



LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

TALKS • WALKS • WORKSHOPS • EVENTS

MARCH 2024 – AUGUST 2024



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EVENT DETAILS

Events are open to all members and non-members are also welcome. All events are free of charge unless otherwise specified. Changes, updates, and further details for events listed in this programme will be posted on the website at www.lnhs.org.uk, and in the Society newsletter.

KEY

Talks Online lectures, hosted on Zoom, unless specified as an in-person event. For Zoom talks please book online here: <http://www.lnhs.org.uk/index.php/activities/virtualtalks>

We know how popular the virtual talks have been and we plan to run a further series of events throughout 2024. If you have any suggestions for speakers or any other comments, please contact virtualtalks@lnhs.org.uk

Field meetings Outdoor events held at a wide range of sites throughout our Recording Area.

Coach trips The LNHS recommends those organised by the Marylebone Birdwatching Society and the RSPB Central London Local Group.

ABOUT THE LNHS

The London Natural History Society (or LNHS as it is commonly known) is a long-running local natural history society within the UK concerned with recording the wildlife of London and covering an area within a 20-mile radius from St. Paul's Cathedral. The Society's aims include fostering the appreciation and study of London's wildlife and natural environment, and assisting in the conservation of wildlife in the London area by helping to record it. The Society's activities include running talks and field meetings throughout the year and producing a number of publications, including the annual *The London Naturalist* and *London Bird Report*.

THE LNHS LIBRARY

The LNHS library is a rich resource for naturalists. It's housed at the Natural History Museum, London and there is a Society Librarian. The catalogue is available on the Society's website. We are keen to see more members using this wonderful library so please do make time to visit. We hope to hold more events here so keep an eye on the website calendar for updates.

The LNHS has an extensive library of books, journals and other publications on British natural history, with a particular emphasis on the London region. It is housed in the Angela Marmont Centre for UK Biodiversity at the Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD.

View the library's catalogue at <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/LNHS.Library>. That link and more info at the LNHS website (www.lnhs.org.uk). Contact the librarian at: library@lnhs.org.uk.

The library is open every Wednesday from 10:00 to 14:00. Other times by arrangement, email library@lnhs.org.uk.

FIND OUT MORE

Website: lnhs.org.uk

Instagram: @londonbirdclub

Twitter: @LNHSoc and @LondonBirdClub

Facebook: London Natural History Society and London Natural History Society Forum

Email: secretary@lnhs.org.uk

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The LNHS is run by a large and active team of volunteers. A full list is published in *The London Naturalist*. An abbreviated list of key contacts appears below. We are always happy to hear from people who would like to get involved. Contact emails are on the website.

LNHS Council: President: Vacant, Secretary:

Annie Wilson (secretary@lnhs.org.uk), Treasurer: Lydia Gallyer-Barnett (treasurer@lnhs.org.uk), Representative Members of Council: Maureen Parry (Botany), Cecilia Derrick (London Bird Club), Anke Marsh (Ecology and Entomology), Kat Duke (Hampstead Heath Survey), Vacant (Bookham Commons Survey). Elected Members of Council: Liz Andrew, Ian Woodward, Jan Hewlett, Joanne Maddox, Pete Mantle, Robin Blades, Noel Brock and Wendy Knight.

Administration and Finance Committee: Chair:

Michael Wilsdon, Secretary: Jo Hatton.

Library Committee: Chair: Vacant, Leslie Bolsover (Librarian and Committee Secretary).

Virtual Talks Team: Maria Roberts, Tony Madgwick, Anke Marsh.

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PUBLICATIONS

London Bird Report Editorial Board: Chair:

Vacant, Secretary: Annie Wilson (lbrsecretary@lnhs.org.uk), Papers Editor: Liz Andrew (lbrpapers@lnhs.org.uk).

The London Naturalist: Editor: Clive Herbert (armconservation@hotmail.com).

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SECTIONS

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Hampstead Heath Survey: Chair: Liz Andrew (hampsteadchair@lnhs.org.uk), Secretary: Jeff Waage.

London Bird Club: Chair: Gehan de Silva

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Botany: Please contact Secretary Andrew Planet (botanysecretary@lnhs.org.uk). Field Meetings Organiser: Jon Agar (botanymeetings@lnhs.org.uk).

Bookham Commons Survey: Please contact the Society Secretary (secretary@lnhs.org.uk)

GUIDANCE FOR FIELD MEETINGS

Field meetings are a great opportunity for participants to meet other members, including experts, and learn from them. The nature of each field meeting will be different and the leader will be familiar with any potential risks. Participants are asked to be mindful of their own safety and that of others. Dogs, except registered guide dogs, are not normally allowed on field meetings. Bring water and sunscreen, also lunch and a snack on whole-day meetings. Stout shoes or boots are advisable. Binoculars and/or hand lenses are recommended. Cars are not needed unless otherwise specified. On occasion there may be extra field meetings or cancellations at short notice. We recommend checking the LNHS website on the morning of any event you wish to attend in case of last-minute changes, which will be posted on the website where possible www.lnhs.org.uk/index.php/activities/full-programme

MEMBERSHIP

Use this link <http://lnhs.org.uk/index.php/join-now> to access on-line and postal LNHS joining options.

MARCH 2024


Sat 02 Mar 2024 10:30–13:00 Hampstead Heath Survey Section **Field Meeting**
 Hampstead Heath – Jeff Duckett

Hampstead Heath Bryophytes. Meet at the Flagstaff by Whitestone Pond (TQ26237 86366) - 10 mins up the hill (A502, Heath Street) from Hampstead underground station. Bring lunch. Toilets on the Heath. All welcome. This has been rescheduled from 3 Feb which had to be cancelled.

Sun 03 Mar 2024 10:30 – 14:00 London Bird Club **Field Meeting**
 London Wetland Centre – Mike Howard

London Wetland Centre. One of Europe's premier urban wetland reserves. Summer birds and other wildlife. Meet outside visitor centre at 10.30am by Sir Peter Scott statue. Tickets required for Non-WWT members, see WWT website for prices. For directions see <https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/london/plan-your-visit/directions/> (Cafe and Toilets.)

Sat 09 Mar 2024 10:30 – 15:00 Bookham Commons Survey **Field Meeting**
 Bookham Commons

Everyone is welcome to come along to this self-led meeting and take part in this long-running study. Connect up with other members and explore this Site of Special Scientific Interest with its oak woodland, scrub, grassland, stream and ponds. Participants are welcome to record a range of taxonomic groups and to suggest particular surveys to be carried out. The group will meet at Bookham Railway Station, which is adjacent to the site. Bring lunch and refreshments. The LNHS hut will be open and has tea and coffee making facilities and a toilet.

Sat 09 Mar 2024 11:00 – 15:00 Botany **Field Meeting**
 Islington – Mark Spencer

Botany. Islington streets. Mark Spencer. See some of the rapidly increasing community of Mediterranean ecosystem plants that are establishing in our cities, including London Rocket (*Sisymbrium irio*), Four-leaved Allseed, Mediterranean Nettle and Jersey Cudweed. Meet 11am outside the entrance of Farringdon Underground, Cowcross Street, Clerkenwell. Number of places limited: please contact Dr Mark Spencer (hotfungus@hotmail.com) in advance.

Sun 10 Mar 2024 10:00 – 13:00 London Bird Club **Field Meeting**
 Brent Reservoir – Andrew Peel

Brent Res for wildfowl, late winter visitors (Bullfinch possible) and early summer migrants. Meet at Cool Oak Lane Bridge (TQ219 877). Nearest station, Hendon (NR St. Pancras). (No toilets.)

Wed 13 Mar 2024 11:00 – 15:00 Ecology & Entomology **Indoor Meeting**
 Natural History Museum – Keiron Brown

Invertebrate Study Day. Make use of access to microscopes, lab equipment and literature to prepare invertebrate specimens and identify them alongside other like-minded individuals. Recorders of all abilities welcome. Joint with the Biological Recording Company. Free but space very limited and booking required via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/invertebrate-study-days-1493479>

Sun 17 Mar 2024 10:00 – 14:00 London Bird Club **Field Meeting**
 Hyde Park & Kensington Gardens – Francis O Sullivan

Hyde Park & Kensington Gardens for wildfowl, gulls, perhaps Nuthatch, Treecreeper and possibly Tawny Owl or Little Owl. Meet at Queensway Tube Stn (Central line). Café and Toilets.

Sun 24 Mar 2024 10:00 – 14:00 London Bird Club **Field Meeting**
 Crossness – George Kalli

Crossness for early migrants and waders. Meet at Belvedere Stn. (NR Charing Cross). Bring lunch. (portaloos available on TWA reserve)

Tue 26 Mar 2024 10:00 – 16:00 Botany **Field Meeting**
 Hogsmill Wood Nature Reserve – Mark Spencer

Botany Field Recorder Day. Join Dr Mark Spencer to help record the plants of Hogsmill Wood (Kingston). No experience is required, just a passion for plants. Joint with Biological Recording Company and Kingston Council. Free to all but booking required via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/field-recorder-days-1485759>

Sun 31 Mar 2024 11:00 – 15:00 Botany **Field Meeting**
 St James's Park – Bettina Metcalfe

Looking at trees in St James's Park, in particular Japanese cherries. Bettina Metcalfe. We'll meet at the northern entrance to the park along the Mall near the South African Royal Artillery Memorial at 11 am. Bring lunch. <https://goo.gl/maps/PU59GFkP1Vp8VoH>



APRIL 2024

**Sat 06 Apr 2024 10:00 – 16:00 Ecology & Entomology**

Grove Farm Nature Reserve, Ealing – Keiron Brown

Field Meeting

Earthworm Sampling Day. Join Keiron Brown (National Recorder for Earthworms) on a sampling day and help us survey Grove Farm for earthworms. No experience required - training will be provided on the day. Joint with Biological Recording Company, Earthworm Society and Friends of Grove Farm. Free to all but booking required via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/field-recorder-days-1485759>

Sat 06 Apr 2024 11:00 – 15:00 Botany

Ruislip Woods – Mark Spencer

Field Meeting

Botany. Ruislip Woods National Nature Reserve. Mark Spencer. We will be aiming to record regionally rare plants such as Common Cow-wheat, Sneezewort, Flea sedge, Needle Spike-rush, Petty Whin and Lousewort. Meet 11 am outside the Water's Edge Pub, Reservoir Road, Ruislip Common (TQ08648919). Number of places limited: please contact Dr Mark Spencer (hotfungus@hotmail.com) in advance.

Sat 06 Apr 2024 10:30 – 16:30 Ecology & Entomology

Hounslow Heath – Tony Madgwick and Mick Massie

Field Meeting

Hounslow Heath for spring bees with Tony Madgwick and Mick Massie. Meet 10:30 at the Ranger's Yard and car park on Staines Road TQ121749, TW4 5AR what3words: model.second.locker. 10 minutes walk from Hounslow West (Piccadilly) or train to Feltham station, then local bus to Frampton Road (Stop C). In the event of a bad weather forecast, please confirm with Tony the day before via bees@LNHS.org.uk

**Wed 10 Apr 2024 11:00 – 15:00 Ecology & Entomology**

Natural History Museum – Keiron Brown

Indoor Meeting

Invertebrate Study Day. Make use of access to microscopes, lab equipment and literature to prepare invertebrate specimens and identify them alongside other like-minded individuals. Recorders of all abilities welcome. Joint with the Biological Recording Company. Free but space very limited and booking required via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/invertebrate-study-days-1493479>

Sat 13 Apr 2024 10:30 – 15:00 Bookham Commons Survey

Bookham Commons

Field Meeting

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Sat 13 Apr 2024 10:30 – 16:00 Hampstead Heath Survey Section

Hampstead Heath Dr June Chatfield

Field Meeting

Hampstead Heath Molluscs. Meet at the Flagstaff by Whitestone Pond (TQ26237 86366) - 10 mins up the hill (A502, Heath Street) from Hampstead underground station. Bring lunch. Toilets on the Heath. All welcome.

Sun 14 Apr 2024 14:00 – 16:00 Botany

Tooting Common – Roy Vickery

Field Meeting

Sunday. Botany. Tooting Common. Roy Vickery. Botany for beginners (and others), concentrating on herbaceous plants. Meet 2pm, outside San Remo Cafe, on the Common off Bedford Hill (B242), nearest mainline and tube station Balham, then c.10 minute walk, or take a 315 bus. Finish 4pm. Toilets. Joint with the South London Botany Institute.

Sun 14 Apr 2024 10:30 – 15:00 Hampstead Heath Survey Section

Hampstead Heath – David Carr

Field Meeting

Hampstead Heath Spring Spiders. Meet at the Flagstaff by Whitestone Pond (TQ26237 86366) - 10 mins up the hill (A502, Heath Street) from Hampstead underground station. Bring lunch. Toilets on the Heath. All welcome.

Sun 14 Apr 2024 10:00 – 13:00 London Bird Club **Field Meeting**
Sydenham Hill Wood – Dave Clark

Sydenham Hill Wood early migrants, Firecrest. No toilets. Meet at bottom of Cox's Walk. Nearest stations, West Dulwich and East Dulwich.

Tue 16 Apr 2024 10:00 – 16:00 **Field Meeting**
Lesnes Abbey Wood – Keiron Brown

Invertebrate Field Recorder Day. Calling invertebrate recorders - help us record the insects and other invertebrates of Lesnes Abbey Wood in Bexley. No experience is required, just a passion for invertebrates. Joint with Biological Recording Company and Bexley Council. Free to all but booking required via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/field-recorder-days-1485759>

Sat 20 Apr 2024 11:00 – 15:00 Botany **Field Meeting**
Holly Lodge Estate, Highgate – Bettina Metcalfe

Trees of Holly Lodge Estate in Highgate. Bettina Metcalfe. Holly Lodge Estate is a semi-gated housing-estate with very varied street tree planting. Meet just south of the roundabout (Boris Nemtsov Place) at the benches on the east side of Highgate Road near bus stop 'Parliament Hill Fields' (Stop GK) at 11am. Bring Lunch. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/i7UHsV2qUXje5R2eA>

Sun 21 Apr 2024 10:30 – 15:00 Botany **Field Meeting**
Croxley Common Moor – Mario Maculan

Botany. Croxley Common Moor, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire. Mario Maculan. Meet at 10:30 at Croxley underground station. Bring lunch. Joint with the Wildflower Society.

Sun 21 Apr 2024 10:00 – 14:00 Joint London Bird Club and RSPB Central London Local Group **Field Meeting**
Cheshunt – Andrew Peel

Cheshunt Nightingale Walk to hear (and possibly see); also warblers, woodpeckers, wildfowl, common tern; kingfisher and peregrine possible. Meet Cheshunt station car park at 10am. Toilets at station and enroute (Fishers Green). Long walk. Bring packed lunch.

Sun 28 Apr 2024 14:00 – 16:00 Botany **Field Meeting**
Beckenham Place Park – Nick Bertrand

Bluebell walk at Beckenham Place Park. Nick Bertrand. And it's not just Bluebells. Woodland wildflowers are peaking and tree flowers are blowing in the wind. Meet 14:00 outside Mansion House (What3Words ///still.peanut.improving). Nearest station Beckenham Hill (TQ380713, NR London Bridge). Joint with Creekside Education Trust and Friends of Beckenham Place Park.

Sun 28 Apr 2024 10:00 – 13:00 London Bird Club **Field Meeting**
Russia Dock Woodland – John Cadera

Russia Dock Woodland, look for Blackcap, Chiffchaff. From Stave Hill scan for Hobby, House Martins and Swifts. Meet at park entrance at Onega Gate. Surrey Quays (London Overground) or Canada Water (Jubilee underground) and walk. Roadwork before Canada Water Station - plan extra time when travelling. Alternatively, Bermondsey Tube Stn (Jubilee) and Bus 381 to Onega Gate stop or Bus 188 to Surrey Quays Stn and walk. Toilets in Surrey Quays Shopping Centre. Bring lunch.

MAY 2024



Wed 01 May 2024 10:00 – 16:00 Ecology & Entomology **Field Meeting**
Hogsmill Wood Nature Reserve – Tony Madgwick

Pollinator Field Recorder Day. Join Dr Tony Madgwick to help record the pollinators of Hogsmill Wood (Kingston). No experience is required, just a passion for pollinators. Joint with Biological Recording Company and Kingston Council. Free to all but booking required via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/field-recorder-days-1485759>

Sun 05 May 2024 10:00 – 15:00 London Bird Club **Field Meeting**
Totteridge/Darland's Lake – Robin Blades

Totteridge/Darland's Lake for woodland birds & spring flowers. Meet at Woodside Park station (Northern). Bring lunch. (No toilets.)

Tue 07 May 2024 10:00 – 16:00 Ecology & Entomology **Field Meeting**
Perivale Wood – Keiron Brown

Invertebrate Field Recorder Day. Calling invertebrate recorders – help us record the insects and other invertebrates of Perivale Wood in Ealing. No experience is required, just a passion for invertebrates. Joint with Biological Recording Company and Selborne Society. Free to all but booking required via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/field-recorder-days-1485759>

Sat 11 May 2024 10:30 – 15:00 Bookham Commons Survey **Field Meeting**
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Sat 11 May 2024 10:30 – 15:00 Hampstead Heath Survey Section **Field Meeting**
Hampstead Heath – Mario Maculan

Hampstead Heath Spring Plants. Meet at the Flagstaff by Whitestone Pond (TQ26237 86366) - 10 mins up the hill (A502, Heath Street) from Hampstead underground station. Bring lunch. Toilets on the Heath. All welcome.

Sat 11 May 2024 10:00 – 13:00 London Bird Club **Field Meeting**
Ruislip Woods – Neil Anderson

Ruislip Woods NNR for birds and general natural history in Spring. Meet at bus stop for the Ruislip Lido (near Water's Edge pub) in Reservoir Road. Nearest tube station Ruislip (Met/Picco), then H13 to Bus Stop 'Ruislip Lido' (Stop W) on Reservoir Rd or 331 to Bus Stop 'Reservoir Road' (Stop N) on Ducks Hill Rd. Long half day. (Toilets, cafe & pub!).

Wed 15 May 2024 11:00 – 15:00 Ecology & Entomology **Indoor Meeting**
Natural History Museum – Keiron Brown

Invertebrate Study Day. Make use of access to microscopes, lab equipment and literature to prepare invertebrate specimens and identify them alongside other like-minded individuals. Recorders of all abilities welcome. Joint with the Biological Recording Company. Free but space very limited and booking required via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/invertebrate-study-days-1493479>

Sun 19 May 2024 11:00 – 15:00 Botany **Field Meeting**
Dagenham – Mario Maculan

Botany. Beam Valley Country Park and "The Chase". Mario Maculan. Meet 11am at Dagenham East station.

Sun 19 May 2024 10:00 – 14:00 Joint London Bird Club and Hampstead Heath Survey Section **Field Meeting**
Hampstead Heath – Pete Mantle & Kennedy Cruickshank

Hampstead Heath for spring birds and other wildlife. Listen to warblers and other song birds establishing breeding territories. Meet at Hampstead Heath Overground Station. Bring lunch.

Sat 25 May 2024 11:00 – 15:00 Botany **Field Meeting**
Hounslow Heath – Mark Spencer

Botany, Hounslow Heath. Mark Spencer. We will be aiming to record species such as Betony, Heather, Heath-grass, Small and Common Cudweeds, Dyer's Greenweed and Petty Whin, Subterranean Clover, and Dwarf Gorse. Meet 11 am on the corner of Simpson Road and Hanworth Road, Hounslow Heath Open Space, Hounslow (TQ12927400). Places limited: please contact Dr Mark Spencer (hotfungus@hotmail.com) in advance.

Saturday 25 May 2024 10:00 – 14:00 London Bird Club **Field Meeting**
Rainham Marshes – Dave Clark

RSPB Rainham Marshes spring birding walk. Meet at reserve car park. Nearest station Purfleet (NR Fenchurch St). Bring lunch. Fee for non-RSPB members. (Cafe & Toilets).



Sun 26 May 2024 11:00 – 15:00 Botany **Field Meeting**
Bethlem Royal Hospital – Bettina Metcalfe

Trees of Bethlem Royal Hospital Grounds BR3 3BX in Bromley Borough. Bettina Metcalfe. Meet at Bethlem Museum of the Mind which is off Monk's Orchard Road at 11am. The Hospital has a walled Therapy Garden, an orchard, extensive grounds, a woodland and some original trees left from the demolished Monks Orchard mansion. Bring lunch. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/LYA374H8cpBtPRo68>

JUNE 2024



Sat 01 Jun 2024 10:30 – 15:00 Hampstead Heath Survey Section **Field Meeting**
Hampstead Heath – David Carr

Hampstead Heath Summer Spiders. Meet at the Flagstaff by Whitestone Pond (TQ26237 86366) - 10 mins up the hill (A502, Heath Street) from Hampstead underground station. Bring lunch. Toilets on the Heath. All welcome.

Sun 02 Jun 2024 10:30 – 14:00 London Bird Club **Field Meeting**
London Wetland Centre – Gehan de Silva

London Wetland Centre. One of Europe's premier urban wetland reserves. Summer birds and other wildlife. Meet outside visitor centre by Sir Peter Scott statue. Tickets required for Non-WWT members. See WWT website for prices, directions & facilities. (Café, toilets, shop & hides)

Tue 04 Jun 2024 Botany **Field Meeting**
East End – John Swindells

Botany. Pot Luck in the East End. John Swindells. (TBC - check online LNHS events calendar for time and starting place).

Sat 08 Jun 2024 10:30 – 15:00 Bookham Commons Survey **Field Meeting**
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Sun 09 Jun 2024 10:00 – 14:00 London Bird Club **Field Meeting**
Regent's Park – Dave Clark

Regent's Park, meet at Baker Street tube by Sherlock Holmes statue, Toilets and cafe facilities within park. Kestrel, Cetti's Warbler and spring migrants.

Wed 12 Jun 2024 11:00 – 15:00 Ecology & Entomology **Indoor Meeting**
Natural History Museum – Keiron Brown

Invertebrate Study Day. Make use of access to microscopes, lab equipment and literature to prepare invertebrate specimens and identify them alongside other like-minded individuals. Recorders of all abilities welcome. Joint with the Biological Recording Company. Free but space very limited and booking required via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/invertebrate-study-days-1493479>



Sat 15 Jun 2024 11:00 – 15:00 Botany **Field Meeting**
Hyde Park – Bettina Metcalfe

Looking at trees of Hyde Park. Bettina Metcalfe. Meet at the northern gate of the park where Albion Street meets Hyde Park Pl (A402) at 11am. Bring lunch. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/uYJ1ckquQMhSRtbi8>

Sat 15 Jun 2024 10:00 – 14:00 London Bird Club **Field Meeting**
Amwell Nature Reserve – Francis O Sullivan

Amwell Nature Reserve is a Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust site. For waterfowl, warblers and raptors, possible Marsh Tit, Little Ringed Plover, Hobby plus odonata and orchids. Meet St Margarets (Herts) Station 10.00am (NR Liv. St or Tottenham Hale). Bring Lunch. (No toilets.)

Sat 22 Jun 2024 11:00 – 15:00 Botany **Field Meeting**
Syon Park – Mark Spencer

Botany, Syon Park. Mark Spencer. This is a return visit to cover the remaining areas of this large site that we were unable to see last year. We aim to record the flora in this important landscape by the Thames and rediscover, hopefully, some lost botanical treasures. Please note, the terrain is unlikely to be easy going and may be flooded depending upon the tide. If this the case, we will focus on exploring other areas of the park. Meet 11am in front of All Saint's Church, Church Street, Isleworth (TQ16787605) on the Thames Path route. Places limited: please contact Dr Mark Spencer (hotfungus@hotmail.com) in advance.

Sat 29 Jun 2024 10:00 – 13:00 London Bird Club **Field Meeting**
Ruislip Woods – Dick Middleton

Ruislip Woods NNR for birds, dragonflies and butterflies in Summer. Meet at bus stop for the Ruislip Lido (near Water's Edge pub) in Reservoir Road. Nearest tube station Ruislip (Met/Picco), then H13 to Lido or 331 bus to Ducks Hill Road. Long half day. (Toilets, cafe & pub!).

JULY 2024



Sat 13 Jul 2024 10:30 – 15:00 Bookham Commons Survey **Field Meeting**
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Sat 13 Jul 2024 11:00 – 15:00 PM Botany **Field Meeting**
Trent Country Park – Mark Spencer

Botany, Trent Country Park. Mark Spencer. Recording plants in woodland, grassland and some aquatic habitats, and aiming to refine regional rarities such as Harebell, Southern Marsh-orchid, Narrow Buckler-fern and Trailing St John's-wort. Meet 11 am outside the entrance of Cockfosters Underground station on Cockfosters Road, Cockfosters (TQ28099637). Places limited: please contact Dr Mark Spencer (hotfungus@hotmail.com) in advance.

Sun 14 Jul 2024 10:30 – 15:00 Hampstead Heath Survey Section **Field Meeting**
Hampstead Heath – Mario Maculan and Ben Gibb

Hampstead Heath Dragonflies and Pond Edge Plants. Meet outside Hampstead Heath Overground station (which is a few minutes' walk from Belsize Park tube station). Bring lunch. Toilets on the Heath. All welcome.

Sat 20 Jul 2024 11:00 – 15:00 Botany **Field Meeting**
Hanwell Cemetery – Bettina Metcalfe

Looking at trees in Hanwell Cemetery formerly City of Westminster Cemetery, W7 3PP on Uxbridge Rd (A4020). The cemetery has an excellent collection of old and new trees, including more than 50 champion trees. Meet at the entrance on Uxbridge Rd at 11am. Bring lunch. <https://goo.gl/maps/8b3JTYzd9JaB8BX9A>

Sat 20 Jul 2024 10:00 – 16:00 Ecology & Entomology **Field Meeting**
Ruislip Lido & Woods – Neil Anderson

Ruislip Lido & Woods with Neil Anderson. Meet 10.00 by the Water's Edge Pub. Nearest tube Ruislip Stn (Met/Picco) and then bus H13 to terminus Ruislip Lido, or 331 to Reservoir Rd stop. in the event of a bad weather forecast, please confirm with Neil the day before via odonata@LNHS.org.uk. Location: The Water's Edge, Reservoir Rd, Ruislip HA4 7TY, UK

Wed 24 Jul 2024 11:00 – 15:00 Ecology & Entomology **Indoor Meeting**
Natural History Museum – Keiron Brown

Invertebrate Study Day. Make use of access to microscopes, lab equipment and literature to prepare invertebrate specimens and identify them alongside other like-minded individuals. Recorders of all abilities welcome. Joint with the Biological Recording Company. Free but space very limited and booking required via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/invertebrate-study-days-1493479>

AUGUST 2024

Sat 03 Aug 2024 10:30 – 15:00 Hampstead Heath Survey Section **Field Meeting**
 Hampstead Heath – Tony Madgwick

Hampstead Heath. Bees, Wasps and Flies. Meet at the Flagstaff by Whitestone Pond (TQ26237 86366) - 10 mins up the hill (A502, Heath Street) from Hampstead underground station. Bring lunch. Toilets on the Heath. All welcome.

Sat 03 Aug 2024 9:30 – 13:00 London Bird Club **Field Meeting**
 Foots Cray Meadows – George Kalli

Foots Cray Meadows for Kingfisher, Grey Wagtail, Little Egret and woodland birds. Meet at Albany Park Stn (Direct trains from Cannon Street & London Bridge. Or, with changes from Victoria or Charing Cross). (No toilets).

Wed 07 Aug 2024 11:00 – 15:00 Ecology & Entomology **Indoor Meeting**
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Sat 10 Aug 2024 10:30 – 15:00 Bookham Commons Survey **Field Meeting**
 Bookham Commons

Everyone is welcome to come along to this self-led meeting and take part in this long-running study. Connect up with other members and explore this Site of Special Scientific Interest with its oak woodland, scrub, grassland, stream and ponds. Participants are welcome to record a range of taxonomic groups and to suggest particular surveys to be carried out. The group will meet at Bookham Railway Station, which is adjacent to the site. Bring lunch and refreshments. The LNHS hut will be open and has tea and coffee making facilities and a toilet.

Sat 10 Aug 2024 10:30 – 15:00 Botany **Field Meeting**
 Basingstoke Canal – George Hounsome

Basingstoke Canal, Pirbright. George Hounsome. Meet 1030 at Brookwood Station (SU95205693, NR Waterloo). Cars needed. The site to be visited is c.3km west of the station.

Sun 11 Aug 2024 9:45 – 14:00 London Bird Club **Field Meeting**
 Staines Reservoir – Andrew Peel

Staines Reservoir for wildfowl, grebes (Black-necked possible), terns, migrants. Meet 09:45 am at Hatton Cross for 10:00 am 203 bus. Half day, toilets at station (and nearby garage).

Sat 17 Aug 2024 10:30 – 15:00 Botany **Field Meeting**
 Hampstead Heath – Bettina Metcalfe

Tree walk on Hampstead Heath. Bettina Metcalfe. Meet at Hampstead Heath Overground station at 10:30am Bring lunch <https://maps.app.goo.gl/8zstmgJgXc7YTeha9>

Sat 17 Aug 2024 10:00 – 14:00 London Bird Club **Field Meeting**
 Rainham Marshes – Patrick Hart

RSPB Rainham Marshes for warblers, waders, other passage birds and raptors, including Marsh Harrier, and perhaps Barn Owl and Bearded Tit. Meet at reserve car park. Nearest station Purfleet (NR Fenchurch St). Bring lunch. Fee for non-RSPB members. (Cafe & Toilets).

Sat 17 Aug 2024 10:00 – 16:00 Ecology & Entomology **Field Meeting**
 Richmond Park – Neil Anderson

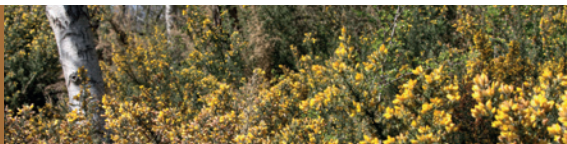
Richmond Park with Neil Anderson. Meet by the Richmond Gate. Parking at Pembroke Lodge or bus 371 from Richmond Station. In the event of a bad weather forecast, please confirm with Neil the day before via odonata@LNHS.org.uk

Sat 24 Aug 2024 11:00 – 15:00 Botany **Field Meeting**
 Yiewsley and Cowley Peachey – Mark Spencer

Botany, Yiewsley and Cowley Peachey. Mark Spencer. The LNHS visited this area in 2018 and made several significant records of aquatic plants for the county, particularly Pondweed spp. (Potamogeton spp.); we will be aiming to re-record some of these species as well as explore of parts of this complex area of waterways with the aim of finding other regionally scarce wetland and aquatic plants. Meet 11 am outside West Drayton Overground station, Station Approach, West Drayton (TQ06108013). Places limited: please contact Dr Mark Spencer (hotfungus@hotmail.com) in advance.



SURVEYS



BOOKHAM COMMONS SURVEY

Bookham Commons lies close to Leatherhead in Surrey. It is a Site of Special Scientific Interest which is owned and managed by the National Trust. It comprises two commons: Great Bookham Common and Little Bookham Common. It consists mainly of oak woodland and scrub grassland, with a stream and nine ponds, and it is around 400 acres (160 ha) in size. The ecological survey of Bookham Commons by members of the LNHS was established in 1941 and has been running ever since, which means historical data can provide a baseline for examining subsequent changes in the site's ecology.

The group will meet at Bookham station at 10.30am by the gate leading onto the site. The LNHS hut will be open at lunchtime for making drinks and there will also be a toilet available. These sessions will be self-led meetings and participants are welcome to explore the site and follow their own interests. Please note any findings and log your records (including species, grid references, name of observer and date).

- Please submit records through the LNHS iRecord activity:

https://www.brc.ac.uk/irecord/user?group_id=1629&destination=join/london-natural-history-society

- Or send them to the relevant LNHS recorder: <http://www.lnhs.org.uk/index.php/recording/general>
- See the Society's website for more information about the survey: <http://www.lnhs.org.uk/index.php/sections/bookham-common-survey>

HAMPSTEAD HEATH SURVEY

The Hampstead Heath Survey is a long-term project to record the flora and fauna in this large area (more than 300 ha) of semi-natural habitat, including a SSSI of ancient woodland and sphagnum bog, entirely surrounded by the urban environment of North London. Walks and study events, focused on various aspects of the ecology and wildlife of the Heath, are held throughout the year. All are welcome, experts and beginners alike, so come along and bring your friends if you want to discover more about Hampstead Heath's diversity of wildlife. For more information, and if you would like to get involved in some of the study events, contact Liz Andrew (hampsteadchair@lnhs.org.uk).

