falcon: A probable 2nd calendar year bird seen flying towards the patch from Snaresbrook on the 5th June 2012

Peregrine: Scarce, but sightings increasing. Birds are resident in neighbouring boroughs.

Merlin: Two records from 2010, both from Wanstead Flats. Subsequently a male was seen over the flats on the 19th November 2013 (all now accepted by the London Recording Committee)

Corncrake: Reported in 1909 as being a common summer visitor in the area. A probable bird was seen east of Long Wood briefly on the 24th August, 2013, where it landed (not to resurface) in a large bramble patch

Water Rail: There are records of wintering birds in Wanstead Park as far back as the 1970s. A bird regularly winters on the Perch Pond, and others have been seen on Heronry, The Dell, and by the Roding in recent years.

Moorhen: Common breeding resident.

Coot: Common breeding resident. Counts of over 200 not uncommon.

Oystercatcher: A single bird flying east over the Flats on November 12th 2011 was the only record, and was heard only. On 23rd October, 2013 one was heard over the western flats very early in the morning

Stone-Curlew: A single bird flying over the Broom Fields on the Flats on April 5th 2011, present again April 6th, was the first record. Almost improbably, another was seen in approximately the same area on March 24th 2013.

Little Ringed Plover: Rare spring passage migrant, occasionally seen on the banks of Alexandra Lake in March or April. The most recent record was on April 1st 2013, on Police Scrape, of a female that stayed for almost a week, and of 2 birds over Long Wood on 12th May that year

Ringed Plover: A single bird heard calling over the Flats at dusk on November 5th 2011 and one heard on the morning of the 2nd December, 2012 over Angel Pond

Dotterel: a record of two birds shot on Wanstead Flats in about 1885 (Glegg), 1871: Forest Gate (Essex), 14 at the end of August (Wood, 2007)

Golden Plover: A rare visitor, usually of one or two birds flying over in hard weather, though a flock of 20 on February 3rd 2006 are notable. A group of five over Alexandra Lake on February 5th 2012, again during hard weather. The latest record is of three birds on Police Scrape on March 25th 2013, following two the previous evening on the football pitches.

Grey Plover: The only modern record is of a lone bird flying over the Flats on the morning of February 9th 2012, during a period of hard weather. An earlier record of a bird shot in Forest Gate comes from the Birds of Newham, Colin Plant, 1986

Lapwing: Uncommon in hard weather, though summer movements of failed breeders are sometimes seen. Records are usually of single birds or small flocks flying over, though very occasionally they land. On a snowy February 5th 2012 an astonishing 373 birds were recorded, with one flock totalling over 100 birds.

Dunlin: A juvenile spent the entire day of April 21st 2010 on Jubilee Pond, and was extremely approachable. There are two previous records, one also on Jubilee Pond on February 6th 1979, and one on Alexandra Lake from August 31st to September 3rd 1980 and reports of 2 calling birds in flight over the brooms 13th October 2014, and 28th May 2012

Wood Sandpiper: Rare passage migrant, occasionally seen on the banks of Alexandra Lake in summer or early autumn. The last record is of a very showy bird on Angel on the 19th April 2011 which hung around for a couple of hours

Green Sandpiper: Very scarce autumn passage migrant, heard rather than seen. One took a liking to the River Roding and was seen on more than a few occasions between Nov-2011 and April 2012

Common Sandpiper: Scarce passage migrant, more numerous in early autumn. Alexandra Lake and Heronry most likely locations.

Redshank: 8th August 2013, one heard calling over Alex and towards Manor Park, while this is the only record currently, possible calling birds have been noted on a number of occasions without being seen. Subsequent to this record being added comes a report by the Essex Field Club of a Redshank over the flats in April 1983

Greenshank: A record from September 15th 1985, when a bird was seen briefly on Heronry. Subsequently a bird was heard calling as it circled over Alex on the morning of the 7 September, 2012 and another heard calling over the brooms on the 29th September 2014

Curlew: Very rare visitor. 12 flew over the Park on August 21st 1971. More recently, nine birds flew over the Flats on March 9th 2013.

Whimbrel: Rare passage migrant, sometimes seen mid-summer as a fly-over. A record of two birds on the Flats on May 6th 1999, with a few fly-overs since: September 2nd, 2011; a flock of 33 were reported flying east, over Forest Gate but seen from the flats, in tight formation on 23-April-2012

Black-tailed Godwit: A flock of six reported from Shoulder of Mutton pond on August 21st 2010, and two flying over Wanstead Flats on on July 31st 2012 in poor weather.

Woodcock: Scarce winter visitor, usually in hard weather.

Snipe: Winter visitor, with a few birds generally present in the SSSI.

Jack Snipe: A single record of a bird on Heronry from October 26th 1979 was the only known record until a bird landed on a frozen Alexandra Lake on February 5th 2012. A bird was seen on the 29th September, 2013 again in the area of the Alex, part of a local influx that day. 2014 had 2 records from the 23rd September (by the Alex) and a bird on Angel on the 6th December

Grey Phalarope: A bird on Heronry on November 14th 1963, and before that, a bird killed on Wanstead Flats on November 21st 1888, with another shot in Wanstead Park on October 5th 1875.

Ruff: A very rare visitor. Records of two birds from February 1st to 10th 1976, initially on Alexandra Lake and subsequently rarer further afield, and the last record, of a single bird on Heronry on August 31st 1980.

Black-headed Gull: Resident, with significant increase in winter. Counts of 400+ not unusual on the Flats in winter. During flooding caused by heavy rains on Wanstead Flats on February 28th 2010, an estimated 2000+ birds were present.

Common Gull: Winter visitor. The commonest Gull on the Flats in winter, with counts of 500+ not unusual. 1000+ present on February 28th 2010.

Kittiwake: Rare vagrant. There is a record of a bird flying over the Shoulder of Mutton Pond on August 19th 2011, part of a larger influx of storm-driven birds. In 2013, again as part of a London-wide influx, there were two records, both from Wanstead Flats, on 25th March and April 13th 2013. An exhausted bird was seen on the flats on the 7th January 2014

Mediterranean Gull: Rare, but with a glut of records from 1996 to 1998, with birds in each winter period. More recently an adult was on the Flats on July 6th 2010, and also from February 11th to 27th 2011, and then also on February 5th 2012. 2014 had reports of at least birds

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Herring Gull: Regular in small numbers on the Flats in winter, with larger numbers flying over to and from the Chingford Reservoirs. The largest count was of 82 on February 28th 2010.

Yellow-legged Gull: Scarce visitor on the Flats, usually in late summer.

Caspian Gull: A bird seen briefly on one of the football pitches on February 26th 2011 is the only known record. Decidedly rare away from the Thames *

Great Black-backed Gull: Scarce visitor on Wanstead Flats, usually as a flyover, most probably to and from the roosts on the Chingford Reservoirs. A record of 41 on the Flats on October 7th 2001 is exceptional.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: Regular visitor to Flats in small numbers, the commonest large Gull. Peak count of 50 on October 1st 2010.

Black Tern: A record of a bird on the Basin on May 2nd 1926.

Common Tern: Scarce summer visitor, single birds can sometimes be seen feeding on the larger water bodies, small flocks may fly over the Flats on migration.

Arctic Tern: The only record is of three birds flying over the Flats, calling, on August 28th 2011.

Little Auk: A bird found dead in Wanstead Park in 1962.

Feral Rock Dove: Common breeding resident.

Stock Dove: Relatively common breeding resident. There can be large roosts on the islands on the Ornamental Waters.

Wood Pigeon: Common breeding resident.

Collared Dove: Breeding resident.

Turtle Dove: Rare passage migrant.

Mourning Dove: A bird fitting the description of this species was flushed twice by separate observers on the 6th November 2014 following the aftermath of another American hurricane. Unfortunately it was never re-located and is included here in good faith.

Ring-necked Parakeet: First reported from Wanstead Park as early as 1985, only in the last few years has this become a resident bird. Small numbers breed around the Ornamental Waters and in West Copse on Wanstead Flats, but larger flocks can be seen flying north over the Flats every morning, returning south in the evening.

Cuckoo: Rare passage migrant, once more regular. A record from the Park on August 20th 1999, one from the Old Sewage Works in April 2002, and latterly of a bird flying over Wanstead Tube Station on May 9th 2010. One was reported heard in the SSSI May 2011, while a young bird was picked up near Alexandra Lake in July, its apparent downy state implying that it might have been raised nearby. A late bird was seen near Long Wood on September 1st 2012. In 2013 an adult was seen in the SSSI, while a first winter bird lingered on the flats for a few days during the autumn. Several records from 2014

Short-eared Owl: Very rare visitor, with two historic records, one from near the Roding on December 22nd 1980, and the other from Bush Wood on May 12th 1985. However four recent records, from the Flats on September 13th 2010, from Bush Wood on October 2nd 2010, from the Flats on October 6th and 21st 2012, February 1st 2013 and March 12th 2013. 2014 sightings were all autumn birds (6) but may have been just the one bird

Tawny Owl: Breeding resident in small numbers.

Barn Owl: A few historic records from the 1970s, however a pair were resident in Wanstead Park throughout 1993.

Little Owl: One or two pairs are thought to breed in the copses on Wanstead Flats, but were not seen after the winter of 2010/11 until the 1st January 2013 when one was seen just south of Long Wood with sightings through to late 2014

Swift: Summer visitor.

Nightjar: From an account in 1893, it appears that this species used to be found on Wanstead Flats occasionally.

Hoopoe: A single record of a bird on April 30th 1976, from Wanstead Park. A probable sighting from 2014 (22nd June) was reported from Wanstead Cricket Club.

Kingfisher: Regular visitor to the Roding, where they almost certainly breed. Also seen on Ornamental Waters, and Perch Pond, where they formerly bred, as a record from 2002 testifies. Occasional records also from Wanstead Flats.

European Bee-eater: An account in 1885 (Buxton) of a bird observed somewhere in Wanstead, possibly one of the islands on the Ornamental Water.

Green Woodpecker: Breeding resident. Common in the Park and on the Flats.

Great Spotted Woodpecker: Breeding resident, and our most numerous woodpecker.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker: A few pairs breed in Wanstead Park, mainly around the Ornamental Water. They are frequently observed around the Dell. In 2010, a pair also bred on Wanstead Flats. Not looking good for this species, only one was seen in 2013, though a sighting from a garden late in 2014 and from Overton Drive early in 2015 means all is not lost.

Wryneck: Once the stuff of dreams, there are now two records in the last three years! The first is of a well-twitched bird that took up temporary residence east of Alexandra Lake from September 17th to 24th 2010, having first been found near Long Wood on the 16th; the second of is of bird found on August 25th 2012 in the Lake House Scrub, and which was again well twitched and stayed until the 30th. The third bird of modern times was seen in the area of Long Wood from 3rd September, 2013 on and off for about a week

Skylark: Resident breeder on Wanstead Flats, with the greatest numbers east of Centre Road. This is the closest breeding population to central London. Keep out of the long grass!

Woodlark: Annual but very scarce migrant: A record from the Golf Course in the summer of 1967, and more recently a record of four birds flying north over the SSSI on December 16th 2010. A single bird was reported over the Flats and once in the Park over several days in the autumn of 2011, and another flew south over the Flats on October 11th 2012. 2013's only record was from the 19th March and in 2014 on 27th September

Sand Martin: Scarce summer visitor, though there can be good passage days.

Swallow: Passage migrant, sometimes in large numbers.

Red-rumped Swallow: The only record is of a bird in Wanstead Park on June 4th 1975.

House Martin: Uncommon summer visitor, though there can be good passage days. There is a small colony just off the flats to the north off Aldersbrook Road

Rock Pipit: Rare visitor, sometimes heard in flight over Wanstead Flats.

Meadow Pipit: Breeding resident on Wanstead Flats, with numbers augmented during autumn passage.

Tree Pipit: Scarce passage migrant on Wanstead Flats, typically in autumn.

Water Pipit: One bird on Alexandra Lake on the 18 March 2011.

Richard's Pipit: A report of one from 2006 appeared in Steve Connor's London Year List and was reported on Birdguides. A possible was reported in 2012, but was not accepted by the London Committee

Olive-Backed Pipit: A calling bird flew west along Long Wood on the 26th September, while it is unlikely the record will be accepted by the London committee, it would be only the second record for London.

Red-throated Pipit: A calling bird in flight over Bush Wood in 2009 was not accepted by the London Rarities Committee

Pied Wagtail: Uncommon breeding resident. Generally found around the margins of Jubilee Pond and Alexandra Lake.

Yellow Wagtail: Regular passage migrant in spring and autumn, they rarely linger, and most records are of calling birds flying over. Commoner when cattle grazed the Flats, which ceased in 1996. A Blue-headed form (2 birds) were seen on Alex from 15-20th April, 1977 (Birds of Newham, Colin Plant)

Grey Wagtail: Scarce breeding resident, with numbers swelled by passage birds moving in late autumn.

Waxwing: The winter of 2010/11 was an excellent one for this species, with several sightings of multiple birds. The largest flock recorded was 43 in late February. 2012/13 was another Waxwing winter with birds favouring Forest Gate

Duncock: Common breeding resident.

Robin: Common breeding resident.

Nightingale: One sang briefly near the Plain in the Park on April 25th 2010. A bird was seen to fly out from Long Wood on the 3rd September, 2013 and was seen the next day in the vicinity of the Vis-Mig point and Long Wood's enclosure, later reports suggest this might have been around for a few days in the vicinity and one was reported in the Spring on the southern Ornamental waters.

Black Redstart: Two records, of a bird on the Golf Course on 11th October 1981, and then an immature male that stayed for three days on Wanstead Flats from April 11th 2013.

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Common Redstart: Passage migrant on Wanstead Flats in both spring and autumn, with records concentrated in April, and then late August to early October. The peak is typically in the final week of August and first week of September, with birds favouring the Hawthorn scrub around Alexandra Lake and Long Wood, as well as the Lake House Scrub.

Northern Wheatear: Passage migrant on Wanstead Flats, particularly in spring. Any time from mid-March to the end of April, returning again from mid-August to the beginning of October. Very Lovely Birds.

Whinchat: Annual passage migrant, sometimes in some numbers, from mid-August to the end of September, with the occasional bright spring bird. The Broom Fields on the Flats is the best place to look, and is capable of holding birds for several days.

Stonechat: Formerly a winter visitor on the Flats, now birds only recorded on passage.

Song Thrush: Common breeding resident, especially in the Park.

Redwing: Winter visitor and autumn passage migrant, with maximum counts generally of birds migrating south during October.

Mistle Thrush: Breeding resident. In autumn large family groups can be found feeding on the football pitches on the Flats.

Fieldfare: Winter visitor and autumn passage migrant, with maximum counts generally of birds migrating south during October.

Blackbird: Common breeding resident.

Ring Ouzel: Scarce but reliable passage migrant on the Flats. The broom fields and the area immediately north of Long Wood are the most likely spots to encounter them early in the morning, with a marked peak in records from the end of September and beginning of October.

Garden Warbler: A scarcer visitor, mainly passage birds in early autumn, but may breed. Any bit of scrub can hold them. A singing male set up territory in Long Wood in 2014, and a pair bred in the SSSI that year

Blackcap: Common summer breeder, occasional winter resident.

Whitethroat: Common summer breeder.

Lesser Whitethroat: Passage migrant, sometimes in good numbers, and a summer breeder.

Barred Warbler: A bird seen first on the 28th August, 2013 in a Hawthorn between the Alex/Pub scrub, following a possible at the west end of Long Wood earlier that week. Subsequently re-found on the 5th September (2 observers). That's 2 pints please Mr Lethbridge!

Dartford Warbler: The only record is of a male in the Broom Fields for several days from October 31st 2009.

Sedge Warbler: Scarce visitor, usually on autumn passage. Last record of a bird by Alexandra Lake in September 2012. 2013 was a good year for sightings on the Flats with up to 5 birds present on Autumn passage

Cetti's Warbler: The only known record is of a single bird heard in the south-west corner of the Perch Pond on April 3rd 2008.

Grasshopper Warbler: Possibly some old records, however recently the only record is of a single and elusive bird in the scrub east of Alexandra Lake for a few days in late August 2011.

Blyth's Reed Warbler: A one day singing bird on the 26th May, in a thicket west of Centre Road, and only the 3rd for London. Megastatic

Reed Warbler: Scarce summer breeder, with more birds seen on autumn passage, where they can turn up in any area of scrub. At least five birds recorded in 2010, some of them singing. 2011: The pair on the Shoulder of Mutton successfully raised two broods.

Willow Warbler: Uncommon summer visitor, declining. 2011: A pair bred in the SSSI rearing 4 chicks. It's not clear whether the summer bird in the glade successfully bred. Most often seen on autumn passage.

Wood Warbler: Very rare on passage, the historic picture was no doubt better. In 2014 two birds, an adult and first winter, were seen during the afternoon of the 17th August after a downpour on the islands on the Alex.

Chiffchaff: Common breeding summer visitor, a few birds overwinter.

Goldcrest: Breeding resident, though only in certain areas. Bush Wood, Reservoir Wood and Chalet Wood have the densest populations. Numbers strongly seasonal and fluctuate year by year.

Firecrest: Rare but annual winter visitor, favouring Bush Wood, Reservoir Wood and the area near the Grotto.

Wren: Common breeding resident.

Spotted Flycatcher: Four breeding pairs were reported back in 1981, but in common with the decline of the species elsewhere in the UK, it is now only recorded on passage, though annually, with the final week of August being the best. Wanstead Flats is probably the best place in London for them; the area around Alexandra Lake has hosted as many as eight birds simultaneously. Rarely in Spring

Red-breasted Flycatcher: The only known record is from the Park on September 4th 1968.

Pied Flycatcher: Rare passage migrant in autumn, but not even annual. In 2011 there were two birds, one on August 24th in Long Wood, the other in the Broom Fields four days later. The 2012 season surpassed all expectations with five or six birds recorded in August. 2013 was the best ever year with birds seen in August and September with possible more than 10 birds involved. 2014 was a poor year with only 3 sightings.

Great Tit: Common breeding resident.

Coal Tit: Increasing in numbers, though far from common. Birds are present in Reservoir Wood, the Lake House Estate, and in Aldersbrook Wood.

Marsh Tit: Once a breeding bird, with five nests recorded in 1977, the last observation was in 1978.

Willow Tit: Once a breeding bird, the last breeding record was in 1976, and the last known sighting on January 2nd 1984 in Wanstead Park.

Blue Tit: Common breeding resident.

Long-tailed Tit: Common breeding resident.

Nuthatch: Inexplicably absent from Wanstead Park, where the habitat would appear to be ideal. The odd bird is found each year, but is not resident. Most recently three have been seen in Reservoir Wood from September 2012, prompting hopes of a recolonisation.

Treecreeper: Went unrecorded for many years until a bird was found in Reservoir Wood in 2009. Since then single birds have been found in Wanstead Park, however as with Nuthatch, it is a mystery, given the suitability of the habitat, why there should be so few birds. In 2013 a pair was located in Bush Wood from 10th November onwards

Great Grey Shrike: A record from Wanstead Park on April 4th 1971, and a female trapped and ringed in the Old Sewage Works, October 22nd 1977.

Red-backed Shrike: Probably bred in the Old Sewage Works up until about 1950. A juvenile trapped and ringed in the Old Sewage Works on November 1st 1980 is the only subsequent record.

Magpie: Common breeding resident.

Jay: Breeding resident in small numbers, with increased numbers in autumn.

Jackdaw: Common and increasing resident, with good numbers on the Flats near Alexandra Lake, and a growing roost near the Golf Course.

Rook: Rare but annual. The first was of a bird flying over Wanstead Park on November 3rd 1976, another of a bird flying over a garden near the Flats on June 14th 2009, one over Alexandra Lake on March 25th 2012, and another at Alexandra Lake on March 9th 2013. On the 10th March 2014 2 birds were seen flying east over the pub scrub. Also 2 birds seen flying over the SSSI on the 14th March 2015.

Crow: Common breeding resident.

Hooded Crow: Historic records from Wanstead Flats in the 1950s, and during the hard winter of 1962/63, but none in the modern era.

Raven: A nest was seen in the Heronry in Wanstead Park in 1833 or 1834 (Gurney)

Starling: Common breeding resident, with numbers increasing during winter, when congregations of over 1000 can occur.

House Sparrow: Breeding resident in small numbers.

Tree Sparrow: A recent record in 2010 of a bird visiting a garden feeder adjacent to the Park is the only one since 1985. Prior to this they were regular in the Old Sewage Works, but declined when this ceased operation in 1978.

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Chaffinch: Resident breeding bird in small numbers. Larger numbers seen on passage.

Brambling: Autumn passage migrant in very small numbers. 2014 was a very good autumn passage with 3 flocks in excess of 20 birds during October

Linnet: Scarce visitor, mainly seen in spring. The Old Sewage Works has the most records, with the largest number seen being 28 on March 6th 2010. In 2013 a record count of 42 birds was noted on several days on the Police Scrape in the first Winter period a record broken in 2014 when flocks of over 50 occurred at the same location.

Lesser Redpoll: Winter visitor in small numbers, generally in small concentrated flocks, though sometimes upwards of 50. The SSSI is a favoured area, though they can be seen anywhere.

Mealy Redpoll: Winter visitor overlooked because they are a bit of an arse to pin down. Two birds over the SSSI on the 6th November and one again over the western flats on the 14th November, 2013, but there have been more.

Goldfinch: Resident, breeding suspected but not proven. Larger numbers in winter.

Greenfinch: Common Resident, breeds in small numbers.

Siskin: Regular winter visitor, with flocks of c40 often found in the Dell. Also observed on autumn passage. Numbers fall when there is a good spruce year (2013/2014/2015), though out of season birds can turn up at anytime

Bullfinch: Occasionally seen in the Old Sewage Works, were once more widespread, for instance 6 in the Park on January 1st 2002.

Hawfinch: Present in the Park during the 1960s, I have been able to find a record of 3 birds on May 3rd 1963, with another in 1964. Slightly more recently, a record of a single bird flying over the Park on October 6th 1985. Recent sightings over the Esso Copse October 22-24th, 2012 concern one or possibly two birds.

Common Crossbill: Rare visitor, almost always as a fly-over, and even then only in good Crossbill years.

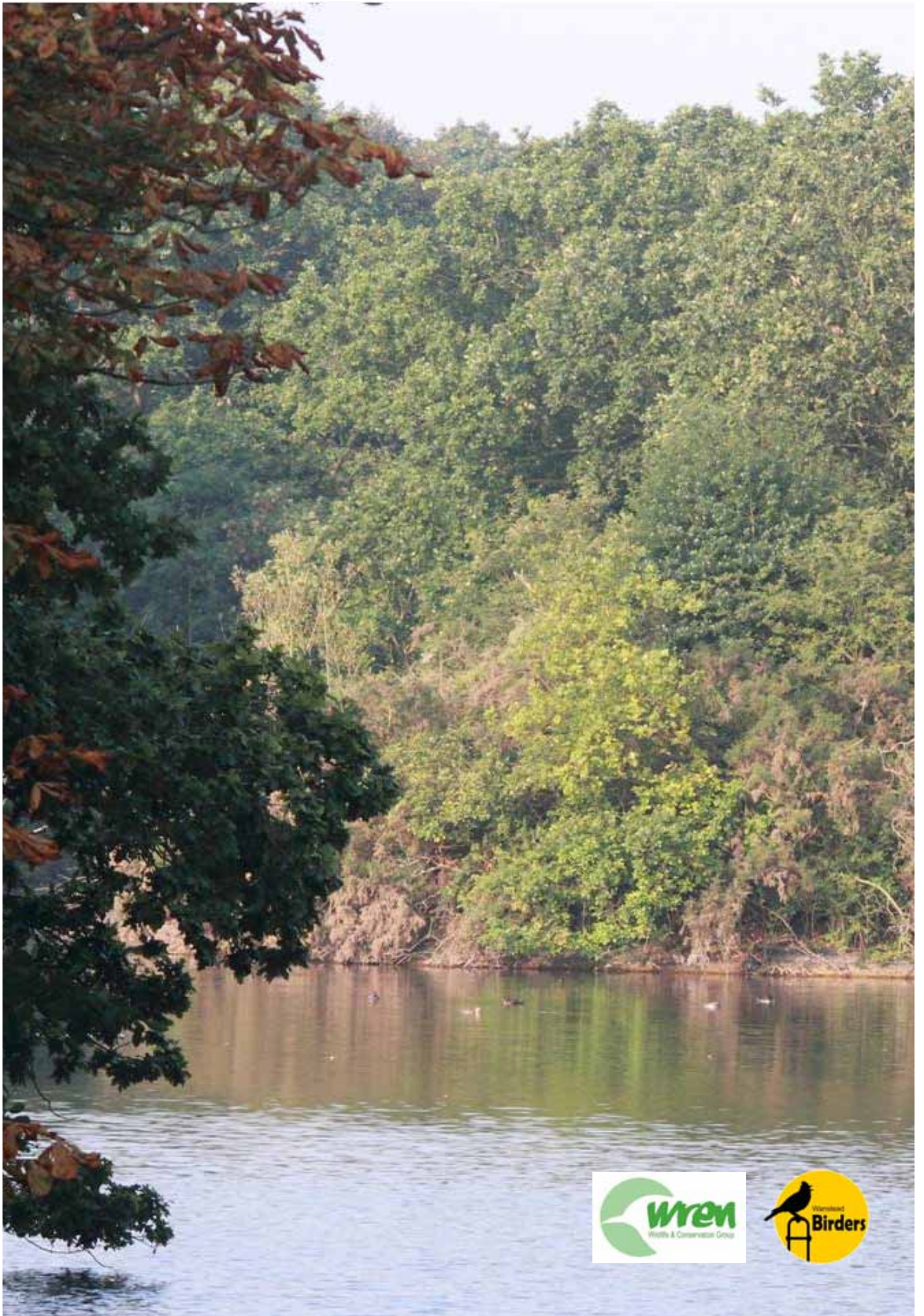
Reed Bunting: Breeding resident either side of Centre Road on the Flats. The SSSI holds the most birds.

Lapland Bunting: As part of an national influx in October 2010, single birds flew over the Flats on three dates. In 2014 a female stayed for 2 days in the grassland to the south of Alex from the 16th October.

Snow Bunting: A single record from the Flats on November 19th 1938 was the only known record until a first winter female was flushed from the long grass on Wanstead Flats on the morning of November 7th 2011, part of a small London influx.

Yellowhammer: Once more common, now a rare passage migrant in small numbers. The latest record is of a sub-adult male on March 1st 2011 near the Cat and Dog Pond on the Flats and more recently in the Autumn of 2012 and 1 heard calling on the 2nd January 2013. 4 records from 2014 including a singing male by Cat & Dog in the spring of that year.

Corn Bunting: Used to breed on Wanstead Golf Course before the 1960s.





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