

## Rarities in the London Area up to LBR 2014

The list below gives details on species that need to be considered by the LNHS Rarities Committee or the BBRC before being included in the London Bird Report. For each species it gives summary data, recent LBR entries and some recent records. For the rarer species, all records are listed. All running totals of birds here refer to occurrences since 1900. It has been drawn up from past editions of the LBR. Please let us know if you find any errors in it.

### **Bewick's Swan *Cygnus columbianus***

**Status:** scarce migrant, usually in autumn, and winter visitor.

#### Summary data

**Bewick's Swan records 2010-2014**      **23 records, 173 birds**

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of records	9	5	3	2	4
Number of birds	94	21	15	32	11

**Bewick's Swan records 2000-2009**      **31 records, 150 birds**

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of records	0	4	2	4	5	6	2	1	4	3
Number of birds	0	38	6	5	16	54	5	3	11	12

#### Recent LBR entries

##### **2014 LBR entry**

There were four records this year, all between December 27th and 29th. They involved about 11 birds, which is the lowest total since 2008.

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, three from Dec 27th-28th (TBu, PH *et al*).

**Herts:** Rye Meads, five on Dec 29th (RMP).

**Middx:** Brent Res, two briefly on Dec 27th (ASMS). KGVI Res, one on Dec 28th (REI, AVM, KLP); this was probably the bird seen earlier at Thorpe Water Park.

**Surrey:** Thorpe Water Park, one NE on Dec 28th (DGDL).

##### **2013 LBR entry**

There were three records this year, which is about average, but two of these involved a large flock, so the probable total of 32 birds almost equals the number from the two previous years together. The flock was in January and the other record in November, both typical winter dates. It was the fourth consecutive year that Rainham Marshes has had a record.

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, two on Nov 21st (AT *et al*). Walthamstow Res, c30 flew N on Jan 19th (LB, PW).

**Herts:** Bowyers Water, 21 on Jan 19th were probably part of the flock seen earlier at Walthamstow Res (AW).

#### Other recent records

2012	3 records	Feb 19th (8 birds), Dec 8th (3 birds and 4 birds).
2011	5 records	Jan 1st-23rd (14-18 birds present since Dec 2010), Jan 1st (3 birds).
2010	9 records	Jan 9th (6 birds), Nov 30th (3 birds), Dec 3rd (66 birds), Dec 29th-31st (18-19 birds)
2009	3 records	Dec 14th, Dec 19th (3 birds), Dec 24th (5 adults, 3 juvs).
2008	4 records	Mar 15th, Nov 4th (4 birds), Nov 24th (2 birds), Dec 15th (4 birds).
2007	1 record	Nov 15th (3 birds).
2006	2 records	Mar 7th (4 birds), Mar 11th.
2005	7 records	Jan 9th, Feb 9th, (4 birds), Mar 2nd (20 birds), Nov 5th (8 birds), Nov 19th, Nov 19th, Dec 28th (22 birds).

2004	5 records	Mar 8th, Oct 12th, Oct 16th, Nov 24th, Dec 19th.
2003	4 records	Jan 4th (2 birds), Oct 27th, Nov 8th, Nov 8th.
2002	2 records	Feb 16th, Dec 9th (5 birds)->
2001	4 records	Nov 16th (3 birds), Nov 27th, Dec 14th (27 birds), Dec 15th (7 birds).
1999	1 record	Nov 10th (3 birds).
1998	1 record	
1997	12 records	

## Whooper Swan *Cygnus cygnus*

**Status:** rare winter visitor.

### Summary data

#### Whooper Swan records 2010-2014 9 records 42 birds

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of records	4	1	1	1	2
Number of birds	8*	1	1	7	25

\*perhaps 13

#### Whooper Swan records 2000-2009 10 records 25 birds

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of records	0	0	1	1	0	5	2	0	0	1
Number of birds	0	0	5	1	0	16	2	0	0	1

#### Whooper Swan records 1990-1999 19 records 71 birds

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Number of records	3	2	4	3	0	2	0	3	1	1
Number of birds	20	13	11	7	0	4	0	14	1	1

### Recent LBR entries

#### 2014 LBR entry

There were just two records, both in the Hertfordshire sector, involving 25 birds. The first was in February and the second in December; the latter was a flock of 21 at Amwell NR, one of the largest ever seen in the London area. Not since the 1960s have there been flocks of this size, with the largest being 50 over Chessington on March 22nd 1963.

**Herts:** Amwell NR, 21 N on Dec 28th (BL). Moor Park GC, four W on Feb 28th (SCa).

#### 2013 LBR entry

Once again, just one record this year but this involved seven birds seen at three sites at the West London reservoirs; this flock had been seen flying over Dinton Pastures CP in Berkshire at 11:27. This is the fifth consecutive year this less than annual bird has been reported in the London Area (see table below).

#### Whooper Swan records 2003-2012 15 records, 30-35 birds

Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
No. of records	1	0	5	2	0	0	1	4	1	1
No. of birds	1	0	16	2	0	0	1	8*	1	1

\*perhaps 13

**Middx:** KGVI Res, seven (four adults and three juvs) over on Nov 10th at 12:42 were also seen over Staines Moor before landing on Staines Res (AVM, LD, REI *et al*).

### Other recent records

2012	1 record	Dec 11th (1 bird).
2011	1 record	Nov 7th (1 bird).
2010	4 records	Jan 23rd-24th (5-10 birds), Dec 24th (3 birds).
2009	1 record	Oct 13th-31st (1).
2006	2 records	Feb 3rd (1), Oct 14th (1). Both adults.

2005	5 records	Jan 21st (10), Nov 5th (1), Nov 20th (1), Dec 17th (2), Dec 18th (2).
2003	1 record	Oct 24th (1).
2002	1 record	Oct 18th (2 adults, 3 juv).
1999	1 record	Nov 13th.
1998	1 record	Dec 5th.
1997	3 records	Jan 1st (5 adults, 1 juv), Dec 12th (3 birds), Dec 27th (5 adults).
1995	2 records	Mar 4th (3 birds), Dec 24th.
1993	3 records	Oct 22nd, Oct 24th, Nov 23rd (5 birds).
1992	4 records	Mar 15th (6 birds), Nov 12th (2 imm), Nov 15th (2 birds), Dec 24th.
1991	2 records	Feb 9th (3 adults), Dec 27th (8 adults, 2 juv).
1990	3 records	Nov 4th (2 adults), Nov 23rd (10 adults, 3 juv), Nov 24th (5 adults).

### Bean Goose *Anser fabalis*

**Status:** occasional migrant and rare winter visitor.

#### Summary data

**Bean Goose records 2010-2014**                      **7 records**                      **43 birds**

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of records	4	1	2	0	0
Number of birds	30	1	12	0	0

**Bean Goose records 2000-2009**                      **7 records**                      **44 birds**

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of records	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0
Number of birds	0	6	0	18	3	0	0	17	0	0

#### Recent LBR entries

**2014 LBR entry**                      No records

**2013 LBR entry**                      No records

**2012 LBR entry**

At the start of the year a flock of 11 flew over the Lower Thames Marshes. This was followed by a long-staying bird recorded at three sites in west London. This bird was present in Surrey just outside the London Area from Feb 7th to Apr 27th. Two records of 12 birds is reasonable for recent years (see table below).

#### Bean Goose records 2000-2011

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Number of records	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	1
Number of birds		6		18	3			17			30	1

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, 11 *rossicus* E on Jan 15th were the birds seen earlier at Crossness and later over West Thurrock Marshes (HV).

**Middx:** Laleham, one *rossicus* bird on several dates between Feb 11th and Mar 17th (REI, KLP, AVM).

**Bucks:** Horton GP, one *rossicus* on Feb 6th (CDRH).

**Kent:** Crossness, 11 *rossicus* E at 08:50 on Jan 15th (JKA).

**Surrey:** Thorpe Water Park, one from Feb 13th-Mar 22nd (DGDL).

#### Other recent records

2011	1 record	Nov 26th-Dec 1st (one bird, Tundra form).
2010	4 records	Jan 21st & 27th, 2 birds; Dec 21st 14 birds. All tundra form.
2007	2 records	Jan 27th 5 at Rainham Marshes. (Tundra form.). Dec 21st 12 from Dec 21st-22nd at Rainham Marshes. (Tundra form.)
2004	2 records	Dec 2nd (2 birds), Dec 8th (1, Tundra form).
2003	2/3 records	Feb 24th (17 birds, largest flock ever recorded.), Mar 1st (1, tundra race) & Mar 20th (1 or same?).
2001	1 record	Jan 20th (6 birds).
1997		

**Pink-footed Goose *Anser brachyrhynchus*****Status:** scarce winter visitor.Summary data**Pink-footed Geese records 2010-2014**      **15 records**      **213 birds**

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of records	9	3*	1	1	1
Number of birds	101	62*	25	1	24

\*there is some uncertainty in these totals as there were several wandering birds

**Pink-footed Geese records 2000-2009**      **11 records**      **106 birds**

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of records	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	5	2
Number of birds	0	3	0	9	0	0	0	0	84	10

Recent LBR entries**2014 LBR entry**

Just one accepted record for this species, which has now been recorded in each of the past seven years (see table below for number of recent records and birds). This flock of 24 on April 23rd was at a very unusual date. There don't appear to have been any April records before, although there have been some April records of Wild Goose *sp.*

**Pink-footed Goose records 2008-2014**      **22 records**      **307 birds**

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of records	5	2	9	3*	1	1	1
Number of birds	84	10	101	62*	25	1	24

\*there is some uncertainty in these totals as there were several wandering birds

**Kent:** Swanscombe Marshes, 24 E at 05:40 on Apr 23rd (DGDL).**2013 LBR entry**

Just one accepted record this year of a juvenile that lingered for a few days, unlike the recent double figure counts. This is the fifth consecutive year for records, after five blank years.

**Herts:** Amwell NR, juv on Oct 11th, 12th & 15th (BR *et al.*).Other recent records

2012	1 record	25 on Oct 9th
2011	3* records	60 on Jan 1st, up to 2* in Lee Valley area from 2010 to May 8th.
*there is some uncertainty in these totals as there were several wandering birds		
2010	9 records	71 on Jan 21st; 2 on Feb 11th, 15th-16th, 19th, Mar 7th-15th; 4 on Dec 2nd, 10 on 8th and 8 on 21st.
2009	2 records	9 on Sep 16th. 1 on Oct 10th.
2008	5 records	2 on Jan 2nd, 35 on Jan 28th, 6 on Feb 16th and 17th, 5 on Dec 14th, 36 on Dec 26th.
2003	3 records	Jan 4th (3 birds), Feb 26th (2 birds), Nov 14th (4 birds).
2001	1 record	Feb 16th (3 birds).
1998		

**Snow Goose *Anser caerulescens*****Status:** rare visitor.All records

1980    Mar 1st    Swanscombe Marshes, 17 flew E. (This record was published in LBR 1980 but viewed then as escapes. See LBR 2014 P 203 for details of its late acceptance.)

**Red-breasted Goose *Branta ruficollis***

**Status:** only before 1900.

### **Brent Goose *Branta bernicla***

**Status:** occasional migrant and winter visitor.

#### **Sub-species: Pale-bellied Brent Goose *B. b. hrota***

##### **2010 LBR entry**

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, an adult on Dec 22nd (HV *et al*) was the third record of this form, following singles at Beddington SF (now Beddington Farmlands) in 1998 and at Staines Res in 2003.

#### **Sub-species: Black Brant *B. b. nigricans***

##### **All records**

1999	Nov 13th	Dartford Marshes and Rainham Marshes.
1990	Mar 18th	KGV Res.
1984	Oct 27th	Staines Res, from Oct 27th-Nov 23rd.

### **Barnacle Goose *Branta leucopsis***

**Status:** rare winter visitor and occasional visitor from self-sustaining population outside the London Area.

##### **Recent LBR entries**

##### **2014 LBR entry**

We have split the records into winter wanderers and those believed to be resident/summer birds. The latter appear in App I, the rest are below. There were two groups, eight in November and then up to 47 seen in December at the West London reservoirs. After December 24th, these birds were not seen again and were thought to have moved to Oxfordshire as they did a couple of years ago.

**Surrey:** Island Barn Res, 33 on Dec 2nd and 47 over on 23rd (DMH). London Wetland Centre, eight on Nov 11th (JPPW). QE II Res, 47 over on Dec 6th (DMH). Walton Res (Chelsea & Lambeth), 47 on nine dates from Dec 2nd-24th (DMH).

**2013 LBR entry**            No records

##### **2012 LBR entry**

We have split the records into winter wanderers and those believed to be resident/summer birds; the latter appear in the Escapes section. Just one group this year.

**Surrey:** Apps Court Farm, 52 from Dec 24th-29th flew in high from the E and departed high to the NW (DMH). They had previously been at Bough Beech Res, Kent from Dec 4th-6th.

##### **Other recent records**

2011    no new birds            three remained in Essex from 2010 on Jan 1st-4th; then two on 16th & 22nd. At Q. Mother Res, 15 remained from 2010 on Jan 2nd; presumably the same 15 on Feb 1st-2nd. At Walton Res, 42 on Jan 30th, the same flock seen on Dec 6th 2010.

2010    4 records            50 Jan 4th, 5th, 9th, 28th and Feb 9th-24th. Up to 18 Dec 6th, 7th, 22nd, 23rd, 25th & 31st. Up to 42 Dec 9th & 14th. 3 Dec 20th.

2008    Jan 1st            Up to 37 from Jan 1st-16th at Rainham Marshes (from 2007).

2007    Dec 21st 82 on Dec 21st at Rainham Marshes; 88 from Dec 24th-29th and 37 from Dec 30th-31st.

2006    Sep 9th            11 on Sep 9th at Verulamium Lake.

2002    Dec 22nd           16 on Dec 22nd at Rainham Marshes.

### **American Wigeon *Anas americana***

1973 and 1975 records of this species were removed in LBR 2014, p203.

**Green-winged Teal *Anas carolinensis***

Status: rare vagrant.

**Summary data****Green-winged Teal records 2010-2014 1 record 1 bird**

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of records	0	0	0	1	0

**Green-winged Teal records 2000-2009 4 records 4 birds**

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of records	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0

**Green-winged Teal 1990-1999 3 records 3 birds**

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Number of records	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0*	1

\* one over-wintered from 1997

**Green-winged Teal 1961-1989 4 records 3 birds**

Year	1961	1971	1985
Number of records	1	2	1
Number of birds	1	1	1

**Recent LBR entries****2013 LBR entry**

This was the first record since 2005 and the eleventh record for London. The male was mostly at Crossness but seen also at Rainham Marshes. The table below shows the arrival dates for the previous ten records.

**Green-winged Teal arrival dates 1961-2012 10 records, 10 birds**

Month	Feb	Mar	Apr	Nov	Dec
No. of records	4	1	2	1	2

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, male on Apr 27th (PSt *et al*).**Kent:** Crossness, male from Apr 12th-26th and on 28th (RHB *et al*).**All other records**

2005 10th	Apr 23rd from Apr 23rd-26th at Staines Res, then from May 1st-2nd at Beddington SF. (Described as 13 <sup>th</sup> in LBR 2005.)
2004 9th	Dec 5th London Wetland Centre.
2003 8th	Feb 16th 1 intermittently from Feb 16th-Mar 10th at Walthamstow Res, also on Feb 24th at William Girling Res, Mar 17th at Cornmill Meadows, Mar 23rd at Thamesmead, and then Apr 16th at Belvedere.
2002 7th	Mar 9th Staines Res.
1999 6th	Feb 11th A male from Feb 11th-12th at Hooks Marsh, then from Feb 12th-16th at Cornmill Meadows.
1998 5th	Jan 17th A male from Jan 17th-Feb 8th at Beddington SF, appeared first in 1997.
1997 5th	Dec 14th Beddington SF, male.
1990 4th	Feb 6th Sevenoaks WR, from Feb 6th-Mar 4th.
1985 3rd	Feb 28th Walthamstow Res, from Feb 28th-Mar 27th.
1971 2nd	Apr 11th Barn Elms Res. And then at KG VI Res on 13th
1961 1st	Nov 11th Hilfield Park Res, Nov 11th & 15th. (Added in LBR 1992.)

**Blue-winged Teal *Anas discors***

Status: rare vagrant.

**All records**

2000	5th.	Nov 4th	A female/imm at Walthamstow Res.
1998	4th.	Aug 25th	A male at Hilfield Park Res.
1996	3rd.	Jan 6th	The bird from 1995, at Brent Res from Jan 6th-30th.
1995	3rd.	Dec 9th	A female from Dec 9th-12th and Dec 28th onwards at Brent Res.
		(Photo LBR 1995)	
1984	2nd.	Apr 20th	A female from Apr 20th-27th at Stockers Lake.
1981	1st.	Feb 16th	A male from Feb 16th-19th at Barn Elms Res.

### Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris*

Status: rare vagrant.

#### All records 18?

2003 17th	Jan 1st	2002 female remained to Mar 1st at Bourne Hall Park & Island Barn Res.
2002 18th?	May 6th	Broadwater Lake, male from May 6th-Aug 24th.
2002 17th	Jan 1st	Bourne Hall Park from Dec 22nd 2001, stayed in area to Feb 17th.
Returned Dec 5th-2002.		
2002 16th	Jan 1st	From Nov 2001, stayed in area to May 4th. At other sites too.
2001 17th	Dec 22nd	Bourne Hall Park, Ewell. A different 1st-winter female from Dec 22nd-2002.
2001 16th	Nov 25th	Island Barn Res/Walton Res, 1st-winter female from Nov 25th-2002.
2001 15th	May 20th	Hilfield Park Res, male.
2000 14th	Apr 7th	Walton Res, male.
1999 13th	Feb 20th	Valentine's Park, female from Feb 20th-May 8th.
1997 12th	May 23rd	Gatton Park Lake, male.
1997 11th	Feb 24th	Walthamstow Res, male.
1997 10th	Jan 11th	urrey Docks, 1st-winter male from Jan 11th-Feb 3rd, seen on Blackwall Basin Jan 26th-27th & Feb 4th.
1996 9th	Apr?	Female from 1995 seen at KGV Res "on 7 dates up until Apr 17th"; also at Bowyers Water Apr 8th & 19th.
1995 9th	Sep 28th	KGV Res, female Sep 28th-29th, Oct 21st, Nov 3rd, 7th & 15th.
		Also at Fishers Green on Oct 8th.
1993 8th	May 14th	Stocker's Lake, male May 14th-17th, also at Broadwater GP May 15th.
1992 7th	Apr 20th	Lonsdale Road Res, male.
1989 6th	Jan 14th	Yiewsley GP & Little Britain Lake, female from Jan 14th-May 2nd.
1981 5th	Apr 14th	Amwell GP, male from Apr 14th-May 14th & May 25th-26th.
1978 4th	May 23rd	St James's Park, male; then at Regent's Park Jun 14th.
1977 3rd	Nov 27th	Sevenoaks WR, male.
1977 2nd	Apr 15th	Sevenoaks WR, male.
1974 1st	Apr 28th	Broxbourne GP from Apr 28th-30th.

### Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca*

Status: rare vagrant.

#### Summary data

##### Ferruginous Duck records 2010-2014 8 records 8 birds

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of records	5	1	1	1	0
Number of birds	5	1	1	1	0

##### Ferruginous Duck records 2000-2009 9 records 9 birds

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of records	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	3	1	0
Number of birds	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	3	1	0

##### Ferruginous Duck records 1990-1999 5 records 5 birds

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Number of records	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Number of birds	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
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Ferruginous Duck dates 1990-2014    22 records    22 birds

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	3	-	2	2	3	-	-	-	1	3	5	3

### Recent LBR entries

#### 2013 LBR entry

A single record is typical. It was found in the same month and just three miles from last year's female at Thamesmere West Lake, raising the possibility that it was a returning bird.

**Kent:** Danson Park, a fem from Jan 31st to Feb 1st (RT *et al*).

#### 2012 LBR entry

Only a single record, as last year, which is about the average for occurrences of this attractive duck within the London area. It is only the second to appear in January since 1990 (see table below).

Ferruginous Duck dates 1990-2011    20 records

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	1	-	2	2	3	-	-	-	1	3	5	3

**Kent:** Thamesmere West Lake, a female on Jan 15th, and again from Jan 23rd-25th (RHB, JKA).

### Other recent records

2011    Nov 27th, Wraysbury GP.  
 2010    Jan 3rd, 7th-8th & 11th at Horton GP and Wraysbury GP; Apr 4th at Holmethorpe SP; Nov 27th at Wraysbury GP; Nov 28th at Burgess Park; Dec 19th at Q. Mary Res.  
 2008    From Oct 11th-31st at Amwell GP.  
 2007    May 14th & 28th at Staines Res and Jun 4th & 8th at KGVI Res.  
 2007    Apr 7th-8th at Dagenham Chase & 7th-10th at Harrow Lodge Park.  
 2007    Mar 8, 9, 12, 17th at William Girling Res.  
 2006    May 22nd at Rainham Marshes.  
 2002    Oct 1st at Wraysbury GP & Staines Res. Then Oct 28th-Nov 1st at Harmondsworth CP. Then Nov 2nd-24th at Old Slade Lake, and Nov 30th at Orlitts Lake North.  
 2001    From Oct 16th-18th at Netherhall GP  
 2001    From Nov 3rd-4th at Amwell GP.  
 2000    May 22nd at Kempton NR.  
 1999    Mar 1st at "Cheshunt South Reservoir", a 1st-winter female.  
 1992    Dec 23rd-29th male at Stocker's Lake and at Bury Lake on 29th. Photos LBR 1992.  
 1992    Nov 8th-10th male at Amwell GP  
 1991    Sep 9th, 1st-winter male at Amwell GP for 10 minutes.  
 1990    Dec 11th, a male at Beddington SF.

There are a number of earlier records in London, details of which are not included here. Below are two changes to those records announced since 1990.

1981    Barn Elms Res, male Feb 11th-Mar 2nd, then May 17th-20th and Nov 9th. This was published in LBR 1980, then withdrawn in LBR 1981 as possible hybrid, then re-instated in LBR 1992.

1928    Staines Res, a pair on Sep 24th. See LBR 2014, p204 for details of this recently accepted record.)

### **Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis***

**Status:** very rare vagrant.

### All records

2008 3rd            Oct 5th Wraysbury GP, then from Oct 8th-15th at Q Mother Res.



2003 2nd Jan 4th First winter drake seen first at Stocker's Lake on Jan 4th. Then Brent Res from Feb 14th-23rd, Regent's Park from Mar 3rd-9th, 16th-22nd & Mar 26th-Apr 8th, and Seventy Acres Lake from Mar 23rd-25th. Last sighting Apr 17th at Brent Res. (Correction in LBR2004.)

1996 1st Apr 7th A male from Apr 7th-18th at Tyttenhanger GP. (Photo in LBR 1996)

### Common Eider *Somateria mollissima*

Status: scarce visitor, usually in winter.

#### Summary data

Common Eider records 2010-2014 8 records, 25 birds

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	6	2	0	0	0
No. of birds	23	2	0	0	0

Common Eider records 2000-2009 4 records, 5 birds

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
No. of records	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
No. of birds	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0

Common Eider records 1990-1999 17 records, 81-86 birds

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
No. of records	0	0	1	3	0	2	2*	4	2*	3*
No. of birds	0	0	2	3	0	36	3*	20+	9*	8*

\* also overwintering birds from previous year.

#### Recent LBR entries

##### 2011 LBR entry

Two birds is above average for this attractive sea duck: last year's total of six records of 23 birds was exceptional. There were only four records between 2000 and 2009. Most turn up in winter but two were at KGV Res on April 27th 2007.

**Essex:** Walthamstow Res, fem/imm from Jan 22nd-Mar 6th. (PLt *et al*).

**Surrey:** Buckland SP, 1st-winter on Jan 22nd-23rd (DSt). QE II Res, 1st-winter on Jan 3rd & 24th, same as Buckland SP bird (DMH).

##### 2010 LBR entry

There were only four records of Eider from 2000-2007, (none involving more than two birds) and with no records since then, six records this year involving about 23 birds was exceptional. All of them were in December. There was one long-staying flock of up to eight birds at William Girling Res. Many of the rest were 'fly throughs'. All records are given below.

**Essex:** Grays, 12 on R. Thames on Dec 15th (DML). Rainham Marshes, an imm male from Dec 2nd-4th (PSt *et al*). William Girling Res, five imm males and three females from Dec 19th, with three until 27th when seen to fly south (RW, DHu *et al*).

**Middx:** Stoke Newington Res, an imm male S on Dec 21st (MJP).

**Kent:** Crayford Marshes, imm male E on Dec 2nd (same as Rainham bird), a female W on Dec 3rd (KMJ).

#### Other recent records

2007	Apr 27th	KGV Res, two females.
2003	Oct 17th	Northfleet, juv/1st-winter male on R Thames.
2002	Dec 14th	Dartford Marshes, female.
2000	Jan 1st	QEII Res, from 1999, female remained until Mar 13th.
1999	4 records	Jan 1st (QEII Res, five remained from 1998 and 2 of these summered at Island Barn Res); Mar 19th (2 new birds); Oct 29th (4 birds), Nov 30th (2 birds).
1998	3 records	Jan 1st (2 from 1997), Jan 11th, Nov 21st (8 birds).
1997	2-4 records	Apr 26th (2 birds), Dec 20th (18 birds!), Dec 21st (4 birds, perhaps from Dec 20th flock), Dec 30th (1perhaps from previous birds).

1996	3 records	Jan 1st (from 1995), Jan 3rd, Jan 7th (2 birds).
1995	2 records	Dec 7th (35 birds!), Dec 16th.
1993	3 records	Oct 31st, Nov 2nd, Nov 10th.
1992	Jan 21st	Dagenham Chase, pair flew East. ("30th record").
1989		

### King Eider *Somateria spectabilis*

Status: only before 1900.

One shot Erith Reach before 1847 (LBR 2002)

### Long-tailed Duck *Clangula hyemalis*

Status: scarce recently, but was annual visitor.

#### Summary data

Long-tailed Duck records 2010-2014      16 records, 13 or 14 birds

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	0	1	6	9	0
No. of birds	0	1	3/4	9	0

Long-tailed Duck records 2000-2009      9 records, 9 birds

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
No. of records	3*	1	1	2	2*	0*	0	0	0	0
No. of birds	3*	1	1	2	2*	0*	0	0	0	0

\* also overwintering birds from previous year

Long-tailed Duck records 1990-1999      25 records, 21 birds

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
No. of records	1	4*	4*	3*	2*	0*	3*	1*	2	5
No. of birds	2	2*	4*	3*	2*	0*	3*	1*	2	2

\* also overwintering birds from previous year.

#### Recent LBR entries

##### 2013 LBR entry

About nine were recorded (six in 2012), including a very unusual record of a wandering adult female found at Peckham Rye Park on June 1st that summered on small lakes and docks in south-east and east London. Totals for the past two years may represent a return to form for this species, after none were found in London from 2006/07 to 2010/11. There has been a decline in the numbers in the Baltic Sea from 1992/3 to 2011 of about 80% (Skov, H. *et al*, 2011, *Waterbird Populations and Pressures in the Baltic Sea*, Copenhagen). The tables below compare recent records although the data is very difficult to analyse, because of the possibility of one bird being the source of several records. One female was also believed to be present every winter from March 1991 to January 2000.

Long-tailed Duck records 2000-2012      16 records, 13 or 14 birds

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2011	2012
No. of records	3*	1	1	2	2*	0*	1	6
No. of birds	3*	1	1	2	2*	0*	1	3/4

\* also overwintering birds from previous year

Long-tailed Duck records 1990-1999      25 records, 21 birds

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
No. of records	1	4*	4*	3*	2*	0*	3*	1*	2	5
No. of birds	2	2*	4*	3*	2*	0*	3*	1*	2	2

\* also overwintering birds from previous year.

**Essex:** Banbury Res, a fem from Sep 28th-29th and on Oct 3rd (PLt). Fairlop CP, an adult drake on May 4th (NTw, ATH). KGV Res, a fem reported on several dates between Mar 19th and Apr 13th and a drake on Mar 29th-31st. A bird of unspecified gender was reported on Apr 1st (MSd, NS *et al*). Walthamstow Res, a drake and a fem on Jan 18th and the fem from Banbury Res from Oct 24th-25th (MMe, PW *et al*). William Girling Res, a drake on Jan 7th, a drake and a fem/imm from Jan 16th-

17th, and one on Jan 27th (MD, DL, IL).  
**Herts:** Amwell NR, an adult fem on Oct 30th (WL, PBa).  
**Middx:** East India Dock Basin, adult fem on Jul 4th (same as Kent, Surrey and In Lond) (JKA). Staines Res, a fem from Mar 31st to Apr 14th (same as Bucks) (REI). Wraysbury Res, fem on Jan 1st (same as Q. Mother Res) (DJM, AVM).  
**Bucks:** Q. Mother Res, fem from Jan 2nd to Mar 26th (the wintering fem from 2012) (mo). Wraysbury GP, the same bird was present on Mar 30th (CDRH).  
**Kent:** Greenwich Park, adult fem on Jun 7th (same as Middx, Surrey and In Lond) (JBe).  
**Surrey:** Peckham Rye Park, adult fem from Jun 1st-4th (same as above) (RHB, JKA).  
**In Lond:** The wide-ranging adult fem was first seen in this sector on Jun 8th at Canada Water and was reported there, at Russia Dock Woodland and at Surrey Water on many dates until Aug 26th (RHB *et al*).

### 2012 LBR entry

This year saw a welcome return to a more traditional pattern after last year's single record. All of the records were in the last quarter of the year.

**Essex:** Grange Waters, a female on four dates between Dec 2nd & 29th (PH, DMn). KGV Res, a drake on Oct 7th (NS). The Mores, one on Dec 26th (AS). William Girling Res, a drake from Oct 14th-Dec 21st (RW, DHu *et al*).

**Bucks:** Q. Mother Res, a female from Nov 26th which stayed into 2013 (CDRH *et al*).

**In Lond:** Hyde Park/Kensington Gdns, a drake on Oct 12th (MM).

### Other recent records

2011	1 record	Nov 7th-Dec 19th at Hayes Farm Trout Lake.
2005	2 records	Jan 2nd (from 2004), Feb 26th (from 2004?).
2004	3 records	Jan 1st (from 2003), Nov 27th, Dec 26th.
2003	2 records	Sep 27th, Nov 4th.
2002	May 23rd	Brent Res, male.
2001	Dec 9th	Walton Res, imm male.
2000	3 records	Jan 1st (from 1999), Jan 27th, May 19th. (All same bird? Not recorded for any more winters; 9 winter record?)
1999	5 records?	Jan 10th, Jan 13th, Mar 5th, Apr 5th (2 females), Nov 12th. (Maybe only 2 females involved.)
1998	2 records?	Jan 10th, Nov 7th. (Many records, just one female involved; 8th year of records for this bird.)
1997	2 records?	Jan 1st (from 1996), Nov 6th. Same returning female.
1996	4 records	Jan 1st (from 1995), Mar 29th, Jun 18th, Dec 1st (returning female).
1995	3 records	Jan 1st (from 1994, usual female), Jan 1st (from 1994, 1st-winter male), Nov 18th (returning female).
1994	3 records	Jan 2nd (from 1993), Oct 29th (same returning female), Nov 20th.
1993	5 records	Jan 3rd (from 1992), Jan 5th, Jan 10th (from 1992?), Oct 31st, Nov 6th.
1992	6 records	Jan 1st (from 1991), Jan 1st (from 1991), Jan 1st, Mar 3rd, Oct 22nd, Nov 15th.
1991	5 records?	Jan 1st (from 1990), Mar 16th (2 birds, added LBR 2000), Mar 27th, Oct 22nd, Oct 26th (this to be female that returned every year to winter 1999/2000)
1990	Nov 1st	KGV Res, two to year end.

### Velvet Scoter *Melanitta fusca*

**Status:** rare passage migrant and winter visitor.

#### Recent LBR entries

##### 2012 LBR entry

Only one record this year, suggesting that this species is reverting to type after the exceptional number of sightings in 2010.

**Surrey:** Island Barn Res, two fem/imm from Nov 28th-Dec 9th (DMH).

**2011 LBR entry**

No new arrivals this year, with two wintering birds remaining from 2010. Last year's eight records of five birds was a remarkable total for this less-than-annual species.

**Middx:** KGVI Res, the first-winter female from Nov 2010 was again present Jan 16th-Apr 18th. Staines Res, the same bird intermittently from Jan 2nd-Apr 22nd (REI, KLP *et al*).

**Bucks:** Q. Mother Res, Jan 1st-22nd, the adult female found on Dec 29th 2010 (CDRH).

**Other recent records**

2010	8 records	1 at Wm Girling Res Mar 9th-14th and at KGV Res on 23rd; 1 at Island Barn Res Nov 10th-25th and over QEII Res on 25th; 1 at KGVI Res Nov 13th-year end; 1 at Broadwater Lake Nov 13th-Dec 6th;
2009	Apr 13th	5 at Staines Res. Male, imm male, 3 females.
2008	2 records	Q Mother Res; Jan 15th-16th, Dec 8th; both female/imm.
2002	2 records	5 over wintering from 2001 from Jan 1st-Apr 14th recorded at Island Barn Res, QEII Res and Walton Res. Mar 30th at QEII Res (additional to the above birds).
2001	2 records	4 imms from Dec 9th-31st at Island Barn Res. Imm Dec 7th-31st at Walton Res (additional to four above).
1999	Oct 31st	Q Mother Res, imm female.
1998	Dec 5th	Island Barn Res, 2 females.
1997	Jan 4th	William Girling Res, 1st-winter male and female/imm.
1996	Dec 7th	KGVI Res, female from Dec 7th-22nd.
1995	Dec 5th	Staines Res, female/imm.
1994	Nov 25th	Old Slade GP, 3 imms, probably males.
1993	2 records	Oct 11th (1st-winter), Nov 2nd (male).
1991	3 records	Oct 24th (female), Nov 1st (female), Nov 21st (imm male).
1990	Oct 28th	William Girling Res, imm male and female from Oct 28th-Nov 25th.

**Black Grouse *Tetrao tetrix***

**Status:** only before 1909

Accepted in LBR 2014 (details on p204) as breeding at Brasted Chart before 1909.

**Red-throated Diver *Gavia stellata***

**Status:** rare winter visitor and occasional migrant.

**Summary data****Red-throated Diver records 2010-2014      6 birds**

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of birds	0	0	2	2*	2

\* and one over-wintering from 2012

**Red-throated Diver records 2000-2009      21 birds**

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of birds	0	2	5	3	1	1	4	3	2	0

**Red-throated Diver records 1990-1999      40 birds**

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Number of birds	2	6	3	4	1	1	11	8	4	0

**Red-throated Diver arrival dates 1990-2014      67 birds/records**

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	17	10	10	2	-	1	-	-	-	5	7	15

**Recent LBR entries****2014 LBR entry**



<b>Black-throated Diver records</b>	<b>1990-1999</b>	<b>15 records, 15 birds</b>
Year	1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999	
No. of birds	0 0 0 2 3 1 4* 3* 2 0	

\*plus one over wintered from previous year

<b>Black-throated Diver arrival dates 1990-2014</b>	<b>30 records</b>
Month	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec
No. of records	8 4 1 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 8 7

### Recent LBR entries

#### 2013 LBR entry

Up to three birds were recorded, the first records since 2010, with one at the start of the year that moved from Q. Mother Res to KGVI Res and then briefly to Staines Res, and probably two short-staying birds in November. This is the highest total since 1997 when four birds were seen, including one which had overwintered from 1996. For three lucky observers on January 28th at KGVI Res, all three species of diver were on view; this is the first time this has happened in London.

**Middx:** KGVI Res, juv intermittently from Jan 28th to Mar 10th, same as Q. Mother Res (AVM *et al*).  
Staines Res, one on Mar 14th (DJM).

**Bucks:** Q. Mother Res, juv from Jan 12th-27th (AJC, DHw *et al*).

**Surrey:** QE II Res, one on Nov 10th (DMH).

#### 2010 LBR entry

In line with recent trends, a typical year with two records of single long-staying birds, one present in each winter.

**Essex:** William Girling Res, one from Jan 17th to Feb 17th (RW *et al*).

**Middx:** Q. Mary Res, juvenile on Dec 5th, 12th, 15th and 19th (REI *et al*).

### Other recent records

2008	Mar 24th	1st-winter from Mar 24th-27th at Danson Park.
2008	Apr 19th	Q Mother Res.
2005	Jan 22nd	Juv from Jan 22nd-23rd at Wraysbury GP. Then the same bird (now 1st-winter) from Jan 29th-Mar 28th at Walton Res, Island Barn Res and QEII Res.
2003	Dec 20th	Staines Res.
2003	Jan 14th	Jan 14th-Feb 12th at Staines Res, also at KGVI Res Jan 18th & 19th.
2002	Dec 21st	Walton Res.
2001	Nov 9th	From Nov 9th-14th at Island Barn Res, then on Nov 15th seen over QEII Res and Walton Res.
2001	Nov 23rd	1st-winter from Nov 23rd-25th at Q Mother Res.
2000	Nov 6th	at KGV Res.
2000	Dec 6th	Juv from Dec 6th-23rd at KGVI Res.
1998	Jan 14th	1st-winter from Jan 14th-Feb 10th at KGV Res.
1998	Nov 21st	William Girling Res.
1997	4 birds	Jan 1st (from 1996), Jan 3rd, Jan 7th, Nov 25th.
1996	5 birds?	Jan 1st (from 1995), Feb 3rd, Feb 11th, Nov 20th, Dec 29th (to 1997).
1995	Dec 29th	Q Mary Res (stayed to 1996).
1994	3 birds	Jan 7th, Feb 27th, Apr 27th.
1993	2 birds	Feb 8th, Dec 29th.
1987	last previous record?	

### **Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps***

**Status:** very rare vagrant.

#### All records

1999	2nd.	Mar 16th at Walton Res.
1998	1st.	From Jan 1st-Feb 12th at Tooting Common (from 1997).
1997	1st.	Jan 26th-Mar 30th at South Norwood Lake. Then from Dec 5th into 1998 at Tooting Common.

**Northern Fulmar *Fulmarus glacialis***

Status: rare visitor.

**Summary data**

Northern Fulmar 2010-2014 2 records, 2 birds

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	0	0	1	1	0

Northern Fulmar 2000-2009 7 records, 9 birds

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
No. of records	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
No. of birds	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0

Northern Fulmar 1980-1999 20 records, 20 birds

Year	1981	1983	1986	1987	1988	1989	1991	1994	1996
No. of records	4	2	5	3	1	1	2	1	1
No. of birds	4	2	5	3	1	1	2	1	1

Northern Fulmar arrival dates 2000-2014 9 records, 11 birds

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	-	-	2	-	3	-	2	-	1	1	-	-
No. of birds	-	-	2	-	5	-	2	-	1	1	-	-

Northern Fulmar arrival dates 1980-2014 29 records, 31 birds

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	-	3	3	4	6	2	3	1	3	1	1	2
No. of birds	-	3	3	4	8	2	3	1	3	1	1	2

NB Table differs from that published in LBR 2013

**Recent LBR entries****2013 LBR entry**

There was just one record this year, a single bird that was first seen at Gallions Reach and then on the water at Crossness. There have been records since 1980 in all months except January; this is only the third September record in that time. There were a lot more records in the 1980s than there have been in any decade since. Seventeen of the 29 records below were in the 1980s.

Northern Fulmar arrival dates 1980-2012 29 records, 30 birds

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	-	3	3	4	6	2	3	1	2	1	1	3

**Essex:** Gallions Reach, one on Sep 29th (PD, GAJ).**Kent:** Crossness, one from Sep 29th-30th (JKA *et al*).**2012 LBR entry**

Just one bird this year which soon died. Surprisingly it was almost exactly the same date as the last records which were on May 25th and 26th in 2008. The table below shows all the recent records.

Northern Fulmar 2000-2011 7 records

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
No. of records	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0

**Middx:** Staines Res, one in poor condition when found on May 26th sadly died overnight (REI, KLP, AVM, CDRH). This is only the third record for the site.

**Other recent records**

2008 2 records. Beddington SF, May 25th. Greenhithe, 3 on May 26th (2 on same day at Rainham Marshes and 1 at Dartford presumed to involve same birds).

2003 1 record. At Northfleet and Tilbury Docks on Oct 16th, 17th & 20th, also seen from Greenhithe & Swanscombe Marsh on 19th.

2001 2 records. London Wetland Centre, over on Mar 1st. Beddington SF, Mar 1st-2nd, taken into care.

2000	2 records.	QE II Res, Jul 1st. Bedfont Lakes CP, one over on Jul 1st.
1996	1 record	Dec (NB Correction of LBR 1996 and LBR 1997 in LBR 1998).
1994	1 record	Feb
1991	2 records	Feb & May
1989	1 record	Jun
1988	1 record	May
1987	3 records	Feb, Mar, Dec
1986	5 records	Apr, Jun, Aug & 2 in Sep
1983	2 records	Jul & Nov
1981	4 records	3 in Apr, 1 in May

### Manx Shearwater *Puffinus puffinus*

**Status:** rare visitor, usually in autumn.

#### Summary data

##### Manx Shearwater records 2010-2014 6 records, 6 birds

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	2	3	1	0	0
No. of birds	2	3	1	0	0

##### Manx Shearwater records 2000-2009 8 records, 8 birds

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
No. of records	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	2	1

##### Manx Shearwater records 1990-1999

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
No. of birds	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	3	0

##### Manx Shearwater arrival dates 1998-2014 17 birds, 17 records

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	13	3	-	-

#### Recent LBR entries

##### 2012 LBR entry

The sixth year in a row that this species has occurred in the London Area, as shown in the table below. By far the best time to look for them is in September: the 2012 record at Q. Mother Res means that 13 of the last 17 sightings have occurred during this month.

##### Manx Shearwater records 2001-2011

Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
No. of birds	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	2	1	2	3

**Bucks:** Q. Mother Res, one present all day on Sep 2nd (MJM *et al*).

##### 2011 LBR entry

Most likely three birds were involved in the four records given below. Two of the three records on September 7th were the same bird seen at different sites along the R Thames in the morning. The third was at the other side of London, later in that day. While it would have been possible for this to be the Thames bird, it seems more likely to be another bird. This is the best year since three were seen in 1998. The September dates are typical; nine out of the previous 13 records have been in September.

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, one on Sep 7th (HV).

**Bucks:** Horton GP, one in the late afternoon on Sep 7th (CDRH). Q. Mother Res, one on Sep 17th (CDRH *et al*).

**Kent:** Crayford Marshes, one at 11:20 on Sep 7th (KMJ), also reported at Greenhithe.

#### Other recent records



2010 4 records, 2 birds Crayford & Rainham Marshes, Sep 15th. Crossness & Rainham Marshes Oct 2nd-3rd.  
 2009 Oct 11th One at Northfleet, then seen being eaten at Greenhithe.  
 2008 Oct 1st In bushes on a Paddington housing estate, released at Greenland Pier.  
 2008 Sep 8th Crossness. Probably same at Barking Bay from Sep 7th-8th.  
 2007 Sep 25th Q Mother Res.  
 2007 Sep 16th Q Mother Res.  
 2004 Sep 22nd Tolworth, taken into care.  
 2004 Sep 12th Staines Res.  
 2003 Sep 18th Staines Res.  
 1998 3 records. Sept 11th, sep 1st, jul 30-aug 2nd  
 1976 Sep 11th Dagenham Reach. Later died, said to be 11th record this century.

### Balearic Shearwater *Puffinus mauretanicus*

Status: very rare vagrant.

Just one record:

1984 Aug 17th Island Barn Res.

### Barola Shearwater *Puffinus baroli*

Status: very rare vagrant.

One record.

1912 Welling.

### European Storm-petrel *Hydrobates pelagicus*

Status: rare visitor, normally storm driven.

#### Summary data

European Storm-petrel records 2000-2014 3 records, 3 birds

Year	2000	2003	2012
No. of records	1	1	1
No. of birds	1	1	1

European Storm-petrel records 1950-1999 14 records, 14 birds

Year	1950	1956	1959	1961	1962	1964	1966	1983	1990	1992	1999
No. of birds	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1

European Storm-petrel arrival dates 1950-2014 17 records 17 birds

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	5	3	4

#### Recent LBR entries

##### 2012 LBR entry

This is the 17th record of this species in the London area. Apart from in 2000, when it was thought there may have been two birds involved in sightings at the Lower Thames Marshes, all other records have been of single birds. This is the first June record; apart from one bird in July, all other sightings have been between September and December (see table below). The first was at Staines Res in 1950 and the most recent was on Q. Mother Res in 2003.

Kent: Crayford/Dartford Marshes, two flew upriver on Jun 12th (KMJ).

European Storm-petrel dates 1950-2003 16 birds

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	5	3	4

**All other records**

2003 16th	Dec 2nd	Q Mother Res.
2000 15th	Oct 30th	R Thames at Greenhithe & Dartford Marshes; then 1 or 2 on 31st at Dartford, Rainham & Stone Marshes.
1999 14th	Oct 10th	QEII Res
1992 13th	Jul 14th	West Thurrock.
1990 12th	Dec 8th	Becontree, picked up in a garden, died.
1983 11th	Oct 25th	Crayford “fluttered down into the boot of a car”, died later.
1983 10th	Sep 7th	Dartford Creek, found exhausted, died later.
1983 9th	Sep 3rd	William Girling Res.
1966 8th	Oct 23rd	Walthamstow Res.
1964 7th	Dec 25th	KGV Res.
1962 6th	Nov 26th	Woodford Green, found exhausted, died later.
1961 5th	Nov 18th	Staines Res.
1959 4th	Oct 27th	KGVI Res.
1956 3rd	Dec 9th	Epping Forest, found with broken wing.
1956 2nd	Sep 15th	Stone marshes.
1950 1st Nov 11th		Staines Res.

**Leach's Storm-petrel *Oceanodroma leucorhoa***

**Status:** rare visitor, often during ‘wreck’ conditions.

**Leach's Storm-petrel records 2010-2014**                      **none**

<b>Leach's Storm-petrel records 2000-2009</b>	<b>20 records, 21 birds</b>										
Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	
No. of records	3	0	0	5	4	2	5	0	0	1	
No. of birds	3	0	0	6	4	2	5	0	0	1	

<b>Leach's Storm-petrel arrival dates 1990-2014</b>	<b>20 records, 21 birds</b>												
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
No. of records	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	8	2	6
No. of birds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	9	2	6

**Recent records**

2009 Sep 30th	Staines Res.
2006 Dec 7th	Stormy conditions resulted in five records on the same day. Singles at Q Mary Res, Rainham Marshes, Staines Res, Tower Bridge and Walton Res.
2005 Nov 9th	Q Mother Res.
2005 Sep 17th	Panshanger Park.
2004 Dec 6th	QEII Res.
2004 Nov 8th	William Girling Res.
2004 Oct 16th	Q Mother Res.
2004 Sep 24th	Staines Res.
2003 Oct 17th	London Wetland Centre.
2003 Oct 15th	Two on Thames at Northfleet.
2003 Oct 13th	R Thames at Northfleet.
2003 Oct 2nd	QEII Res.
2003 Sep 24th	Walton Res.
2000 Oct 31st	Up-river at Rainham Marshes at 14:35.
2000 Oct 31st	Up-river at Dartford Marsh at 12:50; lingered in the area until 15:45, then down river.
2000 Oct 30th	Q Mother Res from 12:15 to 15:50; maybe same at QEII Res at 16:00.

**Northern Gannet *Morus bassanus***

**Status:** scarce visitor.

**Summary data**

<b>Northern Gannet records 2010-2014</b>	<b>20 records, 28 birds</b>				
Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014

No. of records	6	2	7	3	2
No. of birds	14	2	7	3	2

**Northern Gannet records 2000-2009 18 records, 18 birds**

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
No. of birds	2	2	0	1	1	1	1	3	3	4

**Northern Gannet arrival dates 2000-2014 38 records, 46 birds**

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	1	-	-	-	2	4	3	-	13	9	1	5
No. of birds	1	-	-	-	2	4	3	-	21	9	1	5

**Recent LBR entries****2014 LBR entry**

Two records this year, one fewer than last year. The May record is only the second record in this month since 2000; the October record is more usual. Of the previous 36 records, 21 have been in the autumn, although September is the month with the most records since 2000.

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, juv on Oct 14th (DSm *et al*).

**Surrey:** Island Barn Res, adult SW on May 30th (RP, NL).

**2013 LBR entry**

Just three accepted records this year, which is back to more normal standards after the records of six in 2010 and 2012. They were all singles seen on just one day in July, October and November. The November record is the first recent record for that month (see table below). The additional record for 2012, at a typical autumn date, makes that seven records in that year which is the highest number since at least 2000.

**Northern Gannet arrival dates 2000-2012 32 records, 40 birds**

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	1	-	-	-	1	4	2	-	12	7	-	5
No. of birds	1	-	-	-	1	4	2	-	20	7	-	5

**Middx:** Wraysbury Res, 4th-year on Jul 28th (CDRH *et al*). Same as KGVI bird

**Surrey:** QE II Res, juv E on Nov 6th (DMH). South Norwood CP, juv SE on Oct 14th (DD, JHu). This could have been same as Bedd bird?

**2012 Addition**

**Essex:** Wanstead Park, one over on Sep 25th (NC).

**Other recent records**

2012 6 records of 6 birds. Jun 23rd-24th, Jun 29th, Sep 17th, Sep 27th, Oct 7th, Oct 25th.

2011 2 records Of 2 birds. Q. Mother Res, an adult on Jun 18th briefly, before flying off SE.

Crayford Marshes, a juv flew upriver on Dec 29th.

2010 6 records of perhaps 14 birds: possibly the best year ever. Catford, Jun 1st. Beddington

Farmlands, three on Sep 25th. Chafford Hundred, seven, in groups of 4,2 and 1 on Sep 25th.

Crossness, one Sep 26th. Q. Mother Res, Oct 9th. Crayford Marshes, Dec 30th.

2009 Oct 6th Probably 3 birds on Oct 6th at Crayford area, Stocker's Lake & west London waters.

2009 Oct 5th Wraysbury GP (and on Oct 6th).

2009 Sep 30th Juv over Tottenham Marshes.

2008 Sep 30th 4th-year at QEII Res.

2008 Sep 22nd Juv at Isleworth.

2008 Sep 22nd Juv at Amwell GP.

2007 Dec 23rd Over Purley.

2007 Dec 3rd 4th-winter over Q Mother Res.

2007 Sep 28th 2nd-year Island Barn Res.

2006 Jan 26th Adult over Crofton Hill, Bexley

2005 "late July or early Aug" Dover Pier, Hammersmith.

2004 Jul 4th R Thames at Crayford Marsh.

2003 Dec 31st 2nd-winter over Beddington SF, then London Wetland Centre.

2001 Sep 19th juv over Beddington SF.  
 2001 May 13th Adult over Colnbrook.  
 2000 Oct 26th 1st-year over QE II Res.  
 2000 Sep 30th Imm at Epsom taken into care, later died.

### Little Bittern *Ixobrychus minutus*

Status: rare vagrant.

#### Recent LBR entries

##### 2012 LBR entry

After a gap of 14 years, we had two birds in one year bringing the total to 11. The adult female at Stocker's Lake was initially found and photographed on June 10th but was only identified when the photograph was sent to the Herts Bird Club website on 12th. It was refound the next day and stayed for a few days. Although occasionally elusive, this bird often afforded excellent views along the narrow River Colne. May/June records like this are more typical than the second bird which was the first ever September record. These appear to be the 10th and 11th records for London.

Herts: Stocker's Lake, an adult female on the River Colne, from Jun 10th-17th (SBl, PLe *et al*).

Kent: Sevenoaks WR, a female or juv on Sep 15th (MCh).

#### All other records

1997 9th	May 17th	Rye Meads SF, Herts. Male from May 17th-18th
1996 8th	May 30th	Epsom Common, Surrey. Male from May 30th-Jun 1st. (Photo LBR 1996)
1995 7th	Jun 18th	Hampstead Heath, Middlesex. Female.
1976 6th	Oct 17th	Sevenoaks WR, Kent.
1961 5th	Aug 22nd	Weybridge, found dead.
1956 4th?	Aug 6th	Beddington SF, from Aug 6th-14th. (Presumed one of 2 birds below.)
1956 4th	Jun 18th	Beddington SF, 2 from Jun 18th-Jul 14th.
1954 3rd	Aug 27th	Beddington SF, from Aug 27th-29th.
1954 2nd	Aug 20th	Richmond Park, from Aug 20th-24th.
1954 1st	May 30th	Nazeing GP.

### Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Status: rare vagrant.

#### Summary data

Night Heron records 1970-2014	13 records											
Year	1970	1978	1980	1983	1987	1989	1990	1992	1994	1998	2004	2011
No. of records	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Night Heron arrival dates 1970-2014	13 records											
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	-	-	-	1	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	-

#### Recent LBR entries

##### 2011 LBR entry

Given the changed status of many herons, it is perhaps surprising just how rare a vagrant this species continues to be in London. This is only the 13th record and the first since 2004. Five of the previous 12 records were in May and only one in June. The table below shows the years when there have been records.

Night Heron records 1970-2004	13 records										
Year	1970	1978	1980	1983	1987	1989	1990	1992	1994	1998	2004
No. of records	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Herts: Stocker's Lake, an imm on Jun 19th was the fifth for Herts (RF *et al*).

All records

2011 13th	Jun 19th	Stocker's Lake, an immature.
2004 12th	May 5th	Wetland Centre, Surrey. May 5th and 8th. (Credited in LBR as 11th.)
1998 11th	Nov 7th	Sevenoaks WR, Kent. Nov 7th-15th. (Credited in LBR as 9th.)
1994 10th		May 19th Brent Res.
1992 9th	Jun 9th	The Causeway NR, Middlesex. Jun 9th-10th.
1990 8th	Apr 7th	Bookham Common.
1989 7th	Aug 28th	Sevenoaks WR, Aug 28th & Sep 3rd.
1987 6th	May 1st	Sevenoaks WR, from May 1st-4th.
1983 5th	May 4th	Wraysbury GP, from May 4th-8th.
1980 4th	Oct 11th	Walthamstow Res, found dead.
1980 3rd	May 23rd	Ham House, on R Thames.
1978 2nd	Jul 17th	Sevenoaks WR.
1970 1st	Sep 6th	Stockers Lake.

**Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides***

Status: very rare vagrant.

All records

2007 3rd	May 29th	Crossness. May 29th-Jun 8th.
1997 2nd	Jun 17th	Walton Res, (then Stain Hill Res).
1979 1st	Jul 1st	Rye Meads, Herts.

**Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis***

Status: rare (but increasing) vagrant.

Summary data

Cattle Egret records	11 records							
Year	1992	1995	1998	2001	2002	2007	2008	2010
No. of records	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	2

Cattle Egret arrival dates 1992-2014	11 records											
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	2	-	-	1	3	-	2	2	-	1	-	-

Recent LBR entries**2010 LBR entry**

After a blank year in 2009, records came from two sites at the Lower Thames. These are the 10th and 11th records for London.

**Essex:** Ingrebourne Valley, one on Jul 30th (DMn). Rainham Marshes, one from Aug 25th-27th (MD, JJH, DMI *et al*).

All other records

2008 9th	Apr 12th	at Wm Girling Res, Essex (and once Walthamstow Res, Essex). Apr 12th-17th.
2007 8th	Oct 17th	Rainham Marshes Oct 17th-23rd.
2007 7th	May 20th	Rainham Marshes May 20th-21st.
2007 6th	Jan 31st	Sevenoaks WR.
2002 5th	early Jan	Higher Denham, Bucks. "early Jan to end of Feb". (Reported in LBR as 4th.)
2001 4th	Aug 18th	Wetland Centre. (Reported in LBR as 3rd.)
1998 3rd	May 10th	Wanstead Park. (Reported in LBR as 2nd.)
1995 (2nd)	Jul 20th	Stocker's Lake, Jul 20th-23rd. (Added in LBR 2004, previously thought to be an escape.)
1992 1st	May 3rd	Stockers Lake/Maple Cross/West Hyde. Eight from May 3rd-4th.

**Great Egret *Ardea alba***

Status: rare vagrant.

**Summary data****Great Egret records 2010-2014 45 records, 50 birds**

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	3	3	8	14	17
No. of birds	3	3	8	15	21

**Great Egret records 2000-2009 15 records, 15 birds**

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
No. of records	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	2	5	3
No. of birds	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	2	5	3

**Great Egret records 1990-1999 1 record, 1 bird**

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
No. of birds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

**Great Egret arrival dates 1997-2014 61 records, 66 birds**

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	1	2	5	7	7	4	1	3	11	7	8	5
No. of birds	1	2	5	8	9	4	1	5	11	7	8	5

**Recent LBR entries****2014 LBR entry**

There were 17 accepted records this year, involving 21 birds, the highest ever in one year. There was one January record, then spring records in March, April and May, followed by one in June. In the autumn there were three records in August (the first August records in London), then three singles in September, followed by two singles in November and one in December. There was also a late record from 2013.

**Essex:** Belhus Woods CP, one on Jun 2nd (RBs). Chafford Hundred, one flew NW over the A1306 at 11:30 on May 2nd (RBA). Ingrebourne Valley, one flew S at 06:20 on Aug 2nd (BG). Rainham Marshes, one flew S on Jan 12th at 07:30 (HV), one on Mar 26th (mo), two on May 1st (PSt, DSm), one on Sep 8th & 9th (CW, MHa, HV *et al*), one on Dec 6th (RBs, JW, VW, PSt). Warren Gorge, one left the egret roost at 05:30 on Mar 27th (RBs).

**Herts:** Amwell NR, two were present on Aug 6th (AM) and flew off N at 06:40 on 7th (AHL). Rye Meads, one found on Nov 15th (AHa) was seen as it departed N at 06:56 on 16th.

**Middx:** Brent Res, one flew E at 09:12 on Apr 26th (ASMS, AGV, RB).

**Kent:** Sevenoaks WR, one on Sep 24th (MCh).

**Surrey:** Beddington Farmlands, two flew NE around midday on May 1st (GWJ), one on Sep 9th (MJN), one flew S on Nov 24th (RBr). Godstone, two flew S at 11:15 on Aug 6th (PBr, DMi).

**2013 Addition**

**Essex:** Orsett, one SE on Dec 4th (DGDL)

**2013 LBR entry**

This species continues to spread in southern England and this year's 13 records beat the previous peak of eight in 2012. In addition, there were a further five records for which no descriptions were received (see App III). The Cassiobury Park record is only the second sighting of more than one bird in the London Area, following two together at Rainham Marshes on June 8th 2008.

**Great Egret records 2003-2012 27 records, 27 birds**

Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
No. of records	0	0	0	3	2	5	3	3	3	8

**Essex:** Leyton one on Mar 17th (SF). Mar Dyke Valley, one on May 20th (RBs).

**Herts:** Cassiobury Park, two flew S at 10:30 am on Apr 29th (IB). Rickmansworth, one flew S at 17:25 on Feb 19th (AVM). Tyttenhanger GP, one from Oct 5th-15th (SPe *et al*), one on Oct 30th (SBl).

**Middx:** Alexandra Park, one flew over on Mar 6th (DML *et al*). Brent Res, singles in flight on Apr 20th and Sep 30th (ASMS and AGV). Staines Moor, one dropped onto R Colne for three minutes before

flying off high W on Nov 10th (LD).  
**Bucks:** Wraysbury GP, one on Nov 9th (CDRH).  
**Kent:** Sidcup, one flew SW over York Avenue at 08:42 on Oct 16th (IS).  
**Surrey:** Beddington Farmlands, one on Oct 5th (ST).

**All other records**

2012	8 records	Feb 27th, Apr 28th, Jun 20th, Sep 23rd, Sep 25th, Nov 10th, Nov 17th, Nov 26th.
2011	3 records	Mar Dyke Valley, one on May 4th. QE II Res, one flew SE on Oct 28th. Crayford Marshes, one on Dec 13th flew NE at 10:00.
2010	3 records	Rainham Marshes, Mar 13th. Abridge, May 31st. Holmethorpe SP, Sep 6th.
2009	16th	Sep 24th Wetland Centre. (Reported in LBR as 15th.)
2009	15th	Apr 14th Rainham Marshes. (Reported in LBR as 14th.)
2009	14th	Apr 5th Ilford. (Reported in LBR as 13th.)
2008	13th	Dec 22nd Holmethorpe SP.
2008	12th	Sep 21st Beddington SF.
2008	11th	Sep 9th Rainham Marshes.
2008	10th	Jun 8th Rainham Marshes, two Jun 8th
2008	9th	Jun 4th Rainham Marshes. One Jun 4th & 7th.
2007	8th	Dec 22nd King George VI Res, then Staines Moor Dec 22nd-24th, and Stanwell Moor Dec 26th. Also Q Mother Res Dec 24th.
2007	7th	Oct 19th Rainham Marshes, Oct 19th-24th.
2006	6th	Nov 11th Walthamstow Res.
2006	5th	Jul 17th Ingrebourne Valley.
2006	4th	Apr 30th Walthamstow Res.
2002	3rd	Sep 6th. Staines Moor.
2000	2nd	Oct 7th Kempton Park Res.
1997	1st	May 13th Brent Res.

**Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea***

**Status:** scarce vagrant.

**Summary data**

**Purple Heron arrival dates 1956-2014 26 records, 26 birds**

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	-	-	-	4	9	1	2	4	5	1	-	-

**Recent LBR entries****2014 LBR entry**

This is the first record since 2009 and, like all the London records so far, a single bird. Most are spring records like this, with 14 of the 26 records being in April, May or June. Unlike Great Egrets, the number of records doesn't seem to be increasing in recent years, as the table below shows.

**Purple Heron records by decade 1956-2014 26 records**

Decade	1950s	1960s	1970s	1980s	1990s	2000s	2010s
No. of records	2	2	8	5	3	5	1

**Bucks:** Horton GP, on May 31st one flew in to an area without public access (CDRH).

**All records**

2009	Aug 1st	Wetland Centre, juv.
2009	Apr 26th	Staines Res.
2009	Apr 23rd	Walthamstow Res, imm from Apr 23rd-25th; then at Crossness Apr 25th-27th.
2005	22nd	Aug 18th Beddington SF.
2005	21st	Jul 22nd Staines Res.
1999	20th	Sep 22nd Beddington SF.
1999	19th	May 30th Brent Res. May 30th-Jun 3rd.
1990	18th	Apr 27th Dagenahm Chase.
1989	17th	Aug 5th Amwell GP, from Aug 5th-6th.
1987	16th	May 2nd Rainham Marshes.

1985 15th	Sep 13th	Dartford Marshes, from Sep 13th-14th.
1984 14th	May 15th	Wraysbury GP.
1982 13th	Apr 11th	Beddington SF.
1978 12th	May 26th	Rainham Marshes.
1976 11th	May 2nd	Sevenoaks WR.
1975 10th	May 31st	Rainham Marshes.
1972 9th	Sep 12th	Brent Res.
1972 8th	Sep 2nd	Rye Meads, Sep 2nd-Oct 3rd.
1972 7th	Aug 17th	Sevenoaks WR.
1971 6th	Oct 16th	Sewardstone.
1970 5th	Jun 2nd	Shepperon GP.
1969 4th	Sep 16th	Walthamstow Res.
1967 3rd	Jul 19th	Staines Res & Staines Moor, Jul 19th & 20th.
1958 2nd	May 25th	Walthamstow Res.
1956 1st	May 12th	Fishers Green.

### Black Stork *Ciconia nigra*

Status: rare vagrant.

#### Recent LBR entries

NB With the removal of the 2002 record below, the 2010 record becomes the fifth for the London Area.

#### 2010 LBR entry

This early autumn juvenile was only the sixth record for the London Area. The first record was in 1989, followed by two in 1990, one in 1991 and one in 2002. This is the second August record and the first for the Kent sector.

Kent: Sevenoaks WR, a juv flew SW at 12:30 on Aug 24th (BS).

#### All other records

2002 5th	Jun 4th	Amwell GP.	<i>(this record was deleted in LBR 2014. See p204 for details.)</i>
1991 4th	Jul 7th	Epping Forest.	
1990 3rd	Aug 25th	Kennington.	
1990 2nd	Apr 16th	Tyttenhanger GP. Then presumed same at Hemel Hempstead on	
May 2nd.			
1989 1st	May 14th	Three sites in the Lea Valley.	

### White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*

Status: scarce vagrant.

#### Summary data

White Stork records 2010-2014 2 records, 2 birds

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	1	0	1	0	0
No. of birds	1	0	1	0	0

White Stork records 2000-2009 16 records, 16 birds

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
No. of records	1	1	0	2	2	1	3	2	1	3
No. of birds	1	1	0	2	2	1	3	2	1	3

White Stork arrival dates 1930-2014 31 records, 31 birds

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records by month	-	-	5	8	6	3	2	3	3	-	-	1

#### Recent LBR entries

#### 2012 LBR entry



This year's May record at Tyttenhanger GP was on a typical date for this species in the London Area. There was no record last year which ended eight consecutive years with records (see table below for details).

White Stork records 2000-2010 17 records

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
No. of records	1	1	0	2	2	1	3	2	1	3	1
No. of birds	1	1	0	2	2	1	3	2	1	3	1

Herts: Tyttenhanger GP, one N from 09:12-09:35 on May 12th (RFR, SBL).

### 2010 LBR entry

Just one record this year. Over half the records have been between March and May, so this record is typical. Interestingly, the observer reports seeing one flying over the same location in 2009 (although no further details were submitted).

Herts: Hertford Heath, one in a playing field on Mar 12th (FM).

White Stork dates 1930-2010 30 records

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records by month	-	-	5	8	5	3	2	3	3	-	-	1
No of birds												

White Stork records 2000-2010

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
No. of records	1	1	0	2	2	1	3	2	1	3	1
No. of birds											

### All other records

2009	May 5th	Over Gants Hill, perhaps same as below.
2009	Apr 28th	Over Canning Town, perhaps same as below.
2009	Apr 25th	Over, south of Galleyhill Wood.
2008	Aug 30th	Over Maida Vale.
2007	Jun 10th	Over Bermondsey. (Reported in LBR as 23rd.)
2007	Mar 8th	Over Orsett Fen. (Reported in LBR as 22nd.)
2006	Aug 6th	Over Godstone, four. (Reported in LBR as 21st.)
2006	Mar 19th	Over Tyttenhanger GP, then London Colney.
2006	Mar 19th	Over Crossness, Rainham Marshes, Sidcup & Darenth.
2005 20th	Apr 21st	Hertford, from Apr 21st-22nd. (Reported in LBR as 18th.)
2004 19th	Sep 7th	Over Addlestone.
2004 18th	Mar 18th	South Ockendon on rooftop. Then Apr 1st over Wraysbury GP, Chertsey, Bookham Common & Leatherhead. Fetcham Apr 2nd. Then various places Apr 9th, 17th, 5 dates May 11th-24th; then Jun 30th-Jul 3rd New Denham
2003 17th	Sep 15th	Dartford area on 15th, roosted near Hextable, flew N on 16th; seen over Orsett on 16th; over Old Slade Lake on 17th; roosted on lamp post at Harefield on 17th eve; flew over Troy Mill GP on 18th. (Reported in LBR as 16th.)
2003 16th	Jul 27th	Harlow overhead & Hoddesdon Cemetery "later the same day".
2001 15th	May 2nd	Berwick Ponds.
2000 14th	Jun 17th	Over East Sheen.
1999 13th	May 3rd	Brent Res.
1996 12th	Apr 25th	Hounslow Heath.
1993 11th	Apr 24th	Staines Res, 3 circled overhead for 4 minutes.
1986 10th	Jun 6th	Rickmansworth.
1983 9th	Apr 15th	Hampstead.
1982 8th	May 2nd	Dartford Marshes.
1978 7th	Aug 6th	Croydon & Beddington SF.
1978 6th	Jul 30th	Sevenoaks.
1977 5th	Apr 3rd	Sewardstone.
1976 4th	Sep 25th	Ilford, then Sep 30th at Hornchurch.
1960 3rd	Dec 3rd	Cheshunt, from Dec 3rd-17th, then Wormley Dec 26th & Jan 15th
1961.		

1938 2nd            Apr 6th            Mill Hill.  
1930 1st            May 11th          Richmond Park "thought perhaps to be an escape".

### Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*

Status: rare vagrant.

#### Summary data

Glossy Ibis records 1974-2014		11 records, 12 birds							
Year	1974	1977	2008	2009	2011	2012	2013	2014	
No. of records	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	
No. of birds	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	

Glossy Ibis arrival dates 1974-2014		11 records, 12 birds											
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
No. of records	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	3	2	-	
No. of birds	-	-	2	1	1	-	1	1	1	3	2	-	

#### Recent LBR entries

##### 2014 LBR entry

For the third year in a row there were two records, one of which involved an individual seen at two sites on the same morning. They constituted the tenth and eleventh records for London. This species seems to have become almost annual, with records in six of the past seven years. With the exception of June, birds have now turned up in every calendar month from March to November (see table below).

Glossy Ibis arrival dates 1974-2014		11 records, 12 birds											
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
No. of records	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	3	2	-	
No. of birds	-	-	2	1	1	-	1	1	1	3	2	-	

**Kent:** Crayford Marshes, one flew S at 09:00 on Aug 7th (SJC) and was presumably the same individual that landed at Beddington two hours later.

**Surrey:** Beddington Farmlands, one was present late morning on Jul 31st (MJN); one landed at 10:58 on Aug 7th and remained until 10th (MJN, DCa *et al*).

##### 2013 LBR entry

As in 2012, there were two records, only the second year in which multiple sightings have occurred. They constituted the eighth and ninth records for London but the first in November. The immature at Rye Meads went missing on a couple of dates and, as well as being seen at Fishers Green, there was an unsubstantiated report of it being seen elsewhere in the upper Lee Valley (see Appendix III). Its lengthy stay at the RSPB reserve afforded many observers their first sighting of the species in the London Area.

**Essex:** Fishers Green Goosefield, one on Nov 5th was presumably the bird seen later at nearby Rye Meads (CM).

**Herts:** Rye Meads, imm on Nov 5th, 7th-10th & 12th-13th (GJW *et al*). Tyttenhanger GP, one briefly on Nov 3rd (AJS).

#### All other records

2012	2 records	Mar 14th (2 birds), Oct 14th-15th.	
2011	5th	Oct 22nd, 24th & 25th	Horton
2009	4th	Sep 21st	Tyttenhanger GP.
2008	3rd	Oct 21st	Rainham Marshes.
1977	2nd	May 7th	Totteridge Common, from May 7th-Sep 22nd.
1974	1st	Apr 11th	Swanscombe Marshes, from Apr 11th-May 12th.      Also at West Thurrock on May 5th.

### Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia*

Status: scarce migrant not recorded annually.

**Summary data**

<b>Spoonbill records 2010-2014</b>	<b>19 records, 34 birds</b>				
Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	4	5	2	6	2
No. of birds	4	5	2	20	3

<b>Spoonbill records 2000-2009</b>	<b>25 records, 33 birds</b>									
Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
No. of records	0	1	1	1	0	1	4	9	3	5
No. of birds	0	4	2	1	0	2	4	10	3	7

<b>Spoonbill arrival dates 2000-2014</b>	<b>44 records, 67 birds</b>											
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	-	-	3	4	13	4	6	2	4	3	2	3
No. of birds	-	-	3	5	17	4	7	2	13	11	2	3

**Recent LBR entries****2014 LBR entry**

After the increase to six records last year, this year there were just two, involving three birds. Both records were flyovers, one in March and one in May.

**Surrey:** Beddington Farmlands, two circled overhead at 15:25 on May 22nd (KG, RBr). Coulsdon, one flew S at 17:50 on Mar 31st (GMc).

**2013 LBR entry**

After just two accepted records last year, there were six this year which is the highest since 2007. One in March was followed by singles in April and June, then two together in July before a flock of six in September, followed by a flock of nine in October. These autumn record seems to be the largest flocks ever in the London Area. Most previous records have been of just one or two birds, with the previous highest count being four at Stanwell Moor in 2001.

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, adult on Mar 11th (MD); adult on Jun 14th (DML); adult and imm from Jul 22nd-26th, with one remaining until Jul 30th (AT *et al*).

**Herts:** Amwell NR, one flew NE at 13:56 on Apr 2nd (JWd).

**Surrey:** London Wetland Centre, nine photographed on Oct 1st (WWT). West Putney, six flew over SSW at 14:20 on Sep 12th (RK) and then WSW over Richmond Park Pen Ponds at 14:23 (JPPW).

**Other recent records**

2012	2 records	Rainham Marshes, one from Jul 5th-11th. London Wetland Centre, one on Jul 5th & 12th-13th.
2011	5 records	Amwell NR, May 13th. Hilfield Park Res, Jun 5th. Rainham Marshes, from Sep 30th-Oct 1st; a 1st-winter on Oct 28th. Lakeside Shopping Centre, an adult flew over at 09:00 on Nov 2nd.
2010	4 records	Crossness, Mar 21st. Ingrebourne Valley, May 14th. Seventy Acres Lake, May 16th. Crossness, Oct 24th.
2009	5 records	Apr 28th, 3 together on May 6th, May 11th, May 16th, Dec 22nd
2008	3 records	Apr 28th, May 4th (corrected in <i>LBR</i> 2009) and Aug 31st.
2007	10 records	May 4th, May 19th, 2 birds on May 25th, Jun 9th, Jul 10th, Jul 14th, Aug 2nd, Dec 12th, Dec 14th.
2006	4 records	May 7th, May 23rd, Jun 9th, Jul 20th.
2005	1 record	Sep 6th, 2 imms at Staines Res.
2003	1 record	Nov 6th, Q Mother Res, seen on 6 dates up to Nov 25th.
2002	1 record	Apr 2nd, 2 birds at Rainham Marshes, one seen intermittently to 18th.
2001	26th record	Sep 11th, 4 juvs Stanwell Moor.
1999	1 record	May 13th, Wetland Centre.

**Honey Buzzard *Pernis apivorus***

**Status:** scarce visitor.

### Summary data

#### **Honey Buzzard records 2010-2014** **21 records, 24 birds**

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	12	1	3	4	1
No. of birds	15	1	3	4	1

#### **Honey Buzzard records 2000-2009** **198! Records, 197 birds**

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
No. of records	162!	4	0	5	3	3	5	4	9	3
No. of birds	162!	4	0	5	2	3	5	4	9	3

#### **Honey Buzzard arrival dates 2001-2014** **62 records, 64 birds**

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	-	-	-	4	18	3	2	11	22	2	-	-
No of birds	-	-	-	4	20	3	2	11	22	2	-	-

### Recent LBR entries

#### **2014 LBR entry**

Just one record this year, which was also an excellent Inner London record and on a typical May date. Also one late record from 2013, this one in September.

#### **Honey Buzzard arrival dates 2001-2014** **62 records, 64 birds**

Month	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
No. of records	4	18	3	2	11	22	2
No of birds	4	20	3	2	11	22	2

**In Lond:** Rotherhithe, one on May 5th (RHB).

#### **2013 Addition**

**Middx:** Shepperton one on Sep 4th (HE).

#### **2013 LBR entry**

There were four accepted records in 2013, two more than last year. Two were on spring passage and two on autumn passage. But there were reports of another 14 which we have not received any descriptions for (see App III for details). The additional 2012 record was the only spring passage bird that year.

**Middx:** Alexandra Park, one on May 19th (JJ, JCL).

**Kent:** Woolwich Common, one on Aug 22nd (JT)

**Surrey:** Canons Farm, one on Sep 2nd (DCa). Richmond Park, one on May 7th (JPPW, SCz).

#### **2010 and 2012 Additions**

**Surrey:** Chessington, one on Sep 5th 2010 (AGi).

**Essex:** Walthamstow Res, one on May 6th 2012 (PLt).

### Other recent records

2012 2 records Alexandra Park, singles on Aug 6th and Sep 29th.

2011 1 record. Crossness, Sep 16th.

2010 11 records. Stoke Newington Res, May 13th. Richmond Park, May 20th. Tower 42, two on May 20th. Stoke Newington Res, two on May 21st. Alexandra Park, May 22nd. Sevenoaks WR, June 6th. Stoke Newington Res, Aug 19th. Beddington Farmlands, two on Aug 27th. Chessington, Sep 5th. Stocker's Lake, Sep 15th. Stoke Newington Res, Oct 20th.

2009 3 records Alexandra Park, Jun 3rd. Rainham Marshes, Aug 23rd. Alexandra Park, Sep 19th.

2008 9 records Regent's Park, May 7th. Stoke Newington Res, May 30th. Hertford, Jul 21st. Clissold Park, Sep 14th. Banstead, Sep 19th. Beddington, Sep 20th. Langley Park, Sep 22nd. Beddington, Sep 29th. Raynes Park, Sep 29th.

2007	4 records	Holmethorpe SP, Apr 22nd. Brent Res, Apr 27th. Cobham, Jun 23rd. Rye Meads, Aug 3rd.
2006	5 records	Regent's Park, Apr 29th. Ingrebourne Valley & Rainham Marshes, May 7th. Staines Res, Sep 17th. West Bedfont, two no date in LBR, given as May 12th in A Self book.
2005	3 records	Black Park, May 2nd. Tyttenhanger GP, Sep 4th. Hampstead Heath, Oct 9th.
2004	3 records	Wormwood Scrubs & LWC, Aug 22nd. Horton CP, Sep 12th.
2003	5 records	Dagenham Chase, May 28th & Aug 3rd. Walton Heath, Sep 6th. Waterworks NR, Sep 9th. Trent Park, Sep 11th
2002	0 records	
2001	4 records	Beddington, Apr 12th. Moorhouse, July 17th. Beddington, Aug 30th. Limpsfield Chart, Sep 19th.
2000	162 records!	
1996	2 records, the 31st and 32nd.	

### Black Kite *Milvus migrans*

Status: rare vagrant.

#### Summary data

<b>Black Kite records 1979-2014</b>	12 records, 12 birds									
Year	1979	1980	1986	1994	2003	2004	2009	2011	2012	
No. of records	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	

<b>Black Kite arrival dates 1979-2014</b>	12 records, 12 birds											
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	0	0	0	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	0	0

#### Recent LBR entries

##### 2012 LBR entry

Two records this year: one bird at Rainham Marshes on August 23rd, was also seen at Crayford Marshes and another at Brookmans Park on May 14th. These are the 11th and 12th records for London. The only other years in which there have been two records were 2003 and 2009 (details in table below).

<b>Black Kite records 1979-2011</b>	10 records							
Year	1979	1980	1986	1994	2003	2004	2009	2011
No. of records	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, one on Aug 23rd (HV) (see Kent).

**Herts:** Brookmans Park, one on May 14th (RJP).

**Kent:** Crayford/Dartford Marshes, one flew W at 12:25 on Aug 23rd (KMJ) - also seen at Rainham Marshes.

##### 2011 LBR entry

This is the 10th record for London, and the first in July. The last record was in Essex, seen on four dates at four sites in May. This is the second Surrey record, but a first for Beddington Farmlands. The table below shows all the records.

<b>Black Kite 1979-2010</b>	Nine records						
Year	1979	1980	1986	1994	2003	2004	2009
No. of records	1	1	1	1	2	1	2

**Surrey:** Beddington Farmlands, one N on Jul 15th (JPA, PA).

#### All other records

2009 9th	May 3rd	May 3rd at Weald Park, then on May 4th at Weald Bridge, then on May 7th at Bedfords Park and on May 9th at Navestock (all assumed to be the same bird).
2009 8th	Apr 13th	Stoke Newington Res.
2004 7th.	Jun 25th	Ilford.
2003 6th	Sep 29th	Staines Moor.
2003 5th	Aug 30th	Wetlands Centre & Regent's Park.
1994 4th	Jun 26th	Stockers Lake.
1986 3rd	Apr 30th	Hampton Hill/Bushy Park.

1980 2nd            Oct 1st            Navestock, found dead.  
1979 1st            Apr 19th          South Ockendon, from Apr 19th-20th.

### White-tailed Eagle *Haliaeetus albicilla*

Status: very rare vagrant

#### Recent LBR entries

##### 2012 LBR entry

A remarkable record and, for the lucky observers, a very fortuitous sighting; it was also enviably well photographed. This bird was seen later the same day in Kent where it remained until February 19th, before heading north towards Norfolk from 21st (presumably the same bird had been seen briefly at East Hyde (Beds) on 10th). This is the fifth London record: following three in the 20th century and then one at Orsett Fen on October 5th 2010.

Herts: Rye Meads, an immature flew SE at 12:10 on Feb 11th (GG, TS, JSn, MMk).

##### 2010 LBR entry

The London Area can boast just two records in the 19th century and three in the 20th century (the last in 1928), so this species could justifiably be labelled as a London mega. Bird watchers often scan pylons looking for birds of prey, but this Essex birdwatcher had the surprise of her life, when on top of a pylon on the edge of the London Area was the biggest bird she had ever seen. It was being mobbed by over twenty crows and then by a Common Buzzard, before it flew off after five minutes with the Buzzard on its tail. A spellbinding five minutes. With the continuing re-introduction programme in Scotland it is likely that we can expect more sightings, which isn't to suggest that this particular individual originated from the Scottish population.

Essex: Orsett Fen, a sub-adult on Oct 5th (RBs).

#### All other records

1928 3rd            Feb 1st            Navestock Lake.  
1909 2nd           Feb 6th            Weald Hall Park.  
1906 1st            Nov 12th          Cheverells near Titsey, shot.

### Hen Harrier *Circus cyaneus*

Status: scarce migrant; formerly a regular winter visitor to the Thames-side marshes.

#### Summary data

Hen Harrier records 2010-2014		51 records, 48 birds			
Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	18	4	6	12	11
No. of birds	18	4	6	12	8

#### Recent LBR entries

##### 2014 LBR entry

Eleven records this year, involving about eight individuals, compared to 12 birds in 2013. A single bird at Rainham on January 20th was the first, followed by another at Godstone on February 26th and then another at Rainham on March 7th. The first bird of the autumn was at Rainham on August 13th, then a longer-staying individual at the same site between October 14th and 31st. Further singles were seen at Walton Res (Chelsea & Lambeth) on October 16th and Weybridge on December 7th. Rainham Marshes remains the premier site for this threatened raptor and one of few locations in London where a bird could winter. All birds were ringtails, unless stated.

##### Hen Harrier records 2010-2014: 48 birds (given incorrectly in LBR 2014 as 38)

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of birds	18	4	6	12*	8

\* this count was given incorrectly as 10 in LBR 2013

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, singles on Jan 20th (MJo, DMn, HV), Mar 7th (ARK), Aug 13th (THn) and Oct 14th, 15th, 25th and 31st (DSm *et al*).

**Herts:** Hatfield Aerodrome, one on Nov 13th (DW).

**Surrey:** Godstone, one on Feb 26th (JK). Walton Res (Chelsea & Lambeth), one on Oct 16th (DMH, SJS). Weybridge, one on Dec 7th (SW).

### 2013 LBR entry

An excellent year with about twelve birds seen; rather unusually, only four of these records came from Thames-side marshes sites. The first was at Chipstead Lake on January 6th. Then, on January 25th, there were records from Staines Moor, Stanwell Moor and Kempton NR which were probably the same bird. The next day it was seen at Stanwell Moor again, and probably the same bird at Q. Mother Res on 27th. A male spent ten days at Rainham Marshes in February, then three more birds arrived in late April and May. The only autumn records were at Rainham Marshes on September 7th and 15th, and another at Brook Farm on 23rd. The last two records were at Sidcup on November 16th and Swanscombe Marshes on December 7th. All birds were ringtails unless stated.

### Hen Harrier records 2010-2013 38 birds

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013
No. of birds	18	4	6	10

**Essex:** Brook Farm, one on Sep 23rd (RBs). Rainham Marshes, an imm male from Feb 22nd to Mar 4th (KMO, AT *et al*), one on Sep 7th (BCh, RBs *et al*) & 15th (MJ).

**Herts:** Rye Meads, one on Apr 28th (RMP).

**Middx:** Kempton NR, one on Jan 25th (CT). Staines Moor, one on Oct 12th (VWL, RWy). Staines Moor and Stanwell Moor, one on Jan 25th & 26th (RA, EBi, VWL, RWy, REI *et al*).

**Bucks:** Q. Mother Res, one on Jan 27th (MIn, NR).

**Kent:** Chipstead Lake, one on Jan 6th (MCh). Sidcup, a male on Nov 16th (IS). Swanscombe Marshes, one on Dec 7th (JCa, ASMS).

**Surrey:** Canons Farm, one on May 6th (DCa, PG, IJ) and a male on May 28th (DCa).

### Other recent records

2012 6 records Rainham Marshes, singles on Feb 19th, Apr 25th, May 2nd, Nov 4th and Dec 16th. Crayford/Dartford Marshes, a male on Oct 29th.

2011 4 records Rainham Marshes, one intermittently from Jan 1st to Apr 4th; an adult male on Sep 16th. Crayford Marshes, one intermittently from Mar 24th to Apr 6th; another on Oct 27th.

2010 18 records Ingrebourne Valley, adult male on Jan 3rd, one on Oct 3rd and 29th. Crossness, adult male on Jan 19th and again from 22nd to 23rd. Rainham Marshes, singles on Sep 2nd, 30th, male on Oct 11th, one on 24th and 29th, adult male on Nov 9th, one on 17th, Dec 9th and 13th. Staines Res, juv on Oct 17th. Crayford/Dartford Marshes, male on Nov 9th. Canons Farm, one on Nov 8th-9th. Beddington Farmlands, one on Dec 30th.

## Montagu's Harrier *Circus pygargus*

**Status:** rare migrant.

### 2013 LBR entry

Just one record this year after none in 2012, although sadly a fleeting visit; the date is typical and there is little to choose between spring and autumn for previous records since 1990, with six between April and June and six in August and September.

### Montagu's Harrier arrival dates 1990-2012 12 records, 12 birds

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	-	-	-	1	2	3	-	3	3	-	-	-

**Herts:** Rye Meads, one on May 25th (RMP).

### Recent records

2011 1 record Tyttenhanger GP, Apr 20th

2009 2 records, 2 birds From Aug 24th-25th at Rainham Marshes, also seen on 25th at Crayford Marshes. Brent Res, Sep 13th.

2006	Jun 3rd	Jun 3rd-4th at Rainham.
2002	Aug 5th	Staines Res, juv.
2001	May 28th	Rainham Marshes, imm. (Was 20th, but became 21st with record below.)
2000	Aug 12th	at Chelsham (accepted in <i>LBR</i> 2008).
1995	2 records	Sep 2nd, Hampstead Heath, probably juv. Sep 2nd, Wraysbury GP, ringtail.
1994	May 7th	Amwell GP, ringtail.
1992	Jun 11th	Dartford Marshes, female/imm.
1990	Jun 15th	Rainham Marshes, ringtail from Jun 15th-16th. (15th record.)

### Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis*

Status: rare passage migrant.

#### Summary data

<b>Goshawk records 2010-2014</b>		<b>7 records, 7 birds</b>										
Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014							
No. of records	2	0	1	3	1							
<b>Goshawk records 2000-2009</b>		<b>12 records, 15 birds</b>										
Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009		
No. of records	0	3	2	1	0	3	0	3	0	0		
No. of birds	0	3	5	1	0	3	0	3	0	0		
<b>Goshawk records 1990-1999</b>		<b>13 records, 14 birds</b>										
Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999		
No. of records	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	2	3	3		
No. of birds	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	2	3	4		
<b>Goshawk records 1955-1989</b>		<b>9 records, 10 birds</b>										
Year	1955	1957	1959	1960	1970	1980	1984	1989				
No. of records	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
No. of birds	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1				
<b>Goshawk arrival dates 1955-2014</b>		<b>41 records, 46 birds</b>										
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	2	1	8	13	-	1	3	7	2	-	4	-
No. of birds	2	1	8	14	-	1	3	11	2	-	4	-

#### Recent LBR entries

##### 2014 LBR entry

Just one accepted record in Essex this year after three in 2013. Only a few of the remaining 23 reports across London were accompanied by descriptions. More descriptions would be welcome, particularly for those records listed in App III. The table below shows records in recent years.

<b>Goshawk records 2004-2014</b>		<b>13 records, 13 birds</b>									
Year	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	0	3	0	3	0	0	2	0	1	3	1

**Essex:** Epping Forest: Jack's Hill, one on Apr 5th (RW).

##### 2013 LBR entry

Three accepted records this year after the one last year. This is the pattern for records in London, although each year there are several other reports for which we never receive descriptions. Numbers nationally have steadily increased, with the last report of the Rare Breeding Birds Panel reporting the highest maximum total in their 40-year history (*British Birds* 107: 525). More descriptions would be welcome, particularly for those records listed in App III.

<b>Goshawk records 2003-2012</b>		<b>10 records, 10 birds</b>									
Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	
No. of records	1	0	3	0	3	0	0	2	0	1	



**Essex:** South Woodford, male on Apr 14th (KMy).

**Herts:** Roydon, one NNE on Jul 7th (BWi).

**Middx:** Kempton NR, one on Mar 6th (CT).

#### All other records

2012	1 record	Woodford Green, a female on Nov 8th.	
2010	2 records	Brent res, Apr 17th. Canons Farm, Apr 18th.	
2007	Apr 14th	Flew over Hornchurch.	
2007	Apr 8th	Hogsmill SF.	
2007	Apr 3rd	Flew over Walthamstow Res.	
2005	Nov 20th	Flew over Banstead.	
2005	Nov 9th	Flew over Wetland Centre, probable female.	
2005	Feb 15th	Flew over Fetcham.	
2003	Jul 10th	Trevereaux/Swaynesland.	
2002	Aug 23rd	Surrey site. One Aug 23rd, then 4 (2 adults, 2 juvs) on 24th; juv 26th; adult 29th; prob juv Sep 21st.	
2002	Mar 26th	Not thought to have bred at the site.	
2001	25th	Flew over Fetcham.	
2001	Sep 20th	Bushy Park.	
2001	Apr 30th	Flew over Hersham GP.	
2001	Apr 29th	Flew over Putney.	
1999	Aug 19th	Kent site.	
1999	Apr 17th	Flew over Rye Meads SF.	
1999	Apr 2nd	Two flew over Rye Meads SF.	
1998	Apr 10th	Tyttenhanger GP, male.	
1998	Mar 30th	Cheshunt GP.	
1998	Mar 12th	Herts site: singles Mar 12th, 13th, 31st & Apr 12th.	
1997	Mar 30th	Coppetts Wood. (Added in LBR 1998.)	
1997	15th	Mar 23rd	Brent Res
1996	Apr 28th	Præ Wood.	
1993	Jan 31st	Holmethorpe SP, displaying male. (Reported in LBR as 14th.)	
1992	Aug 1st	Amwell GP, male.	
1991	11th	Aug 29th	Roding Valley
1991	10th	Aug 8th	Havering.
1989	9th	Jul 23rd	West Kent GC, Downe.
1984	8th	Aug 27th	Bookham Common.
1980	7th	Mar 2nd	Epsom, on Mar 2nd & 8th.
1970	6th	Jan 25th	Broxbourne Woods.
1960	5th	Sep 15th	Beddington SF.
1959	4th	Aug 8th	Woldingham, 2 from Aug 8th-9th.
1957	3rd	Jun 16th	Staines Res.
1955	2nd	Nov 6th	Stone Marshes.
1955	1st	Mar 20th	Broadwater GP, Mar 20th & Apr 24th.

### **Rough-legged Buzzard *Buteo lagopus***

Status: very rare migrant.

#### Summary data

**Rough-legged Buzzard records 1995-2014**      2 records, 2 birds

Year	2007	2012
No. of records	1	1

**Rough-legged Buzzard records 1911-1994**      14 records, 14 birds

Year	1911	1946	1963	1966	1968	1969	1973	1974	1979	1994
No. of records	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	2	1

**Rough-legged Buzzard arrival dates 1946-2014**      15 records\*, 15 birds\*

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	3

\* The first record, of a dead bird, was in 1911 and we have no month for it.

Recent LBR entries**2012 LBR entry**

This single record is the first since 2007 and the 16th for London. April dates are unusual, with October being the most likely month (details of all records below). The observer was in the area following up reports of a Goshawk when this bird appeared and was then seen for about eight minutes.

Rough-legged Buzzard dates 1946-2010 14 records\*

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records		2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	6	3	1

\* The first record, of a dead bird, was in 1911 and we have no month for it.

**Essex:** North Weald Bassett, a juv on Apr 15th (SC).

All other records

2007 15th	Oct 27th	Richmond Park. (Reported in LBR as 6th.)
1994 14th	Nov 2nd	Bickley.
1979 13th	Jan 4th	Thorndon Park.
1979 12th	Jan 1st	Wraysbury GP.
1974	Nov 10th	Sevenoaks.
1974	Oct 25th	West Drayton.
1974	Oct 24th	Joyden's Wood.
1973	Oct 18th	Rainham Marshes.
1973	Oct 17th	Wraysbury Res.
1969	Nov 30th	Walthamstow Res.
1968	Sep 15th	Perry Oaks SF.
1966	Oct 28th	Nyn Park.
1963 3rd	Apr 15th	Panshanger Park.
1946 2nd	Dec 14th	Mill Hill.
1911 1st		found dead at Trent Park

**Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos***

Status: only before 1900.

**Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni***

Status: very rare vagrant.

All records

1992 2nd	May 31st	Male at Hampstead Heath (added in LBR 1994).
1974 1st	Jul 31st	Male from Jul 31st-Aug 4th at Rainham Marshes.

**Red-footed Falcon *Falco vespertinus***

Status: rare spring, summer and autumn visitor.

Summary data

Red-footed Falcon records 1932-2014 15 records, 15 birds

Year	1932	1962	1971	1985	1990	1991	1992	1996	1999	2007	2008	2010
No. of records	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2

Red-footed Falcon arrival dates 1932-2014 15 records, 15 birds

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	-	-	-	1	6	5	-	-	3	-	-	-

Recent LBR entries

**NB.** With the addition of the 1932 record below in LBR 2014, the 2010 records become the 14th and 15th.

#### 2010 LBR entry

These records take the London total to 15; the only other records this century were one in 2007 and two in 2008. (*Given incorrectly in LBR 2010.*)

**Middx:** Stoke Newington Res, one male W on Sep 12th, one female S on Sep 16th (MJP).

#### All other records

2008 13th	May 31st	Colnbrook.
2008 12th	May 15th	From May 15th-21st at Seventy Acres Lake; seen also at Sewardstone Marsh on May 21st.
2007 11th	May 27th	Greenwich.
1999 10th	Jun 11th	Horton GP, 1st-summer male from Jun 11th-14th.
1996 9th	Sep 14th	Walthamstow Res, juv.
1992 8th	Jun 2nd	Banbury Res, 1st-summer female.
1991 7th	Jun 8th	Rainham Marshes, male from Jun 8th-16th.
1990 6th	May 31st	Rainham Marshes, female from May 31st-Jun 17th.
1985 5th	Jun 20th	Hunton Bridge, Herts, male.
1971 4th	May 8th	Godstone, female from May 8th-9th.
1971 3rd	Apr 29th	Sevenoaks WR, male.
1962 2nd	Jun 6th	Sevenoaks WR, female.
1932 1st	May 20th	Beckenham. (Added in LBR 2014, see p205 for details.)

### **Merlin *Falco columbarius***

**Status:** scarce migrant and winter visitor.

#### Summary data

Merlin records 2010-2014	88 records				
Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	41	19	7	8	13
No. of birds	-	-	-	-	11

#### Recent LBR entries

##### 2014 LBR entry

Thirteen records this year (probably involving about eleven birds), exceeds last year's total (but still falls well short of 19 in 2011 and 41 in 2010). Records were confined to the beginning and end of the year and were evenly distributed across the area, although Thames-side sites predominated.

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, singles on Jan 12th, Feb 2nd, 9th, Oct 27th, 30th and Dec 28th (mo).

**Herts:** Amwell NR, one on Oct 15th (BR).

**Middx:** Brent Res, one on Mar 16th (ASMS). Staines Res, one on Oct 25th (REI, KLP).

**Bucks:** Q. Mother Res, one on Oct 23rd (CDRH).

**Kent:** Crayford Marshes, singles on Jan 13th (KMJ) and Sep 26th (IS).

**Surrey:** Canons Farm, one on Sep 7th (SG).

##### 2013 LBR entry

Eight records this year, one more than last year, but well down on the figures of 19 in 2011 and 41 in 2010. A relatively long-staying bird at Rainham Marshes in November and December was widely seen and much appreciated - this remains the premier site in London for this species. All the remaining birds were seen on single dates, which is very much the most typical London sighting. The bird trapped at Stanwell Moor was a noteworthy record.

**Essex:** Chafford Hundred, one on May 10th (DGDL). Rainham Marshes, one on Jan 1st (PHt *et al*) and a male on 23rd (SSy, PSt); a fem seen on 14 dates between Nov 6th and Dec 18th (mo).

**Middx:** East India Dock Basin, a fem/imm on Oct 12th (NT). Stanwell Moor, an imm fem trapped on

Sep 23rd (CL, DLa).  
**Bucks:** Q. Mother Res, a fem/imm on Sep 9th (CDRH).  
**Kent:** Crayford Marshes, a male on Jan 21st (KMJ).

#### Recent records

2012 7 records  
 2011 19 records  
 2010 41 records

### **Gyr Falcon *Falco rusticolus***

**Status:** very rare vagrant.

#### All records

1972 2nd Mar 14th Chessington, from Mar 14th-19th.  
 1971 1st Mar 6th Q Mary Res.

### **Spotted Crake *Porzana porzana***

**Status:** scarce migrant.

#### Summary data

Spotted Crake records 1989-2014 20 records, 20 birds

Year	1989	1996	1998	1999	2002	2004	2005	2006	2007	2009	2013	2014
No. of records	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	4	2	2

Spotted Crake arrival dates 1989-2014 20 records, 20 birds

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	5	7	4	-	-

#### **2014 LBR entry**

It was a good year with two records as in 2013, bringing the total records since 1989 to 20. They don't appear every year, as the table below shows. The arrival dates, in August and September, are typical, with 12 of the last 20 records being in those two months. The Rye Meads bird was only the second in the county of Hertfordshire since 1996 (2014 Herts Bird Report).

Spotted Crake records 1989-2014 20 records, 20 birds

Year	1989	1996	1998	1999	2002	2004	2005	2006	2007	2009	2013	2014
No. of records	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	4	2	2

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, one from Aug 4th to Sep 2nd (DSm *et al*).  
**Herts:** Rye Meads, one on Sep 30th (DLy *et al*).

#### **2013 LBR entry**

It was a good year with two records and these were the first since 2009 when there was an exceptional four records. The April record was more unusual as only one of the previous 16 birds has arrived in April (see table below). Indeed this was the first ever April sighting in our part of the Bucks vice-county. The August bird was much seen and photographed.

Spotted Crake arrival dates 1989-2012 16 records, 16 birds

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	3	6	4	-	-

**Essex:** Dagenham Chase, one on Aug 31st (VHF *et al*).  
**Bucks:** Horton GP, one on Apr 6th (CDRH).

#### Recent records

2009 Oct 27th From Oct 27th-28th at Rainham Marshes  
 2009 Sep 13th From Sep 13th-Oct 9th at the Wetland Centre.  
 2009 Apr 2nd at Fairlop Waters.  
 2009 Jan 3rd Jan 3rd & from 12th-13th at Warren Gorge.

2007	Sep 16th	From Sep 16th-26th at Ingrebourne Valley.
2007	Sep 7th	From Sep 7th-8th at Rainham Marshes.
2006	Aug 29th	Cornmill Meadows, juv from Aug 29th-Sep 7th.
2006	Aug 12th	Beddington SF, juv from Aug 12th-14th.
2005	Sep 24th	Wetlaqnd Centre, juv from Sep 24th-Oct 1st.
2004	Oct 21st	Beddington SF, juv from Oct 21st-30th.
2004	Sep 18th	Hornchurch CP, juv from Sep 18th-26th.
2002	May 3rd	Waterworks NR.
1999	Oct 10th	Wetland Centre, from Oct 10th-17th.
1998	Oct 9th	Cornmill Meadows. (Added in <i>LBR</i> 1999, photo in <i>LBR</i> 1998.)
1996	Sep 21st	Beddington SF, juv from Sep 21st-27th
1989	Aug	Kempton Park Res.

### Little Crake *Porzana parva*

Status: very rare vagrant.

1955 Only record at Beddington SF, Nov 13th. Submitted as "either Baillon's or Little Crake".

### Baillon's Crake *Porzana pusilla*

Status: very rare vagrant.

#### 2012 LBR entry

Perhaps as a result of low water levels in Iberia, at least six (and perhaps as many as 11) singing Baillon's Crakes were discovered holding territory in England and Wales during a Spotted Crake survey in 2012. It is therefore possible that this well-watched juvenile was the result of a British breeding attempt. This is the first record of this species in London for well over a century, and adds another star bird to the ever-increasing Rainham tally. (See page 192 for details of this find.)

Essex: Rainham Marshes, a juv from Sep 7th-23rd (MT *et al*).

### Corncrake *Crex crex*

Status: rare passage migrant.

#### Summary data

Corncrake records 1970-2014 12 records, 12 birds

Year	1970	1976	1980	1983	1985	1992	1995	2010	2014
No. of records	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Corncrake records 1950-1969 19 records, 19 birds

Year	1950	1952	1953	1954	1956	1958	1961	1963	1964	1967	1968
No. of records	1	3	2	1	1	3	1	2	2	2	1

Corncrake records by decade 1950-2014 31 records, 31 birds

Decade	1950s	1960s	1970s	1980s	1990s	2000s	2010s
No. of records	11	8	5	3	2	0	2

#### Recent LBR entries

#### 2014 LBR entry

This record is the first since 2010, the bird being flushed from a meadow. There have only been 31 records of this secretive crane from 1950 to 2014 and the numbers had been decreasing in each decade (see table below). This is part of a decline throughout Western Europe although, following conservation measures, their numbers have been increasing since 1993 in the UK (RSPB website). Perhaps we can expect more records now. The arrival date is typical with 13 of the 31 records from 1950-2014 being in September; August is the next most likely month for Corncrakes to turn up.

Corncrake records by decade 1950-2014 31 records, 31 birds

Decade	1950s	1960s	1970s	1980s	1990s	2000s	2010s
No. of records	11	8	5	3	2	0	2

**Herts:** Rye Meads, one on Sep 19th (AHa).

### 2010 LBR entry

This record is the first since 1995. There have now been 30 records of this secretive crane since 1950. But the number of records have been declining. There were 11 records from 1950-59, eight from 1960-69, five from 1970-79, three from 1980-89, just two from 1990-99 and none at all from 2000-09. Over half of these records were in September, but August is the next most likely month for Corncrakes to turn up.

**Surrey:** London Wetland Centre, one on Aug 30th was killed by a Grey Heron (VP).

### Recent records

1995	1	Sep 7th	Amwell GP, Sep 7th & 8th.
1992	1	May 15th	Feltham, caught by cat and taken into care.
1985	1	Sep 24th	Cole Green
1983	1	Sep 28th-29th	Walthamstow Marsh
1980	1	"early Oct"	flushed from cereal field Chessington Farm.
1976	4	Aug 11th	Navestock; Aug 13th Dagnam Park; "in Aug" Harlow Common; Sep 12th Swanscombe Marshes.
1970	1	"Sep" Abridge,	found dead. Wing on display in Hanningfield Res Visitors Centre. (Added in <i>LBR</i> 2002.)
1968	1	Jun 3rd	Epping Forest.
1967	2	Sep 6th,	nr St Thomas Hospital (IL); Sep 10th Childerditch
1964	2	Jul 16th-31st	Beddington SF; Sep 2nd Walthamstow.
1963	2	Jul 7th nr	Whippendell Wood; Oct 25th Addlestone.
1961	1	May 10th	Sewardstone.
1958	3	Apr 20th	Prince's Coverts; Sep 20th Hersham SF; Sep 28th Chessington.
1956	1	Apr 15th	Northolt Park.
1954	1	Apr 15th	Ditton Hill.
1953	2	Aug 3rd	Perry Oaks SF; Oct 3rd Perry Oaks SF.
1952	3	Aug 20th	Hayes; Sep 4th Pilgrim's Hatch; Sep 6th Beddington SF.
1950	1	Jan 29th	Staines Res.

## Common Crane *Grus grus*

Status: rare vagrant.

### Summary data

**Common Crane records 2010-2014** 9 records, 13 birds

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	3	3	1	1	1
No. of birds	3	4	2	2	2

**Common Crane records 2000-2009** 3 records, 8 birds

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
No. of records	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
No. of birds	0	0	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	0

**Common Crane records 1924-1997** 6 records, 6 birds

Year	1924	1973	1982	1987	1990	1997
No. of records	1	1	1	1	1	1
No. of birds	1	1	1	1	1	1

**Common Crane arrival dates 1924-2014** 18 records, 27 birds

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	1	-	-	6	5	2	-	-	2	1	-	1
No. of birds	1	-	-	8	6	2	-	-	8	1	-	1

### Recent LBR entries

**NB.** With the removal of the 1957 record in LBR 2014 (see p205 for details) the 2014 record below becomes the 18th record. The tables above reflect this withdrawal.

### 2014 LBR entry

There was just one accepted record this year involving two birds, in April. April and May are the most likely months for this species to appear with 11 out of the 19 records since 1990 being in those two months. There were other reports (listed in App III) which have not yet been approved by our Rarities Committee.

**Common Crane arrival dates 1924-2014 19 records, 28 birds**  
highlighted date given incorrectly in LBR 2014

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	1	-	-	6	5	2	1	-	2	1	-	1
No. of birds	1	-	-	8	6	2	1	-	8	1	-	1

**Herts:** Amwell NR, two S on Apr 27th (JBa) which then landed briefly at Rye Meads before flying off S again (AHa, IC, PSu).

### 2013 LBR entry

There was just one record this year involving two birds in September. Autumn records like this have been less common than spring records recently. Details are shown in the table below.

**Common Crane arrival dates 1990-2012 17 records, 24 birds**

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	1	-	-	5	5	2	1	-	1	1	-	1
No. of birds	1	-	-	6	6	2	1	-	6	1	-	1

**Surrey:** Beddington Farmlands, two adults circled overhead for 30 minutes on Sep 19th (RBr *et al*).

### All other records

2012	1 record	Romford, two on May 6th.
2011	3 records	Reigate, Apr 6th. Beddington Farmlands, two on Apr 16th and one on Apr 25th. ( <i>last record added in LBR 2012</i> )
2010	3 records	Amwell NR, Apr 19th. Beddington Farmlands, May 1st. Beddington Farmlands, Dec 5th-7th.
2006	10th	May 12th
		over Lord's Cricket Ground. (Added in LBR 2007 and reported as 8th.)
2003	9th	Oct 13th
2002	8th	Sep 3rd
1997	7th	Jun 8th
1990	6th	Apr 6th
1987	5th	Jan 11th
1982	4th	May 15th
1973	3rd	Jun 3rd
1957	2nd	Jul 19th
		Rainham Marshes. <i>This record was withdrawn in LBR 2014, see P205 for details.</i>
1924	1st	May 8th
		Kensington, a night flying flock.

### Great Bustard *Otis tarda*

Status: Only before 1900.

### Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*

Status: rare vagrant.

### Recent LBR entries

#### 2010 LBR entry

An adult male at Rainham Marshes on Apr 8th was the eighth record for the London Area, and the first since one at Park Street GP in 1998.

This was the second record for Rainham Marshes, where there was a 1st-winter bird in September 1997. The other records were in 1918, 1955 (two records), 1968 and 1984. This is the first April record, although there have been two May records.

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, one on Apr 8th (PHa *et al*).

#### All other records

1998 7th	May 28th	Park Street GP, Herts. (Added in <i>LBR</i> 2002).
1997 6th	Sep 10th	Rainham Marshes, 1st-winter from Sep 10th-20th. (Photos <i>LBR</i> 1997.)
1984 5th	May 7th	Watford, two; presumed same two Perry Oaks SF May 8th-9th.
1968 4th	Jul 6th	Kempton Park Res.
1955 3rd	Sep 9th	Epsom SF.
1955 2nd	Aug 17th	Beddington SF.
1918 1st	"Sep"	Brent Res, two.

### Stone-curlew *Burhinus oediconemus*

**Status:** scarce passage migrant.

#### Summary data

<b>Stone-curlew records 2010-2014</b>		<b>11 records, 11 birds</b>			
Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	3	3	1	4	0
No. of birds	3	3	1	4	0

<b>Stone-curlew records 2000-2009</b>		<b>13 records, 13 birds</b>									
Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	
No. of records	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	4	4	0	

<b>Stone-curlew arrival dates 1990-2014</b>		<b>29 records, 29 birds</b>											
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Arrival dates	-	1	6	13	2	-	-	4	-	1	2	-	

<b>Stone-curlew records by decade 1980-2014</b>		<b>32 records, 32 birds</b>						
Decade	1950s	1960s	1970s	1980s	1990s	2000s	2010s	
No. of records	?	?	?	3	5	13	11	

#### Recent LBR entries

##### **2013 LBR entry**

There were four records this year, which is the best since 2008 when there were also four records. All were typical spring passage birds, although one stayed for a few days, which is unusual. The table below shows all recent records.

<b>Stone-curlew records 2003-2012 17 records, 17 birds</b>	
Year	2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012
No. of records	1 0 1 0 4 4 0 3 3 1

**Essex:** Wanstead Flats, one on Mar 24th (JL).

**Middx:** Horsenden Hill, one on Apr 6th (AJC). Park Farm/Plumridge Farm, one was flushed at Park Farm on Apr 2nd, then relocated at nearby Plumridge Farm and was still present at the latter site on 3rd and 5th (RMC).

**Bucks:** Colnbrook Landfill, one on Mar 29th (CDRH).

##### **2012 LBR entry**

There was just one record this year, down on the previous two years. The number of records in the three years from 2010 is now just one less than the total for the 1980s and 1990s combined. April is the mostly likely time to see these in London, with ten of the previous 24 records being then (details in table below).



**Stone Curlew 1990-2011 24 records**

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Arrival dates	0	1	4	10	2	0	0	4	0	1	2	0

**Kent:** Swanscombe Marshes, one on Apr 27th (BMU, BEW).

**Recent records**

2011	3 records	Barking Bay, Mar 27th. Wanstead Flats, Apr 5th-6th. KGVI Res, Nov 6th.
2010	3 records	Crossness, Mar 30th. Wimbledon Common/Putney Heath, Apr 2nd. (Added in LBR 2011.) Dartford Marshes, Nov 6th.
2008	4 records	Mar 30th, Apr 16th, May 10th, Aug 30th.
2007	4 records	Mar 3rd, Apr 14th, Apr 26th, Aug 21st.
2005	Apr 19th	Warren Frm, Bucks.
2003	Oct 22nd	Walthamstow Marsh, Oct 22nd-23rd.
2001	Aug 6th	Over QEII Res.
2000	2 records	Feb 28th, Apr 14th.
1998	2 records	May 1st, Aug 1st.
1992	2 records	Apr 8th, Apr 21st .
1990	Apr 28th	Broxbourne Woods.
1982	2 records	Un-named site in Herts, pair Apr 24th-25th & one May 1st. Beddington SF, Jul 21st.
1980	Sept 23rd	Upminster. (Added in LBR1991.)

**Cream-coloured Courser *Cursorius cursor***

**Status:** only before 1900.

**Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola***

**Status:** very rare vagrant.

**All records**

2005	2nd	Jul 2nd	Rainham Marshes, from Jul 2nd-5th.
1983	1st	Jun 19th	Staines Res.

**Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus***

**Status:** very rare vagrant.

1984	1st	Jan 31st	Beddington SF, from Jan 31st-Feb 1st.
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**Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus***

**Status:** scarce passage migrant.

**Recent records**

1999	24th?	May 2nd	Perry Oaks SF, female. (Reported in LBR as 23rd.)
1999		Apr 24th	Sevenoaks WR, female.
1983		Jun 12th	Staines Res, male.
1983		May 16th	Staines Res, female.
1983		Apr 24th	Rainham Marshes.
1983		Apr 22nd	Staines Res, female.
1983		Apr 10th	Staines Res, female.
1981	17th	May 19th	Perry Oaks SF.

**Dotterel *Charadrius morinellus***

**Status:** rare passage migrant.

**Recent LBR entries**

2012 LBR entry

A 'trip' of 15 Dotterels in breeding plumage, which spent an afternoon in the Surrey sector, is only the eighth London record, and the first since May 7th 1994, when there were 16 at Bowmansgreen Farm, London Colney.

**Surrey:** Canons Farm, nine females and six males arrived at 13:30 on May 4th remaining until at least 21:15 when they are thought to have been flushed by a fox (DCa, RWe).

#### All other records

1994 7th	May 7th	Bowmansgreen Farm, London Colney. Flock of 16.	
1992 6th	Apr 29th	3 flew over Staines Res.	
1985 7th	Aug 29th	Staines Res.	
1977 4th	Sep 11th	Staines Res.	
1962 3rd	Sep 16th	William Girling Res.	
1955 2nd	Aug 1st	Perry Oaks SF, four.	
1950 1st	Aug 26th	Heathrow Airport.	10 on Aug 26th; 7 on 27th; 5 on 28th & 1 on 30th.

#### **American Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominica***

**Status:** very rare vagrant.

1995 1st	Sep 2nd	KGVI Res, adult.
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#### **Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva***

**Status:** very rare vagrant

#### Recent LBR entries

##### **2010 LBR entry**

Prior to 2010 this species was on the Checklist of Birds of the London Area only by virtue of a record of one that was shot at Epsom, Surrey, on Nov 12th 1870. However, following the split of 'Lesser Golden Plover' into Pacific and American Golden Plovers, and a resulting increased understanding of the identification criteria, this species has been picked out more regularly in the UK, so it is not too surprising for another one to have now been identified in the area. What is perhaps a little surprising is that it was found in the Surrey sector, rather than in Essex or Hertfordshire, where the majority of European Golden Plovers, the species it might have been expected to be accompanying, occur.

**Surrey:** Beddington Farmlands, a full summer plumaged adult seen, and photographed in flight, on May 2nd (PA, RBr *et al*), with the same bird relocated later in the day at the London Wetland Centre (RJA, WN, RR *et al*).

#### **Sociable Lapwing *Vanellus gregarius***

**Status:** very rare vagrant.

#### All records

2005 2nd	Dec 4th	Rainham Marshes, 1st-winter, from Dec 4th-20th.
1985 1st	Mar 8th	Dartford Marshes, from Mar 8th-Apr 13th.

#### **White-tailed Lapwing *Vanellus leucurus***

**Status:** very rare vagrant.

#### Recent LBR entries

##### **2010 LBR entry**

London's first record of this species, which is more typically found in the Middle-east or on central Asian Steppes during the summer, was discovered at Rainham Marshes on July 7th. What was considered to be the same wandering individual, only the 10th accepted record for Britain, had previously been seen in Lancashire, at the end of May, and was seen in Gloucestershire after its brief stay in London before moving to Dungeness, Kent, later in July.

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, one on Jul 7th (SSy *et al*).

**Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri***

Status: very rare vagrant.

1973 1st Jul 21st Rainham Marshes, from Jul 21st-23rd.

**Temminck's Stint *Calidris temminckii***

Status: rare passage migrant, predominantly occurring during May.

**Summary data****Temminck's Stint records 2010-2014 6 records, 7 birds**

Year	2010	2011	2012	2014
No. of records	1	2	1	2
No. of birds	2	2	1	2

**Temminck's Stint records 2000-2009 15 records, 18 birds**

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
No. of records	2	4	2	5	0	1	0	0	1	0
No. of birds	2	4	2	5	0	1	0	0	4	0

**Temminck's Stint records 1990-1999 16 records, 19 birds**

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
No. of records	1	4	2	2	1	2	0	0	2	2
No. of birds	1	4	2	2	1	2	0	0	5	2

**Temminck's Stint arrival dates 1990-2014 37 records, 44 birds**

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Records	-	-	-	1	26	2	1	2	4	1	-	-

**Recent LBR entries****2014 LBR entry**

This species is less than annual and after no records last year, there were records from two sites. These probably involved the same birds as the London Wetland Centre pair flew N at 07:55 and the Tyttenhanger GP pair were seen later in the day. This was the first record for Hertfordshire since 2002. The May dates are typical, with 26 of the last 37 London records being in May.

**Herts:** Tyttenhanger GP, two from May 19th-22nd; probably the same as the birds below (SBI *et al*).

**Surrey:** London Wetland Centre, two on May 19th (JPPW).

**2012 LBR entry**

There was just one record this year involving a bird that didn't land. May dates are very typical; 23 of the last 34 records have been in May (details in table below).

**Temminck's Stint 1990-2011 34 records**

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Arrival dates	0	0	0	1	23	2	1	2	4	1	0	0

**Middx:** Brent Res, one flew round East Marsh twice at 08:20 on May 13th before heading off north without landing (ASMS, AGV).

**Other recent records**

2011	2 records	Ingrebourne Valley, singles on May 10th and Jun 15th.
2010	one record	Walton Res, two on May 24th
2008	May 11th	Rainham Marshes, 3 from May 11th-14th, 2 on 15th & 4 on 16th.
2005	May 14th	Horton GP.
2003	5 records	May 13th, May 15th, May 19th, Aug 24th, Aug 25th.
2002	2 records	May 13th, May 22nd.
2001	4 records	May 6th, May 27th, Sep 8th, Sep 18th.
2000	2 records	May 5th, May 6th.

1999	2 records	May 19th (4 birds), May 29th.
1998	2 records	May 8th, Oct 3rd.
1995	2 records	May 14th, Sep 2nd.
1994	May 20th	Beddington SF.
1993	2 records	May 12th, Sep 18th.
1992	2 records	May 6th, May 13th.
1991	4 records	Apr 26th, May 30th, Jun 1st, Jul 26th.
1990	May 2nd	Beddington SF.

### White-rumped Sandpiper *Calidris fuscicollis*

Status: very rare vagrant.

#### All records

1995	2nd	Aug 30th	Walton Res, adult.
1984	1st	Jul 30th	Perry Oaks SF, from Jul 30th-Aug 12th.

### Baird's Sandpiper *Calidris bairdii*

Status: very rare vagrant.

#### All records

1982	3rd	Oct 14th	Staines Res, from Oct 14th-Apr 24th 1983!
1977	2nd	Sep 3rd	Rainham Marshes.
1950	1st	Sep 17th	Perry Oaks SF, from Sep 17th-22nd.

### Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*

Status: rare passage migrant, mostly during September.

#### Summary data

Pectoral Sandpiper records 2010-2014      6 records, 6 birds

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	2	2	1	1	0

Pectoral Sandpiper records 2000-2009      20 records, 20 birds

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
No. of records	1	1	4	5	4	3	1	0	1	0

Pectoral Sandpiper records 1990-1999      10 records, 10 birds

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	
No. of records		0	1	1	2	2	1	2	0	0	1

Pectoral Sandpiper arrival dates 1990-2014      36 records, 36 birds

Month	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Arrival dates		1	3	2	24	4	1	1

#### Recent LBR entries

##### 2013 LBR entry

As last year, there was just one record but this was on an unusual date. There have now been 36 records since 1991 and this is only the third in July in that time. September to December is the most likely time to see one in London (see table in *LBR 2012*). (*Highlighted part given incorrectly in LBR 2013*)

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, an adult on Aveley Pools from Jul 11th-19th (AT, HV *et al*).

##### 2012 LBR entry

There was just one record this year, in September. This is the most likely month for these to appear in London; 23 of the previous 34 records have been in September (details in the table below).

**Pectoral Sandpiper 1990-2011 34 records**

Month	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Arrival dates	1	2	2	23	4	1	1

**Essex:** Walthamstow Res, one on Sep 5th (KJM *et al.*)

**Other recent records**

2011	2 records	Beddington Farmlands, Sep 18th-20th. Rainham Marshes, Dec 7th-8th. (Last Dec record was at Harefield Moor on December 29th 1964 - later found dead on January 2nd 1965).
2010	2 records	Beddington Farmlands, Sep 16th-19th. Rainham Marshes, Sep 24th.
2008	Sep 28th	Rainham Marshes, from Sep 28th-30th.
2006	Sep 13th	Beddington SF, juv; Sep 13th & 15th.
2005	Sep 18th	Staines Res, juv from Sep 18th-29th.
2005	Sep 11th	Staines Res, juv.
2005	Sep 11th	Rainham Marshes, juv from Sep 11th-15th.
2004	Oct 5th	Staines Res, another juv from Oct 5th-6th
2004	Oct 3rd	Staines Res, another juv from Oct 3rd-14th.
2004	Sep 4th	Staines Res, juv from Sep 4th-14th.
2004	Aug 22nd	Staines Res, adult from Aug 22nd-24th, and presumed same Sep 5th-12th.
2003	Nov 8th	Ruislip Lido.
2003	Sep 24th	Beddington SF, juv from Sep 24th-Oct 1st.
2003	Sep 11th	Stanwell Moor, juv from Sep 11th-22nd, also at KGVI Res.
2003	Sep 6th	Walton Res, juv. Moved to QEII Res same day, eaten by Hobby on Sep 7th.
2003	Sep 1st	Hornchurch CP, juv from Sep 1st-11th.
2002	Oct 7th	Sevenoaks WR, juv.
2002	Oct 3rd	Beddington SF, juv from Oct 3rd-12th.
2002	Sep 29th	Rainham Marshes, 3rd juv.
2002	Sep 21st	Rainham Marshes, 2 juv Sep 21st-22nd.
2001	Sep 14th	Rainham Marshes, juv from Sep 14th-21st.
2000	Sep 2nd	Rainham Marshes, juv from Sep 2nd-16th.
1999	Sep 26th	Stanwell Moor.
1996	Jul 23rd	Dartford Marshes.
1996	Jun 1st	Kempton Park Res, female.
1995	Sep 2nd	KGVI Res.
1994	Sep 20th	Perry Oaks SF.
1994	Sep 4th	Barn Elms Res, from Sep 4th-12th.
1993	Sep 20th	Beddington SF, from Sep 20th-29th.
1993	Aug 14th	Dartford Marshes, from Aug 14th-19th.
1992	Sep 23rd	Beddington SF, juv.
1991	Jul 1st	Beddington SF, from Jul 1st-2nd.

**Sharp-tailed Sandpiper *Calidris acuminata***

**Status:** very rare vagrant.

1976 1st Aug 6th Staines Res.

**Purple Sandpiper *Calidris maritima***

**Status:** very scarce late autumn and winter visitor.

**Summary data****Purple Sandpiper records 2010-2014 3 records, 3 birds**

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	0	1	1	0	1

**Purple Sandpiper records 2000-2009 8 records, 8 birds**

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
No. of records	0	1	1	2	1	1	2	0	0	0

**Purple Sandpiper records 1990-1999 7 records, 7 birds**

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
No. of records	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

**Purple Sandpiper arrival dates 1990-2014 18 records, 18 birds**

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Arrival dates	1*	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	4	3	3

\*over-wintered from 1991

**Recent LBR entries****2014 LBR entry**

This record, the first since 2012, was at a typical date. The table below shows the records since 1990.

**Purple Sandpiper records 1990-2014 18 records, 18 birds**

Year	1991	1992	1997	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2011	2012	2014
No. of records	5	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1

**Bucks:** Q. Mother Res, one seen and photographed on Oct 13th (CDRH).

**2012 LBR entry**

This is a very scarce visitor, but following a single record last year there was another this year. There have only been 16 records from 1990-2011 all but one single birds and with most in the autumn or winter (details in table below).

**Purple Sandpiper 1990-2011 16 records**

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Arrival dates	1*	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	3	3

\*over-wintered from 1991

**Middx:** Staines Res, one on the old tern rafts on the evening of Sep 14th was watched from 19:15 until dark. It was not present the following morning (REI).

**Other recent records**

2011	1 record	Q. Mother Res, one found at 08:55 on Nov 8th was present until late morning but not seen later after an attempted attack by a Peregrine Falcon.
2006	2 records	Jul 23rd, Dec 26th.
2005	Dec 24th	Island Barn Res.
2004	Oct 25th	QEII Res
2003	2 records	Apr 29th, Nov 8th.
2002	Sep 20th	Q Mother Res, juv/1st-winter.
2001	Sep 24th	Q Mother Res, juv/1st-winter.
1997	Oct 19th	Thorney CP, 1st-winter. (29th record.)
1992	Jan 11th	Rainham Marshes. (First seen Dec 7th 1991.)
1991	5 records	Feb 7th ; Feb 7th (1-3 birds), Oct 1st; Nov 2nd; Dec 7th.

**Broad-billed Sandpiper *Limicola falcinellus***

**Status:** very rare vagrant.

1958 1st Jul 27th Rye Meads SF on Jul 27th, then Broxbourne SF from Aug 8th-19th.

**Buff-breasted Sandpiper *Tryngites subruficollis***

**Status:** very rare vagrant.

**All records**

1986 5th	Jul 21st	Rainham Marshes.
1981 4th	Oct 12th	Barn Elms Res.
1981 3rd	Sep 12th	Perry Oaks SF, from Sep 12th-15th.
1977 2nd	Sep 14th	Staines Res, from Sep 14th-Oct 2nd.

1953 1st            Oct 18th            Perry Oaks SF, from Oct 18th-Nov 23rd.

### Great Snipe *Gallinago media*

Status: rare vagrant.

#### All records

1996 6th	Sep 30th	Rye Meads Meadows, Sep 30th-Oct 1st.
1989 5th	Jun 1st	Dagenham Chase, from Jun 1st-2nd.
1975 4th	Sep 3rd	Sevenoaks WR, from Sep 3rd-15th
1962 3rd	Dec 23rd	Denham, Dec 23rd-24th “& on 3 dates in early 1963”.
1959 2nd	Dec 26th	Rye Meads SF.
1959 1st	Sep 12th	Ponders End SF & William Girling Res, from Sep 12th-17th.

### Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus*

Status: very rare vagrant

#### All records

1987 2nd	Oct 4th	KGVI Res & Staines Moor, from Oct 4th-7th & Oct 24th-Nov 10th. Also at Perry Oaks SF on four intermittent dates.
1977 1st	Oct 1st	Staines Res from Oct 1st-16th.

### Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*

Status: very rare vagrant.

#### Recent LBR entries

#### 2012 LBR entry

This was the fourth record for London, following one in 1956 and two in the 1980s but remarkably it was the second site record. It was present for less than one hour, had only partial spotting and was deemed to be the same individual that was seen earlier at Scaling Dam, Cleveland on June 18th. Two of the previous records were in September, the other in May.

Herts: Hilfield Park Res, one on Jun 24th (TB).

#### All other records

1989 3rd	Sep 25th	KGV Res from Sep 25th-Oct 6th.
1988 2nd	May 16th	Barn Elms Res.
1956 1st	Sep 2nd	Hilfield Park Res.

### Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria*

Status: very rare vagrant.

#### All records

2002 4th	Sep 13th	Adult at Rye Meads RSPB from Sep 13th-24th.
1977 3rd	Jul 22nd	Perry Oaks SF.
1974 2nd	Sep 1st	Rainham marshes, from Sep 1st-6th.
1967 1st	Sep 24th	R Stort between Roydon & Rye Meads from Sep 24th-Oct 9th.

### Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*

Status: rare vagrant.

#### All records

2002 8th	Oct 18th	Juv/1st-winter at Amwell GP from Oct 18th-28th.
1998 7th	Aug 26th	Adult at Rainham Marshes from Aug 26th-27th.
1990 6th	Aug 21st	Adult at Staines Res from Aug 21st-Sep 8th. At Perry Oaks SF on Aug 25th.

1984 5th	Sep 24th	Beddington SF, from Sep 24th-30th.
1977 4th	Oct 15th	Denham, from Oct 15th-Nov 5th.
1962 3rd	Sep 5th	Perry Oaks SF & Staines Res on Sep 5th, 7th & 9th.
1953 2nd	Sep 25th	Perry Oaks SF & Staines Res, a different bird on Sep 25th-26th.
1953 1st	Aug 30th	Perry Oaks SF & Staines Moor, from Aug 30th-Dec 9th.

### Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*

**Status:** very rare vagrant.

#### All records

1984 3rd	Apr 28th	Broxbourne GP, and at Fishers Green.
1966 2nd	Aug 26th	Chigwell Sewage Works.
1963 1st	Aug 26th	Swanscombe Marsh from Aug 26th-Sep 3rd.

### Wilson's Phalarope *Phalaropus tricolor*

**Status:** very rare vagrant.

#### All records

1997 2nd	Sep 5th	1st-year at Staines Res from Sep 5th-13th. (Photo LBR 1997)
1983 1st	Sep 14th	Staines Res from Sep 14th-26th.

### Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus*

**Status:** rare passage migrant.

#### Summary data

Red-necked Phalarope records 2010-2014      3 records, 3 birds

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of records	0	0	0	2	1

Red-necked Phalarope records 2000-2009      4 records, 4 birds

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of records	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0

Red-necked Phalarope records 1990-1999      8 records, 8 birds

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Number of records	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	2

Red-necked Phalarope records 1980-1989      6 records, 6 birds

Year	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
Number of records	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0

Red-necked Phalarope records 1949-1979      7 records, 7 birds

Year	1949	1959	1960	1968	1970	1974	1978	1979
Number of records	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Number of birds	1	1	1	1	2*	1	1	0

\*LBR says one, probably two

Red-necked Phalarope arrival dates 1949-2014      28 records, 28 or 29 birds

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Number of records	-	-	-	-	1	4	1	8	10	4	-	-

#### Recent LBR entries

##### 2014 LBR entry

Following on from the two records in 2013, another was seen this year. Spring migrants are much rarer in London and this was just the fifth ever; it was found mid-afternoon and flew off a few hours later.





No. of birds                                    1   0\*   0   0   0   3   2   0   0   1  
 \*bird from 1990 over-wintered

From 1990-2013 there were 27 records. Ignoring the one whose date is given only as "October", 24 of the remaining had arrival dates between Sep 2nd and Dec 26th. (The other two were on Jan 10th and Mar 6th.) The weekly distribution of these records is shown below:

**Grey Phalarope weekly arrival dates during Sep-Dec 1990-2014                    27 records, 27 birds**

Week commencing	Sep	Sep	Sep	Sep	Sep	Oct	Oct	Oct	Oct
	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28
No of records	2	4	1	0	0	3	1	0	6

Week commencing	Nov	Nov	Nov	Nov	Dec	Dec	Dec	Dec
	4	11	18	25	2	7	16	23
No of records	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1

**Grey Phalarope arrival dates 1990-2014                    29 records, 29 birds**

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	7	9	4

**Recent LBR entries**

**2014 LBR entry**

Almost all records of this pelagic species in the London Area are in autumn and this year was no exception with sightings from three locations, probably involving only two birds. The first bird was found at Q. Mother Res where it was almost caught by a Peregrine at 11:45 and was not seen there subsequently. The same bird, or possibly a different individual, was seen at QE II Res briefly at 14:00 when it was also chased by a Peregrine and flew off North. Fortunately the Beddington bird was not noticed by any predator and remained for eight days. The table below shows the arrival dates of the 29 birds recorded since 1990.

**Grey Phalarope arrival dates 1990-2014                    29 records, 29 birds**

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	1	-	1	7	7	9	4

**Bucks:** Q. Mother Res, 1st-winter on Oct 14th (CDRH *et al*).

**Surrey:** Beddington Farmlands, one from Nov 8th-15th (NG *et al*). QE II Res, one on Oct 14th (DMH).

**2013 LBR entry**

After no records in 2012, there was just one record this year, which was at a typical time.

**Herts:** Hilfield Park Res, one from Oct 28th-29th (SMY, AEB *et al*).

**Other recent records**

2011 3 records    Q. Mother Res Sep 12th-15th; Q. Mary Res Sep 14th; QE II Res Nov 23rd.

2010 1 record    Grays on Dec 10th and from Dec 13th-16th.

2009 1 record    KGV Res from Mar 6th-8th.

2008 3 or 4 records    Sep 2nd Juv moulting into 1st-winter at Q Mother Res; Sep 4th Probable juv at Q Mary Res (possibly same as Q Mother bird?); Nov 4th-6th 1st-winter at Hilfield Park Res; Adult at Hampton Court Park from Nov 13th-15th.

2007 3 records.    Jan 10th to Apr 24th Lower Thames, Sep 11th-12th Staines Res, Sep 22nd-23rd KGV Res.

2006 2 records.    Nov 28th, Dec 5th Lower Thames Marshes.

2005 1 record    Q Mother Res, 1st-winter from Nov 2nd-5th.

2003 1 record    Q Mother Res, 1st-winter from Nov 15th-20th.

2001 3 records.    Oct 9th-16th KGV Res, Oct 12th-17th Banbury Res, Oct 13th Walton Res.

1999 1 record    West Thurrock, on R Thames from Dec 26th-28th.

1996 2 or 3 records    Oct 30th-Nov 10th Staines Res, Nov 3rd-10th QE II Res, Nov 9th Q Mother Res.

1995 3 records    Sep 10th KGV Res, "Oct" Broxbourne, Nov 2nd-8th Hilfield Park Res.

1991 (1990 bird) KGV Res, the 1990 bird stayed until Jan 11th.

1990 1 record KGV Res, from Dec 16th-Jan 11th 1991; also at William Girling Res Dec 17th & 18th.

### **Pomarine Skua *Stercorarius pomarinus***

**Status:** rare autumn migrant.

#### Summary data

Pomarine Skua records 2010-2014		2 records, 2 birds				
Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
No. of records	1	0	1	0	0	
No. of birds	1	0	1	0	0	

Pomarine Skua records 2000-2009		4 records, 16 birds									
Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	
No. of records	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	
No. of birds	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	3	0	0	

Pomarine Skua records 1990-1999		5 records, 5 birds									
Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	
No. of records	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	
No. of birds	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	

Pomarine Skua records 1990-2014		11 records, 23 birds							
Year	1994	1995	1996	1998	2003	2007	2010	2012	
No. of records	1	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	
No. of birds	1	2	1	1	13	3	1	1	

Pomarine Skua arrival dates 1990-2014		11 records, 23 birds											
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
No. of records	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	2	4	1	

#### Recent LBR entries

##### **2012 LBR entry**

A single record of a spring bird, following no records last year. There have only been ten records from 1990-2011 and just one of those was in April. Details are in the tables below. The bird was initially thought to be an Arctic Skua before better views were obtained.

Pomarine Skua records 1990-2010		10 records						
Year	1994	1995	1996	1998	2003	2007	2010	
No. of records	1	2	1	1	1	3	1	
No. of birds	1	2	1	1	13	3	1	

Pomarine Skua dates 1990-2010		10 records				
Month	Jan	Apr	Sep	Oct	Nov	
No. of records	1	1	1	2	4	

*This misses out one Dec record. Correct table above.*

**Bucks:** Q. Mother Res, one on Apr 29th until 08:15 (ATo, MJM).

#### Other recent records

2010	Dec 1st	Crayford Marshes, juv west on Dec 1st at 12:30.
2007	Nov 20th	Q Mother Res, intermediate-morph juv from Nov 20th-22nd.
2007	Nov 10th	Q Mother Res, dark-morph juv present for 15 mins.
2007	Nov 10th	QEII Res, pale-morph adult. Seen later at Walton Res.
2003	Apr 25th	Q Mother Res, 13(!) adults overhead for 4 minutes.
1998	Jan 2nd.	Walthamstow Res, a 1st-winter.
1996	Nov 14th	Q Mother Res, dark-morph juv from Nov 14th-17th, seen at Wraysbury Res on 16th. (21st record. "Nearly 50% of all London records occurred from 1985-1987".
1995	Oct 8th	Rainham Marshes, dark-phase imm over Thames
1995	Oct 7th	Barking Bay, juv.

1994 Sep 22nd Dartford Marshes, a juv. (18th record.)  
1987

### Arctic Skua *Stercorarius parasiticus*

**Status:** regular but scarce autumn migrant; rare in other seasons.

#### Summary data

##### Arctic Skua records 2010-2014 24 records, 33 birds

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	1	8	4	3	8
No. of birds	1	13	6	3	10

##### Arctic Skua records 2000-2009 36 records, 78 birds

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
No. of records	8	3	4	3	3	2	1	4	7	1
No. of birds	40	5	4	4	7	2	1	4	10	1

##### Arctic Skua records 1990-1999 34 records, 70 birds

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
No. of records	9	1	4	4	1	2	4	4	2	3
No. of birds	10	1	25	6	1	3	6	13	2	3

##### Arctic Skua arrival dates 1990-2014 94 records, 181 birds

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	1	-	-	2	9	2	1	30	23	20	5	1

#### Recent LBR entries

##### 2014 LBR entry

It was a good year for this species with eight records of ten birds. The spring record was most noteworthy, with all other records falling in the autumn period August 25th to October 14th. There was a relatively equal split of records between the R Thames (five records of five birds) and the West London reservoirs (three records of five birds).

**Essex:** Gallions Reach, one past on Oct 14th (GAJ, KJM). Rainham Marshes, singles past on Apr 27th (RSPB), Sep 6th (HV *et al*), Sep 14th (CE, NS) and Oct 3rd (PHT).

**Bucks:** Q. Mother Res, two dark morph adults on Aug 25th then flew SE (CDRH, MMck) and two (dark morph adult and juv) on Oct 14th before flying E (CDRH).

**Surrey:** QE II Res, pale morph adult on Aug 25th before flying off NE (DMH).

##### 2013 LBR entry

It was another good year for this species with three records of three birds, following the four records of six birds in 2012. All records came within the typical autumn period, including a late bird in the R Thames in November. The table below shows records for the previous ten years.

##### Arctic Skua records 2003-2012 34 records, 49 birds

Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
No. of records	3	3	2	1	4	7	1	1	8	4
No. of birds	4	7	2	1	4	10	1	1	13	6

**Essex:** Barking Bay, one W on Aug 25th was also seen at Rainham Marshes (PH). Rainham Marshes, singles flew past on Aug 25th (AT *et al*), Oct 30th (SSy, PHT *et al*) and Nov 1st (RS).

#### Other recent records

2012 4 records Rainham Marshes, singles flew past on Apr 29th, Aug 26th, three juvs on Sep 24th. Crayford Marshes, pale morph flew upriver on Sep 25th.

2011 8 records Rainham Marshes, singles on Jan 2nd, Oct 6th, Oct 11th-13th with four additional birds upriver on 13th, then one on 20th. Staines Res, pale-phase SE on Oct 6th. Q. Mother Res, pale-phase adult NE on May 31st. Belvedere, one on Oct 12th, seen also at Crayford and Rainham Marshes. Crayford Marshes, three dark-phase and one pale-phase W on Oct 13th, seen also

at Rainham. Crossness, three adults (two dark-phase and one pale-phase) S at 12:25 on Sep 16th. Sidcup, three adults SW on Sep 16th were the Crossness ones, having taken seven minutes to reach here.

2010	1 record	Aug 25th.
2009	1 record	Aug 25th
2008	7 records	Aug 22nd, Aug 23rd, Sep 7th, Oct 10th, Nov 4th-23rd, Nov 6th, Nov 11th
2007	4 records.	May 28th, Aug 14th, Aug 24th and Nov 19th; all singles.
2006	1 record.	Dec 17th, Q Mary Res, dark-morph, presumed juvenile.
2005	2 records.	Aug 8th, Sep 16th.
2004	3 records.	One Sep 9th; 5 together on Sep 23rd and one Oct 11th.
2003	3 records.	Two together Oct 17th; 1 Oct 19th-20th; 1 Oct 20th.
2002	4 records.	Singles May 10th, Jun 6th, Jul 31st & Sep 23rd.
2001	3 records.	Two together May 9th; 1 Sep 18th & 2 on Aug 19th.
2000	8 records.	Six together May 4th; 2 together May 7th; 1 Aug 28th; 21(!) together plus 5 together on Sep 16th; 3 together on Oct 7th; 1 Oct 30th; 1 Nov 19th.
1999	3	May 7th, Aug 10th & Aug 22nd, all singles
1998	2	Singles: Aug 19th (and 20th), Sep 27th (added in 1999)
1997	4	1 Aug 30th ; 8 Aug 30th; 1 Aug 31st; 3 Sep 19th
1996	4	2 Aug 16th; 2 Aug 29th; 1 Sep 21st; 1 Oct 11th
1995	2	1 May 18th; 2 Aug 29th
1994	1	1 Sep 12th
1993	4	1 Aug 22nd; 2 Aug 22nd; 2 Aug 22nd; 1 Oct 22nd
1992	4	1 Aug 20th; 1 Aug 22nd; 22(!) Aug 29th; 1 Sep 6th
1991	1	1 Sep 28th
1990	9	1 May 12th; 1 Jun 3rd; 1 Aug 18th; 1 Sep 9th; 1 Sep 15th; 1 Sep 22nd; 2 Sep 22nd; 1 Oct 14th; 1 Oct 22nd.

### Long-tailed Skua *Stercorarius longicaudus*

Status: rare autumn migrant.

#### Summary data

##### Long-tailed Skua records 2010-2014 5 records, 5 birds

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	0	1	3	1	0

##### Long-tailed Skua records 2000-2009 6 records, 6 birds

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
No. of records	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1

##### Long-tailed Skua records 1990-1999 4 records, 4 birds

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
No. of records	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0

##### Long-tailed Skua records 1966-1989 5 records, 5 birds

Year	1966	1978	1985	1988	1989
No. of records	1	1	2	1	0

##### Long-tailed Skua arrival dates 1966-2014 20 records, 20 birds

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	13	2	-	-

##### Long-tailed Skua ten day totals of autumn arrival dates 1966-2014 19 records, 19 birds

Ten days commencing	Aug 11	Aug 21	Aug 31	Sep 10	Sep 20	Sep 30
No. of records	1	3	5	2	6	2

#### Recent LBR entries

NB. With the removal of the 1937 record below in LBR 2014, p206, the 2013 record becomes the 20th. The tables above reflect this change.

#### 2013 LBR entry

This was London's first ever spring record of this high arctic breeder, an adult complete with full tail streamers present briefly before flying off in heavy rain. This follows the record number of three individuals recorded in 2012; 1985 and 1995 are the only other years when there has been more than one record.

**Bucks:** Q. Mother Res, an adult flew in from the SW and landed briefly early evening on May 24th (CDRH).

### 2012 LBR entry

A record for this high Arctic breeder, with three different individuals in September which were the 18th-20th records for London. All of these have been between August 17th and October 8th and 11 of the previous 17 records have been in September. Two records from the same site within a week is unprecedented, while the Beddington bird represented a site first and was only the third record for Surrey.

**Long-tailed Skua ten day totals 1937-2011**      **17 records**

Ten days commencing	Aug 11	Aug 21	Aug 31	Sep 10	Sep 20	Sep 30
No. of records	1	3	5	1	4	2*

\* one 'Sep' record could not be allocated to ten day period

**Bucks:** Q. Mother Res, light morph juv S on Sep 17th (MJM) and intermediate morph juv lingered briefly then flew W on Sep 23rd (CDRH).

**Surrey:** Beddington Farmlands, juv S on Sep 25th (PRA).

### All other records

2011 17th	Oct 7th	Crayford Marshes, juv.
2009 16th	Sep 20th	KGVI Res, Single. (Reported in LBR as 18th.)
2008 15th	Sep 24th	Q Mother Res, dark-morph juv.
2007 14th	Aug 21st	Q Mother Res, intermediate-morph for 12 minutes. "16th London record".
2006 13th	Sep 9th	Q Mother Res, dark-morph juv from Sep 9th-17th.
2004	Sep 9th	Staines Res, pale-morph juv.
2003 11th	Aug 17th	Q Mother Res, dark-morph juv.
1995 10th	Sep 6th	KGVI Res, juv/imm. 10th record.
1995 9th	Aug 30th	Wraysbury Res, dark-phase juv/imm.
1993 8th	Sep 8th	Wm Girling Res, juv. This moved to KGV Res from Sep 9th-23rd.
	(Photo LBR 1993.)	
1990 7th	Sep 23rd	KGVI Res, juv from Sep 23rd-28th. (Photo LBR 1990.)
1988 6th	Sep 16th	Hilfield park Res, from Sep 16th-17th.
1985 5th	Oct 8th	Barn Elms Res, two.
1985 4th	Sep 6th	Staines Res, from Sep 6th-10th.
1978 3rd	Aug 30th	Wraysbury Res.
1966 2nd	Sep 26th	Q Mary Res, found dead.
1937 1st	"Sep"	Easneye, found dead (maybe outside London Area). Removed from list in LBR 2014. See p206 for details.

### Great Skua *Stercorarius skua*

**Status:** regular but scarce migrant.

#### Summary data

**Great Skua records 2010-2014**      **7 records, 7 birds (excluding 2014)**

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	1	2	2	2	24*
No. of birds	1	2	2	2	46!

\*estimate as it's unclear how many lingered in October

**Great Skua records 2000-2009**      **7 records, 7 birds**

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
No. of records	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	2

No. of birds	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
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**Great Skua records 1990-1999 8 records, 12 birds**

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
No. of records	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	0	1	1
No. of birds	0	1	0	0	4	3	2	0	1	1

**Great Skua arrival dates 1990-2013 22 records, 22 birds**

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	5	10	3	1	2

**Recent LBR entries****2014 LBR entry**

One of the most memorable events of the year was a record influx of this species in October, during a period of strong winds and heavy rain. An absolute minimum of 46 birds were seen this year, following two records in 2013 and four in 2012 (and a total of only 26 birds 1990-2013). Following two seen at Rainham Marshes on August 26th, all other records were confined to five days in October.

The first birds to be recorded were 11 through Rainham Marshes on October 13th, with presumably the remnants accounting for records between here and Gallions Reach until 17th. The next day, October 14th, saw peak numbers, including one over Hyde Park & Kensington Gardens, and unprecedented groups of 13 at Q. Mary Res and seven at QE II Res. Records from QE II Res and Rainham Marshes on October 17th were the culmination of the influx.

**Essex:** 13+ birds: Gallions Reach, four on Oct 14th (GAJ, KJM). Rainham Marshes, two on Aug 26th (PSt), 11 on Oct 13th (DSm, PSt, AT), four on Oct 14th (also seen at Gallions Reach) (DSm, PSt, AT), three on Oct 15th (DSm, AT, HV *et al*), five on Oct 16th (ASh, HV) and two on Oct 17th & 18th (PSt *et al*).

**Middx:** 15 birds: Brent Res, juv N on Oct 15th (AGV). Q. Mary Res, three at 13:50 increasing to 13 by 17:45 on Oct 14th (PBo, FJM, JQ), with two still present on Oct 15th (AVM, DJM *et al*). Staines Res, one on Oct 14th (RWa *et al*).

**Bucks:** two birds: Q. Mother Res, two on Oct 15th then flew NE (CDRH, MMCK).

**Kent:** at least four birds: Belvedere, three on Oct 14th (MFR). Crayford Marshes, one on Oct 14th and three on Oct 15th (IS). Crossness, four on Oct 14th (JKA), two on Oct 15th (SJC) and one on Oct 16th (MM). Dartford Marshes, two on Oct 15th (SJC).

**Surrey:** ten birds: Island Barn Res, two on Oct 14th (DMH). QE II Res, seven on Oct 14th and one on Oct 16th-17th (DMH).

**In Lond:** one bird: Hyde Park/Kensington Gdns, one over on Oct 14th (RBA).

**2013 LBR entry**

There were two records of single birds, but both were on the same day. The only other time this has happened was in 1987 following the Great Storm. This is the seventh consecutive year that this species has been recorded and follows the four records of two birds in 2012.

**Middx:** Staines Res, an adult-type bird lingered briefly on Aug 24th before flying W (REI).

**Bucks:** Q. Mother Res, juv briefly on Aug 24th before flying SSW (CDRH).

**Other recent records**

2012	4 records	Rainham Marshes, one on Apr 29th, also seen at Crayford Marshes and Crossness. QE II Res, one flew high E on Oct 9th.
2011	2 records	Staines Res, adult on Sep 26th. Brent Res, Nov 9th.
2010	Aug 27th	Rainham Marshes. (Rainham Marshes, one on Jan 1st remaining from 2009 and Crayford Marshes, one on Jan 1st -same as Rainham bird )
2009	Oct 25th	Amwell NR.
2009	Dec 29th	Rainham from Dec 29th-Jan 1st 2010 (seen at Dartford Marshes on Dec 31st and at Crayford Marshes on Jan 1st 2010).
2008	Sep 9th	Staines Res.
2007	Dec 9th	KGV Res.
2007	Aug 24th	Thames at Northfleet.
2004	Sep 22nd	Q Mother Res from Sep 22nd-26th.
2003	Oct 19th	Swanscombe Marshes.
1999	"during Sep"	Langley Vale, Epsom. Taken into care and later released.

1998	Sep 28th	Beddington SF, "probably an immature".	"24th London record".
1996	Sep 18th	Dartford Marshes.	
1996	Sep 2nd	KGV Res.	
1995	Sep 18th	Dartford Marshes, 2 down Thames.	
1995	Sep 11th	Tottenham, over observers garden.	
1994	Sep 15th	Dartford Marshes, 4 up Thames.	
1991	Aug 29th	Rainham Marshes.	"18th London record."

### Sabine's Gull *Xema sabini*

**Status:** rare autumn vagrant.

#### Summary data

##### Sabine's Gull records 2010-2014 6 records, 8 or 9 birds

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	0	2	1	2	1
No. of birds	0	2	1	4 or 5	1

##### Sabine's Gull records 2000-2009 4 records, 4 birds

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
No. of records	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
No. of birds	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1

##### Sabine's Gull records 1990-1999 6 records, 6 birds

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
No. of records	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	1
No. of birds	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	1

##### Sabine Gull records 1950-1989 7 records plus 1987 records

Year	1950	1975	1978	1987	1988	1989
No. of records	2	1	1	?	2	1
No. of birds	2	1	1	64+*	2	1

\* between 64 and 84 brought in by the hurricane

##### Sabine's Gull arrival dates 1950-2014 23 records (excluding 1987 records, all in Oct hurricane)

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	14	4	-

#### Recent LBR entries

##### 2014 LBR entry

There was a single juvenile this year, seen for just half an hour by its lucky observer, and at the same site as an adult was recorded in 2013. This is the sixteenth record since 1990, and the September date is typical. In some instances this species can be associated with overland passage of the following one, although this was not the case this year as only a single Kittiwake was recorded during the whole of September.

*Chart showing records from 1990 to 2014*

**Bucks:** Q. Mother Res, juv from 07:50 to 08:18 on Sep 21st then flew off strongly ESE (CDRH).

##### 2013 LBR entry

There were two accepted records this year, with three or four birds together and then a single two days later. They were also early records; there have only been three previous August records, on 5th, 12th and 30th. Records of two or more birds together are exceptional. The only previous time when more than singles have been reported was following the Great Storm in October 1987 when an unprecedented 64 individuals were recorded.

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, three or four on Aug 25th, one of which was seen at Barking Bay (AT *et al*).

**Bucks:** Q. Mother Res, an adult or 1st-summer arrived from the NE at 19:43 on Aug 27th and then continued flying SE without stopping (CDRH).



**All other records**

2012	1 record	Rainham Marshes, juv lingered on Sep 24th seen also at Crayford Marshes.	
2011	2 records	KGVI Res, adult from Sep 10th-13th. Rainham Marshes, juv on Oct 7th.	
2009	Oct 7th	Rainham, Juv over Thames seen also at Crossness.	
2007	Oct 19th	Beddington SF, 3 juvs.	
2003	Aug 12th	KGVI Res, adult.	
2000	Sep 16th	Dartford Marshes, adult.	
1999	Sep 29th	Q Mother Res, adult from Sep 29th-30th; then at adjacent Horton Fields	
		intermittently to Oct 2nd.	
1998	Aug 30th	Barking Bay/Crossness, juv from Aug 30th-Sep 19th.	
1997	Sep 23rd	Dartford Marshes/Littlebrook PS, juv.	
1997	Sep 14th	Wraysbury Res, juv from Sep 14th-16th. (Photo <i>LBR</i> 1997.)	
1994	Aug 5th	Q Mother Res, adult. (Photo <i>LBR</i> 1994.)	
1993	Sep 4th	Rainham Marshes, juv flew up river at R Thames.	
1989	Sep 10th	Walthamstow Res.	
1988	Sep 23rd	Hilfield Park Res, Sep 23rd-24th.	
1988	Sep 23rd	West Thurrock, from Sep 23rd-29th; and at Greenhithe Sep 24th & 27th.	
1987	Oct 16th	Minimum of 64 birds, possible maximum of 84 brought in by hurricane;	
		between Oct 16th & 28th.	
1978	4th	Oct 1st	West Thurrock.
1975	3rd	Sep 7th	West Thurrock.
1950	2nd	Sep 18th-27th	Staines Res, second bird.
1950	1st	Sep 11th	Staines Res, from Sep 11th-27th.

**Bonaparte's Gull *Chroicocephalus philadelphia***

Status: rare vagrant.

**Recent LBR entries****2014 LBR entry**

The fourth record for London, and the first away from Crossness (with two there in 2012 and one in 2013). This year's record again falls within the May to July period, perhaps indicating an individual caught up in Black-headed Gull passage having overwintered elsewhere in Europe or Africa.

**Middx:** Staines Res, 1st-summer, on May 30th (*REI et al*).

**2013 LBR entry**

After the first records last year, both at Crossness and both 1st-year birds, it is a great surprise that the third record for London should be at Crossness again. It therefore seems very likely that this year's record of an adult is one of last year's birds.

**Kent:** Crossness, adult summer, from Jul 6th-7th (*MFR et al*).

**2012 LBR entry**

These are the first and second records for London of this North American gull, following the removal of a previously accepted record at Barn Elms Res on January 29th 1983, currently under review by the BBRC. The first individual was seen by many observers, and often commuted to Barking Bay, following its initial discovery at Crossness across the river on May 19th. Even more remarkable is that a second, more advanced bird was found at Crossness on May 26th, and that both were both seen together on May 29th. (See page 187 for further details.)

**Essex:** Barking Bay, 1st-winter, intermittently from May 19th-29th (same as bird below) (*DGDL*).

**Kent:** Crossness, 1st-winter, from May 19th-29th (*RHB et al*) and 1st-summer on May 26th & 29th (*RHB, JRJ et al*).

**2011 LBR entry****1983 Alteration**

The Rarities Committee has removed the Barn Elms record and asked the BBRC to review it. This was the only record in London.

1983 1st            Jan 29th            Barn Elms Res.

### Laughing Gull *Larus atricilla*

Status: very rare vagrant.

#### All records

2006 2nd            Nov 26th            Amwell GP, adult from Nov 26th-27th.  
2006 1st            Sep 19th            Hilfield Park Res, 2nd-winter from Sep 19th-20th.

### Franklin's Gull *Larus pipixcan*

Status: very rare vagrant.

2000 1st            Apr 13th            Thamesmead. 2nd-summer from Apr 13th-16th.

### Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis*

Status: rare visitor.

#### All records

2009    1 bird            Isle of Dogs bird seen Jan 1st, Aug 17th & 22nd.  
2008    1 bird            Isle of Dogs bird, only Feb 16th.  
2007    1 bird            Isle of Dogs bird to Mar 14th & on Oct 13th.  
2006    1 bird            Isle of Dogs bird to Mar 4th & from Jul 23rd.  
2005    1 bird            Isle of Dogs, Aug 13th-Dec "irregularly".  
2004    2 birds            Greenwich Park bird (1st seen 1996) and 2nd-winter Apr 11th Q Mother Res.  
2003    2 birds            2nd-winter Wetland Centre (21st record) plus Isle of Dogs in Jan & from Jul  
10th for "8th" winter.  
2002    4 birds            Isle of Dogs up to Mar 8th, returned Aug 8th for 6th winter. Adult Stratford  
Mar 18th; 2nd-winter Feb 9th Richmond Park; different 2nd-winter Feb 13th Kensington Gardens.  
2001    2 birds            Isle of Dogs/Greenwich Park/Woolwich Jan-Mar & Aug 11th-Dec 31st.    KGV  
Res Jan 25th.  
2000    2 birds            Aug 14th Isle of Dogs (seen again Dec 2nd-17th), same bird Woolwich Oct  
11th, Nov 20th-year end Beckton.  
1999    2 records            Greenwich Park bird on Feb 26th & adult Barking Bay/Crossness Nov 20th-  
Dec 31st.  
1998    2 records            Usual adult at Greenwich Park in Mar.            1st-winter Feb 21st at Rainham  
Marshes.  
1997    4 records            Feb 2nd, 1st-winter Hampton Court Park, then at Bushy Park on Feb 6th &  
Mar 5th-6th; Feb 8th, 2nd-winter Rainham Marshes; Mar 14th, 1st-winter Kempton Park Res & on Mar  
15th & 17th; Greenwich Park, adult Aug 17th & Oct 30th.  
1996 11th            Nov 23rd            Charlton, adult on R Thames.  
1996 10th            May 23rd            Brent Res, 1st-summer.  
1995 9th            Feb 26th            Beddington SF, adult.  
1995 8th            Jan 15th            Barn Elms Res, adult.  
1995 5th            Jan 1st            Uxbridge, the adult from 1994, remained until Mar 5th.  
1994 5th            Nov 21st            Uxbridge, adult returned for its 5th winter (see above) but was  
never seen again.  
1994 5th            Mar 20th            Uxbridge, adult in its 4th winter.  
1993 5th            Nov 8th            Uxbridge, adult back for its 4th winter.  
1993 7th            Apr 8th            Ponders End Lake, adult from Apr 8th-11th.  
1993 6th            Jan 24th            Ponders End Lake, 3rd-winter/adult seen also Feb 11th, & at  
Enfield Playing Fields from Feb 13th-Mar 7th.  
1993 5th            Jan 1st            Uxbridge, adult until Mar 9th, in its 3rd winter.  
1992 5th            Jan 1st            Uxbridge. Remained to Mar 6th.    Returned for 3rd winter From  
Nov 15th.  
1991 5th            Feb 2nd            Uxbridge. Adult from Feb 2nd-Mar 3rd.            Returned Nov 12th-  
Dec 31st. (Correction in *LBR* 1993, Uxbridge bird left on Mar 3rd, not Apr 3rd.)  
1987 4th            Dec 6th            Rainham Marshes.  
1985 3rd            Apr 19th            Barn Elms Res.  
1982 2nd            Nov 28th            Staines Res.  
1979 1st            Feb 25th            Rainham Marshes.

## Caspian Gull *Larus cachinnans*

Status: scarce visitor mainly in winter.

### Recent LBR entries

#### 2014 LBR entry

A conservative estimate would put this year's total at 53 individuals (56 in 2013 and 75 in 2012). London continues to be a wintering stronghold for this species in Britain, although observer familiarity plays a major role in the distribution of records. The first winter period (January to March) produced the most sightings, with Amwell NR seeing a rapid increase in records compared to 2013 while Beddington Farmlands, Crayford/Dartford Marshes, Rainham Marshes and the roost at Q. Mother Res continued to account for the majority of records. A Polish colour-ringed bird was seen at Dartford Marshes in January. The following provides an overview of records, though it is difficult to be sure of the exact numbers at some sites due to the wandering nature of London's gulls.

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, 15+: at least nine seen Jan 8th to Mar 10th with a peak count of six on Jan 17th, 1st-summer on May 24th, three on Sep 5th, adult on Dec 6th and 1st-winter on Dec 30th.

**Herts:** Amwell NR, at least ten: one 1st-winter recorded regularly in roost Jan 8th to Feb 5th, with three 1st-winters on Jan 25th and two on Jan 28th, near-adult on Feb 1st, another 1st-winter on Apr 7th; in the second winter period a 1st-winter intermittently from Oct 17th with three (adult, 2nd-winter and 1st-winter) on Nov 23rd, three (2nd-winter and two 1st-winters) on Dec 10th and an adult and 1st-winter Dec 19th-27th.

**Middx:** KGVI Res, two: adult Jul 21st & 25th (presumed returning bird) and 1st-winter on Nov 29th. Q. Mary Res, adult on Feb 22nd.

**Bucks:** Q. Mother Res, ten: 1st-winter on Jan 19th & 20th, 1st-summer on Jun 1st, juv Aug 18th-30th with a second juv on Aug 30th, another juv Sep 20th-28th, 1st-winters on Nov 9th, 15th, 16th and three 1st-winters on Nov 23rd, 3rd-winter on Dec 4th and adult on Dec 19th & 28th.

**Kent:** Crayford and Dartford Marshes, at least nine: at least three 1st-winters recorded intermittently from Jan 11th to Mar 30th, adult Jan 23rd to Feb 11th; five in the second winter period with a 1st-winter on Oct 18th, 3rd-winter on Dec 14th and three (two 2nd-winters & 1st-winter) Dec 21st-30th. Crossness, three: adult on Jan 1st, 1st-winters on Nov 8th and Dec 14th.

**Surrey:** Beddington Farmlands, five: 1st-winter Jan 4th to Feb 7th with two on Feb 6th, one on Aug 7th, 1st-winter intermittently Dec 5th-31st and an adult on Dec 12th & 13th. Walton Res, adult from Nov 13th-26th.

#### 2013 LBR entry

London continues to be one of the best places to locate this species, although it still remains a good find for those aware of its identification features. The first winter period (January to April) recorded the most sightings, with most sightings being either first-winters (the most distinctive age) or adults. A Polish colour-ringed first-winter was seen at Beddington Farmlands and Island Barn Res in September. The following provides an overview of records, though due to the mobile nature of London's gulls, it is difficult to be sure of the exact numbers, a conservative estimate would put this year's total at 56 individuals (75 in 2012 and 45 in 2011). Beddington Farmlands, Crayford/Dartford Marshes and Rainham Marshes continue to dominate the records.

**Essex:** Gallions Reach, adult on Dec 29th. Rainham Marshes, total of 16 seen with nine from January to April, five in June to July and two in December with a peak count of three on Feb 22nd-23rd, Apr 12th and Jul 6th; there were no sightings in May and September to November.

**Herts:** Amwell NR, five: 1st-winter from Jan 14th to Apr 1st, 2nd-summer on Aug 18th, two 1st-winters on Oct 18th (one until Oct 29th) and 1st-winter from Dec 2nd-4th.

**Middx:** KGVI Res, 4th-winter on Nov 9th. Q. Mary Res, adult on Jul 27th (presumed returning bird). Wraysbury Res, adult on Aug 18th.

**Bucks:** Q. Mother Res, six: adult on Mar 1st & 3rd, 3rd-winter on Mar 25th and Apr 4th, 1st-summer on Jul 16th, 2nd-winter on Nov 16th, adult on Nov 25th and 1st-winter on Dec 22nd.

**Kent:** Crayford/Dartford Marshes, seven: four from January to March and three from November to December. Crossness, adult on Nov 10th. Greenhithe, 2nd-winter on Mar 24th.

**Surrey:** Beddington Farmlands, 11: three from January to February, eight from September to December with peaks of two on Dec 17th & 30th. Island Barn Res, Polish-ringed 1st-winter on Sep 28th and 1st-winter on Dec 17th & 20th. QE II Res, 1st-winter on Feb 5th. Walton Res, adult on Oct 13th & 24th.

#### 2012 LBR entry

This species continues to be a good find, although sightings continue to increase with observers becoming more familiar with its identification. Although it is difficult to be certain of the exact numbers, a conservative estimate would put this year's total at 75 individuals (compared to 45 in 2011). The distinctiveness of some individuals of this species, as well as one bird possessing a Polish ring (seen at Crossness and Rainham Marshes), has allowed overlap between sites (particularly Crayford/Dartford Marshes, Crossness, Beddington Farmlands and Rainham Marshes) to be noted. There was the first record for Inner London at Rotherhithe.

**Essex:** Barking Bay, adult on Jan 1st. Rainham Marshes, total of 28 seen with 10 Jan-Apr (including a Polish-ringed 4th-winter), singles in May, Jul and Aug, six in Sep and nine Oct-Nov with peak count of six on Nov 19th; June was the only month with no sightings.

**Herts:** Amwell NR, 1st-winter roosted Jan 30th and from Feb 14th-29th.

**Middx:** KGVI Res, adult Jun 20th-Jul 25th. Q. Mary Res, three adults on Jan 28th, Feb 25th-26th and Jun 24th (returning bird). Wraysbury Res, third-winter on Sep 17th.

**Bucks:** Colnbrook, 4th-winter on Oct 8th (returning bird). Horton Fields, two, 1st-summer on Aug 6th, adult on Aug 13th. Horton GP, three, 1st-winters on Mar 17th and Oct 21st, adult on Nov 17th. Q. Mother Res, 13 birds seen throughout the year, a maximum of four (1st-summer, two 3rd-summers and adult) on Aug 14th.

**Kent:** Crayford/Dartford Marshes, eight, six Feb-Apr and two Nov-Dec. Crossness, four, Jan-Feb including a Polish-ringed 4th-winter on Jan 29th (seen at Rainham Marshes, Essex on Jan 9th (and Dec 7th 2010)). Greenhithe, 1st-winter on Mar 18th.

**Surrey:** Beddington Farmlands, nine seen throughout the year (six Jan-Mar, one Jul and two Nov-Dec). Island Barn Res, two, adult on Aug 7th and 1st-winter Nov 16th, 26th and 29th. Walton Res, adult on Nov 30th.

**In Lond:** Rotherhithe, 2nd-summer on Jul 8th.

### **Iceland Gull *Larus glaucooides***

**Status:** scarce winter visitor, more regular in cold weather.

#### **Recent LBR entries**

##### **2014 LBR entry**

It was a good year for this species, with around 11 individuals (compared to six in 2013 and 31 in 2012). Typically the first winter period was the best for records, with just one seen in November and December. Gull roosts in west and south London dominated records with up to three recorded at Beddington Farmlands while two at Rainham Marshes on February 21st was the peak count. Remarkably, a bird seen Q. Mother Res in November had been ringed in Oslo, Norway in April 2012. We also have one additional record from 2012 below, making the total for 2012 now 32 birds.

**Essex:** Gallions Reach, 2nd-winter on Dec 21st (PD, GAJ). Rainham Marshes, two: juv intermittently from Jan 27th to Feb 22nd with two juvs on Feb 21st (NS, AT, HV *et al*).

**Herts:** Amwell NR, adult on Jan 26th (BR).

**Bucks:** Q. Mother Res, juv on Jan 13th, 3rd-winter (Norwegian-ringed) on Nov 17th. Horton GP, 3rd-winter on Nov 11th (same as Q. Mother Res bird) (CDRH *et al*).

**Kent:** Crayford Marshes, juv from Jan 24th-25th (MSo *et al*). Dartford Marshes, juv on Feb 2nd (same as Crayford Marshes bird) (ARL).

**Surrey:** Beddington Farmlands, three: juv intermittently Jan 3rd to Feb 20th, 2nd-winter on Feb 6th & 12th (BFBG), 2nd-winter on Dec 29th (DCa). Island Barn Res, juv intermittently from Jan 14th to Feb 14th (DMH *et al*).

##### **2012 Addition**

**Middx:** Broadwater Lake, 2nd-winter on Apr 12th (JE).

##### **2013 LBR entry**

It was a relatively lean year for this species, with perhaps just six individuals recorded. This is in contrast to the record influx of at least 31 birds in 2012, and a lower total than the eleven recorded in 2011. All records fell within the expected winter periods, correlating with the national trend; this species continues to be recorded in London more than Glaucous Gull in recent years.

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, adult on Jan 31st (JCL).

**Bucks:** Q. Mother Res, juv on Jan 13th, Feb 16th & 18th, adult erratically from Mar 5th-13th and juv on Dec 1st (CDRH *et al*).

**Kent:** Crayford/Dartford Marshes, adult on Feb 8th and Mar 12th (KMJ).

**Surrey:** Beddington Farmlands, juv on Jan 10th (PRA, RD) and another juv from Dec 9th-31st (FP *et al*).

#### Other recent records

2012 32 birds (*with late addition in LBR 2014*) It was a record year for this species, with an unprecedented influx of 29 during the first winter period.

2011 11 birds.

2010 8 birds.

2009 Perhaps 8 or 10 birds.

2008 Perhaps 4 birds.

1999 "4 birds" Feb 2nd (2nd-winter); Feb 24th (adult) & Mar 4th-6th & 8th-9th; two adults Mar 5th & 8th.

1998 12 birds Including 2nd bird at Q Mother Res on Apr 22nd (added in *LBR 1999*).

1997 4 records Jan 1st-9th (adult); Jan 2nd (1st-winter); Mar 28th (4th-summer); Nov 22nd (adult).

1996 1 record Nov 9th, adult QEII Res.

1995 2 birds Jan 21st-22nd & Jan 28th-Feb 4th, 1st-winter; Dec 26th, adult.

1994 6 birds Jan 1st-3rd, adult; Feb 21st & 24th-25th, 1st-winter; Feb 24th, adult & 2nd-winter; Apr 16th, 17th & 19th, 2nd-summer; Dec 27th, adult.

1993 2 or 3 birds Feb 6th-8th, adult; Feb 7th, 1st-winter; Feb 8th, 1st-winter (Feb 7th bird?).

1992

1991

1990

**NB.** In *LBR 2014*, p206, all Iceland Gull records published in *LBRs* for 1939-43 were removed, except for one in Kensington Gardens in Feb and Mar 1942.

#### **Sub-species: Kumlien's Gull *L. g. kumlieni***

##### **2013 LBR entry**

One bird showed characteristics consistent with the Greenland and Nearctic race. This is the sixth record for London, and follows the two individuals seen in 2012.

**Surrey:** QE II Res, juv on Dec 25th (DMH).

##### **LBR 2012 entry**

Two birds showed characters consistent with this Greenland and Nearctic race: a lingering juvenile at Beddington Farmlands (from 2011) and a well-marked 2nd-winter seen at both Beddington Farmlands and Rainham Marshes in March. These are the fourth and fifth records for London.

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, a 2nd-winter from Mar 16th-21st (DML *et al*), also seen at Beddington Farmlands.

**Surrey:** Beddington Farmlands, a 2nd-winter from Mar 19th-21st (also at Rainham Marshes) and a juv until early Apr (JPA *et al*). This juv roosted at QEII Res Jan 18th & 20th, and at Island Barn Res intermittently from Jan 10th-Apr 4th (DMH).

#### Other records

2007 Q. Mother Res, one on Feb 15th.

2001 Langley, adult (date not given in report A Self book says Mar 29th) also seen later at Q. Mother Res.

1997 Rainham Marshes, adult on Dec 13th.

#### **Glaucous-winged Gull *Larus glaucescens***

**Status:** very rare vagrant.

2007 1st Apr 18th Beddington SF, 3rd-summer.

2009 records at Beddington, Q. Mother Res and Rainham with BBRC. (See App III *LBR2009* for details.)

**Glaucous Gull *Larus hyperboreus***

**Status:** scarce winter visitor in varying numbers, more regular in cold weather.

**Recent LBR entries****2014 LBR entry**

A similar showing to the previous year with three birds (three in 2013 and 2012), continuing this species' recent paucity of records compared to Iceland Gull. Remarkably, the Rainham Marshes record was the first there since 2011.

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, one on Apr 27th (RSPB).

**Surrey:** Beddington Farmlands, 2nd-winter on Jan 20th (PRA *et al*) and adult from Feb 6th-8th (DCa *et al*).

**2013 LBR entry**

A comparable showing to the previous two years with three birds (three in 2012 and two in 2011), consolidating this species' recent status of being the scarcer of the two 'white-winged gulls'. For a second consecutive year there were no records from Rainham Marshes.

**Essex:** Gallions Reach, 2nd-winter on Jan 13th (GAJ).

**Herts:** Amwell NR, juv on Jan 29th (SW).

**Surrey:** Beddington Farmlands, juv intermittently from Jan 9th-19th (PRA *et al*).

**Other recent records**

2012 3 birds. Horton GP, juv on Jan 22nd was first site record. Q. Mother Res, juv on Jan 28th & 30th and Feb 12th. QEII Res, juv on Jan 22nd with the same individual at Beddington Farmlands, Feb 15th-17th & 27th.

2011 2 birds. Rainham Marshes, juv on Jan 8th, 19th & 20th; adult on Feb 17th.

2010 About 12 birds. From Jan 4th-26th there were 14 records at Rainham Marshes involving one to three juvs. Crayford Marshes, juv on Jan 22nd. Crayford Recycling Centre, juv on Jan 24th and the same bird at Dartford Marshes on 25th. Amwell NR, juv on Jan 31st. Rainham Marshes, Single juvs on Feb 13th, Mar 2nd-4th & 13th, then a sub-adult on Mar 20th and a 2nd-year on 26th. Beddington Farmlands, two juvs on Mar 8th-9th, one juv on Mar 10th & 15th. Island Barn Res, juv in roost on Mar 9th & 12th and the same bird at QE II Res on Mar 10th. Rainham Marshes, a sub-adult on Mar 20th and a 2nd-year on 26th. The only record at the end of the year was of three 3rd-years on Oct 5th.

2009 Perhaps 4 birds. One Jan 4th at Beddington; 2nd-winter Amwell Feb 8th-9th one Belvedere Mar 10th. Rainham several March records perhaps involving just one juv and one 2nd-winter.

2008 Perhaps 7 birds.

1999 "c5 birds" 1st-winter from Mar 8th; 1st-winter from Mar 27th; 1st-winter on Nov 20th; 2nd-winter from Dec 14th; adult Dec 27th; 1st-winter Dec 31st.

1998 11-16 birds In period Jan 1st-Mar 7th.

1997 12+ birds In period Jan-Mar 8th, then one Jun 14th & Aug 30th; then Nov 16th-end Dec.

1996 6 birds Jan 25th, 2nd-winter; Feb 8th, adult; Nov 19th-21st, 2nd-winter; Nov 29th, imm; Dec 1st, 1st-winter; Dec 21st, 2nd-winter.

1995 2 birds Jan 7th, 1st-winter; 1st-winter, Jan 8th, 11th, 29th & Mar 7th.

1994 1 bird Dec 10th & 20th, adult at William Girling Res.

1993 4 birds Jan 4th, 1st-winter; Jan 16th, adult; Feb 9th, adult; Feb 27th, 1st-winter.

1992

1991

1990

**Sooty Tern *Onychoprion fuscatus***

**Status:** very rare vagrant.

1971 1st Aug 18th Staines Res.

**Bridled Tern *Onychoprion anaethetus***

**Status:** very rare vagrant.

1991 1st Jun 2nd West Thurrock.

### Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*

Status: very rare vagrant.

1980 1st Jul 26th Barn Elms Res.

### Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*

Status: very rare vagrant.

#### All records

1982	4th record	Aug 11th	Staines Res.
1979	3rd	Jul 29th	Staines Res.
1961	2nd	Aug 26th	KGVI Res, from Aug 26th-27th.
1961	1st	Jul 9th	Walthamstow Res.

### Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida*

Status: very rare vagrant.

#### All records

2005	4th record	May 22nd	KGVI Res/Staines Res, 2nd-summer from May 22nd-25th.
1977	3rd	Aug 17th	Staines Res.
1964	2nd	Jun 22nd	KGVI Res from Jun 22nd-24th.
1961	1st	Jun 24th	Staines Res, from Jun 24th-25th.

### White-winged Black Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*

Status: rare vagrant.

#### Summary data

White-winged Black Tern records 2010-2014			7 records, 7 birds		
Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	2	1	2	1	1
No. of birds	2	1	2	1	1

White-winged Black Tern records 2000-2009				7 records, 7 birds						
Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
No. of records	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	2
No. of birds	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	2

White-winged Black Tern records 1990-1999				7 records, 7 birds						
Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
No. of records	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0
No. of birds	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0

White-winged Black Tern arrival dates 1990-2014				21 records, 21 birds						
Ten days commencing	May 11	May 21	May 31	Jun 10	Jun 20	Jun 30	Jul 10	Jul 20	Jul 30	
No. of birds	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	

White-winged Black Tern arrival dates 1990-2014 (continued)					
Ten days commencing	Aug 9	Aug 19	Aug 29	Sep 9	Sep 19
No. of birds	2	4	1	1	3

#### Recent LBR entries

##### 2014 LBR entry

Found in London for the seventh year running, this year's record involved a pristine summer-plumaged adult which chose to spend its time in an area with restricted access.

**Surrey:** Walton Res (Chelsea & Lambeth), an adult was found in the late afternoon on Jun 19th and remained until the next day (SBC).

### 2013 LBR entry

With this year's single record, 2013 became the sixth successive year of occurrence for this species. Indeed, it is tempting to suggest that it looks set to become an annual feature in the recording area. This year's juvenile occurred at a typical date as 12 of the previous 19 records have been in August or September. Two-thirds of these records have been juveniles like this one, rather than adults.

**Middx:** Q. Mary Res, juv present 11:00-12:30 on Aug 25th (REI).

### Other recent records

2012	2 records	Staines Res, adult in breeding plumage on Jun 25th from 21:03 till at least 21:30; moulting adult from 20:57 on Jul 28th till 05:58 on Jul 29th.
2011	Aug 26th	Crayford Marshes and then Rainham Marshes, juv.
2010	2 records	Aug 17th, juv Rainham Marshes. Sep 26th-Oct 4th, juv Hyde Park/Kensington Gdns.
2009	Aug 2nd	Staines Res, moulting 2nd-summer or older.
2009	May 11th	Staines Res, 2nd-summer from May 11th-13th.
2008	Aug 10th	Crossness, adult from Aug 10th-14th.
2006	Sep 23rd	William Girling Res, juv.
2004	Sep 6th	QEII Res, juv for 30 mins.
2004	Aug 8th	Wetland Centre, 1st-summer or juv.
2000	Jul 14th	Barking Bay, adult.
1996	Jul 27th	Brent Res, adult.
1996	Jul 4th	Woolwich, adult on R Thames at Thames Barrier from Jul 4th-5th.
1995	Aug 19th	Staines Res, juv.
1994	Sep 25th	Barn Elms Res, juv.
1992	Sep 13th	William Girling Res, juv from Sep 13th-14th.
1991	Jun 2nd	West Thurrock, adult. <b>23rd record for London.</b>
1990	Aug 27th	West Thurrock, juv from Aug 27th-Sep 6th and at Littlebrook from Sep 4th-6th.

1961 1st            May 13th            Q Mary Res, from May 13th-14th.

## Roseate Tern *Sterna dougallii*

**Status:** rare passage migrant.

### Summary data

**Roseate Tern records 1974-2014** 15 records, 17 birds

Year	1988	2001	2002	2005	2006	2007	2011	2012	2013
No. of records	1	1	2	2	1	1	3	1	3
No. of birds	1	1	3	2	1	1	3	1	4

**Roseate Tern records 1953-1973** 13 records, 22 birds

Year	1953	1960	1961	1963	1964	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
No. of records	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
No. of birds	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	6	1	1

**Roseate Tern arrival dates 1953-2014** 28 records, 39 birds

Month	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
No. of records	15	3	5	2	3
No. of birds	24	3	7	2	3

**Roseate Tern records by decade 1953-2014** 28 records

Decade	1950s	1960s	1970s	1980s	1990s	2000s	2010s
No. of records	1	7	5	1	0	7	7



**Recent LBR entries****2013 LBR entry**

It was a good year for this elegant and highly-prized tern, with three records: two of single birds and one of two birds, all at West London reservoirs. The first record was two together at Q. Mother Res on May 22nd. This was followed by one at Staines Res on June 10th, seen later at Q. Mother Res, and then the last at QE II Res on July 2nd. Since the first record in 1953, most records have been in May and only two of the previous 25 records were in June. Records are usually single birds but there were two together as recently as 2011.

**Roseate Tern arrival dates 1953-2012 25 records, 35 birds**

Month	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
No. of records	14	2	4	2	3
No. of birds	22	2	6	2	3

**Middx:** Staines Res, one over south basin 09:50-10:53 on Jun 10th when it flew low northwest (KLP).

**Bucks:** Q. Mother Res, two lingered 11:00-11:22 on May 22nd then flew northeast (CDRH); adult circled yacht club at 12:15 on Jun 10th before it departed northeast (CDRH) (same as Staines Res).

**Surrey:** QE II Res, adult present 06:19-06:25 on Jul 2nd when it flew high northwest (DMH).

**2012 LBR entry**

What was probably the same bird was at the West London reservoirs over two days. Found at Island Barn Res, it spent most of the day at Walton Res before ending the day at Staines Res and being seen at Q. Mother Res early the next day. This follows three records last year although there were only eight records from 1974-2010, so it is still quite a rarity. May is a typical date with 13 of the previous 24 records in that month.

**Middx:** Staines Res, adult on May 8th (REI), seen earlier at Island Barn Res and Walton Res.

**Bucks:** Q. Mother Res, adult on May 9th (MJM).

**Surrey:** Island Barn Res, adult on May 8th relocated to Walton Res (DMH), seen later at Staines Res.

**All other records**

2011	3 records	Q. Mother Res, one from May 9th-13th, which was different from the one at KGVI Res and Staines Res, on May 10th. Crossness, an adult feeding a 1st-winter, on Sep 25th.
2007	Aug 22nd	Rainham Marshes (21st? Record).
2006	May 16th	East India Dock Basin. (Reported in LBR as 21st record but only 20 from count below.)
2005	May 26th	Staines Res, adult.
2005	May 19th	QEII Res, adult; still present until 05:56 May 20th.
2002	Jun 3rd	Staines Res, full summer plumage.
2002	May 14th	East India Dock Basin, mating pair in full summer plumage.
2001	Sep 18th	Barking Bay/Marsh.
1988	Aug 20th	West Thurrock, Aug 20th-23rd. Reported as 15th record, but from count below, 14th.
(In LBR 1978, page 79, Checklist of Birds from 1901-77 says 22 records!)		
1973	Jun 25th	Sevenoaks, Jun 25th-26th.
1972	Jul 7th	Sevenoaks.
1971	May 20th	Sevenoaks, six birds!
1970	May 30th	Sevenoaks, one E.
1970	May 11th	Staines Res.
1969	May 6th	Staines Res, 2 birds.
1968	May 17th	Staines Res.
1967	Sep 6th	Q. Mary Res.
1964	Jul 11th	Sevenoaks, a pair of adults. "5th record".
1963	Jul 24th	Barn Elms Res, "4th".
1961	Jul 18th	Barn Elms Res, two birds. "3rd".
1960	May 12th	KGVI Res/Staines Moor, two E. "2nd".
1953	May 16th	Perry Oaks SF.

**Common Guillemot *Uria aalge***

**Status:** scarce autumn and winter visitor, subject to occasional winter influxes.

Summary data**Common Guillemot records from 1983-2014 (excluding 1986) 35 records, 35 birds**

Years 2010-2014	9 records	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
No. of birds		1	1	3	2	2	
No. of records		1	1	3	2	2	
Years 2000-2009	6 records	2001	2002	2003	2008	2009	
No. of birds		1	1	2	1	1	
No. of records		1	1	2	1	1	
Years 1990-1999	8 records	1990	1991	1993	1997	1998	1999
No. of birds		1	2	1	2	1	1
No. of records		1	2	1	2	1	1
Years 1983-1989	12 records	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	
No. of birds		8	1	1	*	2	
No. of records		8	1	1	*	2	

\*several records of 90-126? birds between Feb 13th and early Mar plus one in Jan. See LBR 1986 page 172-176 for details, which says 90-126, plus 1 in Jan. Not sure how the 90-126 figures are worked out.

**Common Guillemot arrival dates from 1983-2014 (excluding 1986) 35 records /35 birds**

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
No. of records		2	5	3	0	1	0	0	3	9	7	2	3
No. of birds		2	5	3	0	1	0	0	3	9	7	2	3

Recent LBR entries**2014 LBR entry**

There were two records this year, assuming that the two Essex sightings referred to the same bird. Both records were in September which is now the month with the most frequent records since 1983 (excluding 1986 when between 90 and 126 birds were seen between February 13th and early March).

**Essex:** Gallions Reach, one on R Thames on Sep 15th (KJM *et al*). Rainham Marshes, one on Sep 15th (AT).

**Kent:** Belvedere, one on R Thames on Sep 29th (MFR).

**2013 LBR entry**

The two records this year are one fewer than last year and now make six consecutive years of records for this less than annual visitor. Both were in October and could have been one bird seen over two days.

**Essex:** Gallions Reach, one flew upriver on Oct 4th (GAJ).

**Essex/Kent:** One seen on Oct 5th both from the Essex side of the R Thames at Barking Bay and Gallions Reach and from the Kent side at Crossness and Woolwich Ferry (VHF, PH, JKA, NT).

Other recent records

2012	3 records	One assumed to be the same bird on R Thames on Aug 29th seen from Rainham Marshes, Gallions Reach and Belvedere. One on R Thames at Blackfriars Bridge on Sep 7th. One on R Thames on Nov 23rd seen from Crayford/Dartford Marshes.
2011 Aug 23rd		One assumed to be the same bird on R Thames on Aug 23rd was seen at Rainham Marshes, Crayford Marshes, Barking Bay and Crossness.
2010 Sep 19th		Crossness flew west
2009 Sep 17th		One R Thames at Rainham Marshes, later seen flying downstream at Crossness.
2008 Sep 14th		One on R Thames between Putney & Isleworth seen from Dukes Meadows, Oliver's Island, Kew Bridge and Syon Park.
2003 Sep 6th		R Thames at Bishop's Park, Fulham. Perhaps same as one below.
2003 Sep 5th		R Thames at Limehouse Reach.
2002 Oct 9th		R Thames at Northfleet.
2001 May 22nd		Surrey Docks.
1999 Nov 30th		Silvertown.

1998 Dec 30th	Over Beddington SF.
1997 Dec 3rd	Thames Barrier.
1997 Jan 20th	Brentford, found on M4 central causeway.
1993 Oct 10th	Middlesex FB, flew over R Lea.
1991 Sep 14th	Teddington Lock.
1991 Aug 31st	West Thurrock, on R Thames.
1990 Oct 22nd	Richmond Road, N8; taken into care.
1987 Jan 18th-19th, 25th	Wraysbury and Queen Mary Res.
1987 Oct 4th	Hammersmith
1986	91-127 birds!
1985 Dec	Barnes Bridge
1984 Mar 15th	Northfleet
1983	8 birds

### Razorbill *Alca torda*

**Status:** rare visitor, mainly in winter.

#### Summary data

<b>Records from 1911 to 2014</b>	<b>25 records, 53 birds</b>										
Year	1960	1961	1964	1966	1972	1978	1983	1988	1990	1996	2011
No. of birds	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1
No. of records	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1
Year	1911	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1948	1956			
No. of birds	5	17	1	1	2	1	12	1			
No. of records	1	2	1	1	2	1	3	1			

<b>Arrival dates from 1911 to 2014</b>	<b>25 records /53 birds</b>											
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	0	6	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	7	3	3
No. of birds	0	6	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	31	7	3

#### Recent LBR entries

##### 2011 LBR entry

The first record since 1996 was a welcome return. Up until 1984, there had been 24 and 21 records for Razorbill and Guillemot respectively (see MOON, A.V., 1983. The occurrence of pelagic seabirds in the London Area, *Lond. Bird Rep.* 48: 106-119). Since then there have been four Razorbills and 21 (PL Note: looks like only 19) Guillemots (excluding the influx in 1986). All records have been between September and February with single sightings in April, May and now August. Interestingly, it was seen on the same day as a Guillemot.

**Essex/Kent:** One on R Thames on Aug 23rd seen from Rainham and Crayford Marshes. Several observers saw it at about the same time but another or the same bird was seen earlier in the day (AT *et al.*).

#### Recent records:

1996 Feb 20th	R Thames at Rainham Marshes. (25th record.)
1990 Dec 30th	Swanscombe.
1988 Dec10-13th	Fairlop Lake
1983 Feb 6th	Wraysbury Res
1983 Feb 8th	R.Thames at Wapping
1983 Feb 8th	Hounslow
1978 Dec 9th	Ruislip Lido
1972 Nov 5th	Swanscombe
1966 Oct 19th-25th	Staines Moor
1964 Sep 2nd	R.Thames at Chiswick
1961 Sep 11th	Walthamstow Res. Found dead
1960 Oct 18th	R.Thames at Westminster
1956 Feb 5th	Savehay GP Denham. Found dead
1948 Oct 5th	4 birds at Walthamstow Res

1948 Oct 5th 7 birds on River Thames at Lambeth Bridge  
 1948 Oct 6th-16th Kensington Gardens  
 1938 Oct 22nd R.Thames at Richmond  
 1937 Sep18th Knighton Wood  
 1937 Feb 6th K. George V Res. Found dead  
 1936 May 13th R.Thames at Chiswick  
 1935 Apr 6th R.Thames at Mortlake  
 1934 Nov 11th Walthamstow Res  
 1934 Oct 22nd 16 birds at Littleton Res  
 1911 Nov 20th 5 birds on R.Thames at Blackfriars

### Black Guillemot *Cepphus grylle*

Status: only before 1900.

Lambeth, one found dead on Thames prior to 1900. (Added in LBR 2014, P206.)

### Little Auk *Alle alle*

Status: very rare, late autumn and winter visitor.

#### Summary data

Records from 1991-2014	15 records / 23 birds							
Year	1991	1992	1993	1995	1997	1998	1999	2007
No. of birds	2	1	1	5	1	2	1	10
No. of records	2	1	1	4	1	2	1	3

Arrival dates 1991-2014	15 records /23 birds											
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of birds	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	15	1
No. of records	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	7	1

#### Recent records

2007 Nov 14th Eight(!) on Q Mother Res at 13:10, which flew off after 8 minutes.  
 2007 Nov 15th One on Q Mother Res from 15:00 to dusk.  
 2007 Nov 15th One on QEII Res.  
 1999 Nov 20th Dartford Marsh at the mouth of the R Darent.  
 1998 Dec 1st KGV Res.  
 1998 Nov 1st William Girling Res.  
 1997 "Oct" Caterham, found in a garden.  
 1995 Nov 2nd Hilfield Park Res, two and one still on Nov 3rd.  
 1995 Nov 2nd Q Mother Res, 1st-winter from Nov 2nd-3rd.  
 1995 Oct 31st Borehamwood, taken into care.  
 1995 Oct 31st St Albans, taken into care.  
 1993 Oct 15th Stanstead Abbots, found on A414, taken into care.  
 1992 Oct 30th Hyde Park/Kensington Gdns.  
 1991 Oct 21st Hampstead Heath.  
 1991 Jan 9th Archway, N19; taken into care.

### Puffin *Fratercula arctica*

Status: very rare visitor.

#### Summary data

Records from 1984-2014	10 records / 10 birds							
Year	1984	1986	1989	1991	1992	1996	2007	2009
No. of birds	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
No. of records	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1

Arrival dates from 1984-2014	10 records /10 birds											
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec

No. of records	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0
No. of birds	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0

**Recent records**

2009 Sep 23rd	1st-winter drifting downstream on Thames at Rainham Marshes.
2007 Nov 17th	one at KGV Res, later found dead.
1996 Feb 20th	In a field at Cuffley! Rescued and released near Aberdeen
1992 Nov 10th	Hounslow, on a playing field. Taken into care.
1992 Jan 27th	Thamesmead, flew into a house! Taken into care.
1991 Feb 8th	Richmond Lock. Taken into care but died

**Pallas's Sandgrouse *Syrhaptes paradoxus***

Status: very rare former vagrant.

1908 2nd	Sep 1st	shot at South Ockendon.
1907 1st	Sep 23rd	Hendon.

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo *Coccyzus americanus***

Status: very rare vagrant.

1991 1st	Oct 17th	found moribund at Oxtead. Fed and released.
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**Scops Owl *Otus scops***

Status: Only before 1900.

**Snowy Owl *Bubo scandiacus***

Status: very rare vagrant.

1963 1st	Mar 2nd	Sewardstone, from Mar 2nd-28th.
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**Tengmalm's Owl *Aegolius funereus***

Status: Only before 1900.

**European Nightjar *Caprimulgus europaeus***

Status: rare passage migrant, occasionally breeding.

**2014 LBR entry**

These are the first records since 2010 (*printed in error in LBR 2014 as 2009*); one churring in late-June on the edge of London and one returning bird.

**Middx:** Middlesex FB, one from Sep 28th to Oct 1st (mo).

**Bucks:** Site A, one from Jun 24th to Jul 7th, with churring and wing clapping on Jun 29th.

**No records 2011-2013****2010 LBR entry**

Just one record received this year, surprisingly in Inner London. Discovered in the morning, it was seen for about five minutes, and then again for 15 minutes in the evening. Last year there were two records, both churring birds on just one day. In 2008, there was possible breeding plus one autumn bird.

**In Lond:** Regent's Park, one on May 9th (DJo, ARD)

**2009 LBR entry**

Birds were heard churring at two sites on a single date, a disappointment after last year when there were two pairs at one of these sites.

**Kent:** Bird churring on July 3rd.

**Surrey:** Site A, bird churring on May 22nd but not heard on June 11th.

#### 2008 LBR entry

As the species has long been in decline in the London Area, the continued presence of two possible pairs at one site, and a bird seen over two weeks in suburban south London, might be a cause for optimism.

**Surrey** Site A (1+), signs of breeding by at least one pair were recorded by several observers, plus at least one additional churring male. Upper Norwood, one female present for two weeks from late Aug to Sept 10th.

#### 2007 LBR entry

Only a single site had records of churring birds this year, so it would appear this species is just about hanging on as a breeding bird in our Area.

**Herts** Ponsbourne Park, Newgate Street Village, one on May 29th.

**Surrey** Site A, one heard churring on various dates between May 24th and July 19th, with a courting pair in addition on the first date.

#### Other recent records

- 2006 4 records. Site A, Surrey, one churring on several dates from May 14th-Jun 17th. Walthamstow, May 25th. Teddington, a male from May 26th-Jun 17th. Epping Forest, one churring on Jun 2nd.
- 2005 5 records. Jun 8th, Epping Forest. Site B, Surrey, one churring on Jun 17th. Site C, Surrey, up to 3 churring (no dates given). Sunbury, Jul 12th. Site A, Kent, one churring on Jul 14th.
- 2004 1 record Jul 25th-30th, one churring "at a site in Bucks".
- 2003 5 records. May 17th-18th, one churring Epping Forest (added in LBR 2004). May 20th, Thorndon CP. Surrey, one site, one churring on Jun 14th. Surrey, second site, one on June 20th. Sep 13th, Wimbledon Common. (Both Surrey sites said to be at former breeding sites.)
- 2002 4 records. Surrey site, one churring on Jun 19th & 27th. Bucks site (close to a previous breeding site) one churring on one date in Jul. Dartford Marsh, Sep 15th, Twickenham, Sep 15th.
- 2001 2 records. Surrey, Site B, churring in May and Jun and female on Jul 16th "behaving as if with young". Bucks, Site A, one in early Jun.
- 2000 3 records. Bucks, Site A, two churring and one or two females present from late May into Jun. Surrey, Site B, two churring May 13th-Jul 19th. Surrey, Site C, churring on Jun 15th.

### Common Nighthawk *Chordeiles minor*

**Status:** very rare vagrant.

1984 1st Oct 23rd Barnes Common

### Alpine Swift *Apus melba*

**Status:** vagrant.

#### Summary data

**Alpine Swift records 2010-2014** 7 records, 6 birds

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	5	1	1	0	0
No. of birds	4	1	1	0	0

**Alpine Swift records 2000-2009** 9 records, 9 birds

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
No. of records	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	2

**Alpine Swift arrival dates 1965-2014 29 records, 28 birds**

Month	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
No. of birds	2	8	5	2	1	2	5	2	1

**Recent LBR entries****2013 LBR entry**

The additional record for 2012 makes it four years in a row for one to be seen. The May date is a little late for this species, with nine of the previous 28 records being in April (the table below shows the arrival dates for all previous records.) This bird was seen while the observer was walking to get her Sunday papers and present for about ten minutes over a lake. All records have been of single birds.

**Alpine Swift arrival dates 1965-2011 28 records, 28 birds**

Month	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
No. of records	2	9	4	2	1	2	5	2	1

**2012 Addition**

**Essex:** Cranham GC, one on May 13th (RBs).

**2011 LBR entry**

After the five records last year, there was just one this year. The table below shows the records for recent years.

**Alpine Swift records 2000-2010**

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
No. of records	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	2	5

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, one on Apr 16th (PSt *et al*).

**All other records**

2010	5 records	Hollow Pond, Mar 22nd. Crossness, Mar 27th. Stoke Newington Res, Apr 1st. Rainham Marshes, Apr 5th (presumed to be Warren Gorge bird). Warren Gorge, one from Apr 3rd-5th.
2009 22nd?	Sep 6th	Alexandra Park. (Reported in LBR as 23rd.)
2009	Sep 5th	Aldenham Res.
2006	Apr 14th	Crossness
2006	Apr 8th-16th	Hampstead Heath
2005	Apr 30th	Walton Res.
2004	Oct 17th	Wetland Centre.
2003	May 5th	Brent Res. (2nd record accepted by BBRC but not by LNHS.)
2001	Oct 13th	Hooks Marsh. (Added in <i>LBR</i> 2002 and reported as 16th.)
2000 14th	May 27th	Richmond Park, for 25 minutes.
1990 13th	Apr 30th	Hilfield Park Res & Watford. (Added in <i>LBR</i> 1991.)
1989 12th	Aug 12th	Croham Hurst GC.
1983 11th	May 9th	Wraysbury GP, from May 9th-25th.
1983 10th	Apr 24th	Barn Elms Res, from Apr 24th-26th.
1981 9th	Jul 26th	Orpington.
1980 8th	Jun 21st	Walthamstow Res.
1977 7th	Aug 25th	Staines Res.
1977 6th	May 14th	Hartsbourne GC, Herts.
1975 5th	Nov 1th	Twickenham.
1975 4th	Sep 19th	Staines Res.
1967 3rd	Jun 18th	Beddington SF.
1965 2nd	Sep 30th	St Albans.
1965 1st	Sep 26th	Troy Mill GP.

**European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster***

**Status:** rare vagrant.

**All records**

2007 8th	May 11th	Rainham Marshes.
1999 7th	Jun 9th	Richmond Park, six.
1997 6th	Jun 16th	Nore Hill, four.
1993 5th	Jun 22nd	Streatham.
1979 4th	Apr 24th	Thorndon Park, 4 from Apr 24th-26th.
1963 3rd	Apr 30th	Staines Res.
1958 2nd	Aug 5th	Beddington SF.
1955 1st	Jul 12th	Old Parkbury.

### European Roller *Coracias garrulus*

Status: very rare vagrant.

#### All records

1968 3rd	Aug 26th	Osterley Park, from Aug 26th-27th.
1959 2nd	Sep 26th	Staines Res.
1959 1st	May 23rd	Oxshott, from May 23rd-29th.

### Hoopoe *Upupa epops*

Status: scarce passage migrant.

#### Summary data

Hoopoe records 2010-2014 **9 records, 9 birds**

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	5	1	1	2	0

Hoopoe records 2000-2009 **13 records, 13 birds**

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
No. of records	1	1	1	2	1	3	2	1	1	0

Hoopoe arrival dates 2000-2014 **22 records, 22 birds**

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	-	-	1	8	3	3	1	2	1	3	-	-

#### Recent LBR entries

##### 2013 LBR entry

Two records was an improvement on recent years with one in 2012 (see addition below) and in 2011, although 2010 had five records, which was the best since 1984. Both this year's records were in April and both were seen in flight, although one landed for about twenty minutes before continuing on its way. April is the most common month for this species to arrive (see table in *LBR* 2011); the table below shows records in the previous ten years. The additional record for 2012 is the first recent July record.

Hoopoe records 2003-2012 **16 records, 16 birds**

Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
No. of records	2	1	3	2	1	1	0	5	1	0

**Herts:** Tyttenhanger GP, one on Apr 15th (CBe *et al*).

**Middx:** Brent Res, one on Apr 21st (RB).

##### 2012 Addition

**Surrey:** Richmond Park, one on Jul 6th (MWa *et al*).

##### 2012 LBR entry

##### 2010 Addition

**Surrey:** Chertsey, one from Jun 8th-9th (SJs).



**Other recent records**

2011	Aug 14th	Farthing Downs, one from Aug 14th-20th.
2010	4 records	Apr 4th, Rainham Marshes. Apr 19th, KGV Res. May 25th, Kidbrooke. Oct 17th, Regent's Park.
2008	Apr 26th	Brentwood.
2007	May 9th	Rainham Marshes.
2006	2 records	Apr 2nd, May 12th.
2005	3 records	Jun 11th, Oct 6th, Oct 28th.
2004	Apr 27th	Rainham Marshes.
2003	2 records	Mar 25th, Jun 19th.
2002	Apr 22nd	Joyden's Wood.
2001	Sep 2nd	Osterley Park from Sep 2nd-6th.
2000	Aug 14th	KGV Res from Aug 14th-15th.
1998	1 records	
1996	3	
1994	1	
1993	2	
1990	3	
1989	1	
1988	1	
1987	3 (4 in LBR 1987, but one withdrawn in LBR 1988)	
1984	4	

**Wryneck *Jynx torquilla***

**Status:** scarce passage migrant.

**Summary data**

**Wryneck records 2010-2014**      **20 records, 20 birds**

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	4	6	1	5	4

**Wryneck records 2000-2009**      **36 records, 36 birds**

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
No. of records	3	1	2	5	3	4	5	0	10	3

**Wryneck arrival dates 2000-2014**      **56 records, 56 birds**

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	-	-	-	7	1	-	-	15	31	2	-	-

**Recent LBR entries****2014 LBR entry**

There were four records this year, one fewer than last year. All were autumn birds, which is the mostly likely time to see them. They arrived very close together, three in the seven days from August 31st to September 6th and the last eight days later. The table/chart below shows recent numbers.

**Wryneck records 2005-2014**      **42 records, 42 birds**

Year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	4	5	0	10	3	4	6	1	5	4

**Middx:** Alexandra Park, one from Aug 31st to Sep 2nd (HWJ *et al*). Parkside Farm/Res, one on Sep 6th (RMC). Wormwood Scrubs, one on Sep 2nd (RN).

**Bucks:** Q. Mother Res, one from Sep 14th-15th. (CDRH, MMcK, RHS).

**2013 LBR entry**

Five records this year, which is similar to the previous two years (*actually similar to 2010 and 2011 but not to 2012*), as well as an addition for 2011. All were in the autumn, which is the most likely time to see them in London (see *LBR 2012* for details), but four of them arrived in the seven day period from August 28th to September 3rd. The last, in October is much more unusual. The additional record for 2011 was another September arrival.

**Essex:** KGV Res, one on Aug 28th (MSd) although there were reports of two birds there. Wanstead Flats, one from Sep 3rd-9th (JP, RV *et al*).

**Middx:** Alexandra Park, one from Aug 30th-31st (AG, HWJ).

**Kent:** Cudham, one on Aug 29th (REI).

**In Lond:** Hyde Park, one on Oct 2nd in the Rose Garden (SSk)

#### 2011 Addition

**Surrey:** Walton Res, one on Sep 9th (SJS).

#### Other recent records

2012	1 record	Wanstead Flats, one from Aug 25th-30th.
2011	5 records	Hoddesdon, Apr 6th. Regent's Park, Apr 30th. Alexandra Park, one on Aug 18th, 20th-21st & 27th-28th. Raynes Park, one on Aug 29th. Barking Bay, one Sep 24th
2010	4 records	Sep 6th, Parkside Farm/Res. Sep 12th, Tyttenhanger Farm. Sep 16th-24th, Wanstead Flats. Sep 19th, Bedfont Lakes CP.
2009	3 records	Apr 25th, Apr 25th, Aug 25th.
2008	10 records	Aug 28th, Sep 7th, Sep 7th, Sep 8th, Sep 12th, Sep 12th, Sep 17th, Sep 18th, Sep 19th, Sep 26th.
2006	5 records	Apr 24th, Aug 28th, Aug 31st, Sep 26th, Oct 7th.
2005	4 records	Sep 12th, Sep 13th, Sep 19th, Sep 20th.
2004	3 records	Aug 25th, Aug 29th, Sep 9th.
2003	5 records	Apr 25th, Sep 1st, Sep 2nd, Sep 5th, Sep 7th.
2002	2 records	Aug 24th, Sep 24th.
2001	1 record	Sep 7th.
2000	3 records	Apr 9th, May 8th, Aug 31st.
1999		

### Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla*

**Status:** very rare migrant.

#### All records

1999	5th Apr 30th	Parkside Farm/Res.
1991	4th May 7th	Tyttenhanger GP, from May 7th-10th.
1985	3rd Apr 29th	Wraysbury Res from Apr 29th-May 1st.
1966	2nd Apr 24th	Beddington SF
1960	1st Mar 2nd	Staines Moor from Mar 2nd-28th

### Crested Lark *Galerida cristata*

**Status:** very rare vagrant.

1947	1st Mar 8th	Two on R Thames foreshore near Hammersmith Bridge.
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### Shore Lark *Eremophila alpestris*

**Status:** rare visitor.

#### Summary data

Shore Lark records 1957-2014 14 records, 14 birds

Year	1957	1961	1963	1971	1972	1979	1980	1983	1985	1996	1998	2011
No. of records	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1

Shore Lark arrival dates 1957-2014 14 records, 14 birds

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Number of records	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	3	3

#### Recent LBR entries

##### 2011 LBR entry

This is only the 14th record for London and the first for 13 years. A stay of eight days is unusual - most previous records were just for one day; but there has been one over-wintering (1971-2), one staying

for ten days (1985) and another recorded from time to time over a period of six weeks (1963). The date is typical; almost half of the previous records arrived in October or November.

Shore Lark records 1957-2010		13 records										
Year		1957	1961	1963	1971	1972	1979	1980	1983	1985	1996	1998
No. of records		1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1

Surrey: QE II Res, one from Oct 25th-Nov 1st (DMH).

#### All other records

1998 13th	Nov 7th	Rainham Marshes.
1996 12th	Nov 16th	Q Mary Res, adult male.
1996 11th	Oct 21st	Kensington Gardens.
1985 10th	Sep 29th	Barn Elms Res, Sep 29th-Oct 8th.
1983 9th	Nov 12th	Barn Elms Res.
1980 8th	Oct 25th	Q Mary Res.
1979 7th	Jan 1st	Barn Elms Res.
1972	Dec 3rd	Wraysbury Res.
1971	Dec 22nd	Wraysbury Res, from Dec 22nd to Apr 1st 1972.
1963	Dec 8th	Swanscombe Marshes.
1963	Jan 24th	Swanscombe Marshes, one Jan 24th, Feb 3rd & 24th, Mar 2nd-9th.
1961 2nd	Oct 28th	Walton Res.
1957 1st	Mar 24th	Hampstead Heath, one on ploughed land from Mar 24th-25th.
(Added in LBR 1958).		

### **Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica***

Status: rare vagrant.

#### Summary data

Red-rumped Swallow records 2000-2014		9 records / 9 birds						
Year		2000	2003	2007	2009	2011	2013	2014
No. of birds		1	2	1	1	1	2	1
No. of records		1	2	1	1	1	2	1

Red-rumped Swallow records 1964-1999		9 records / 9 birds								
Year		1964	1966	1973	1975	1982	1987	1992	1996	1999
No. of birds		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
No. of records		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Red-rumped Swallow arrival dates 1964-2014		18 records / 18 birds											
Month		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records		0	0	0	4	11	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
No. of birds		0	0	0	4	11	1	0	0	1	1	0	0

#### Recent LBR entries

##### **2014 LBR entry**

This is the 18th record for London, following two in 2013. Eleven of these have been in May and so this is a typical date. The table below shows recent records. This one turned up amongst a large group of hirundines which the observer was checking while waiting for a supermarket to open on a Sunday! It stayed for about three hours meaning several others could rush to see it.

Red-rumped Swallow records 2000-2014		9 records / 9 birds						
Year		2000	2003	2007	2009	2011	2013	2014
No. of birds		1	2	1	1	1	2	1
No. of records		1	2	1	1	1	2	1

Kent: Southmere Lake, one on May 11th (RHB *et al*).

**2013 LBR entry**

These are the 16th and 17th records for London after no records last year, but this is only the second time that there have been two records in one year. The previous occasion was in 2003 when birds were seen at Beddington Farmlands and at Staines Res on April 28th. It was also remarkable that both records were at the same site; there have only ever been two records at Beddington Farmlands before these. As the table below shows, over half the previous records were in May.

**Red-rumped Swallow arrival dates 1964-2013 17 records, 17 birds**

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	-	-	-	5	10	1	-	-	-	1	-	-

**Surrey:** Beddington Farmlands, one on May 12th (DAC); another or the same, May 24th-25th (JSi *et al*).

**All other records**

2011 15th	Sep 8th	Crayford Marshes.
2009 14th	May 9th	Stoke Newington Res.
2007 13th	May 11th	Stocker's Farm.
2003	Apr 28th	Beddington SF.
2003	Apr 28th	Staines Res (being watched at same time as above bird!)
2000	May 27th	Hilfield Park Res, from May 27th-29th.
1999	May 16th	Beddington SF.
1996	May 6th	Staines Res.
1992	May 23rd	Hainault Forest.
1987	Apr 15th	Amwell GP.
1982	May 18th	Hilfield Park Res.
1975	Jun 4th	Wanstead Park.
1973	May 17th	Staines Res.
1966	Oct 1st	Hilfield Park Res.
1964 1st	Apr 25th	Ruxley GP.

**Richard's Pipit *Anthus richardi***

**Status:** rare visitor.

**Summary data****Richard's Pipit records 1956-2014 26 records, 26 birds**

Decade commencing	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010
No. of records	3	0	3	5	7	6	2
No. of birds							

**Richard's Pipit arrival dates 1956-2014 26 records, 26 birds**

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	-	-	-	6	2	-	-	-	6	9	2	1

**Recent LBR entries****LBR 2012 entry**

There were two records this year which is unusual, and these are the first records since 2009. Both were in autumn/winter months, which are more likely to produce records than spring months as the table below shows. This is only the second November record and the latest ever.

**Richard's Pipit dates 1956-2010 24 records**

Month	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	6	2	0	0	0	6	8	1	1

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, one on Nov 17th (SHy).

**Bucks:** Colnbrook, one on Oct 7th (CDRH).

**All other records**

2009	Oct 28th	Wormwood Scrubs (added in LBR 2010)
2008 23rd	May 5th	Crossness.
2008 22nd	Apr 27th	Rainham Marshes, from Apr 27th-28th.
2007	Sep 23rd	Wormwood Scrubs. (Reported in LBR as 23rd.)
2004	Dec 11th	Staines Moor. (Reported in LBR as 22nd.)
2001 19th	Nov 10th	Lake Farm.
1998 18th	Oct 23rd	Chingford Plain, from Oct 23rd-Nov 1st.
1998 17th	Sep 29th	Wormwood Scrubs.
1996 16th	Oct 5th	Hampstead Heath.
1996 15th	Oct 4th	Barking, from Oct 4th-5th.
1995 14th	Apr 30th	Q Mother Res, from Apr 30th-May 2nd.
1994 13th	Sep 26th	Barn Elm Res.
1992 12th	May 12th	Fairlop.
1989 11th	Oct 2nd	Dagnam Park, from Oct 2nd-3rd.
1988 10th	Oct 13th	Wraysbury GP, from Oct 13th-20th.
1988 9th	Sep 29th	Dartford Marshes.
1987 8th	Sep 20th	Fairlop.
1986 7th	Sep 26th	Staines Res.
1973 6th	Oct 25th	Latton Common.
1972 5th	Apr 15th	Swanscombe SF, from Apr 15th-17th.
1970 4th	Oct 23rd	Beddington SF, 2 Oct 23rd & 24th; 1 Oct 25th & 26th.
1958 3rd	Apr 30th	KGVI Res.
1958 2nd	Apr 17th	Beddington SF, from Apr 17th-18th.
1956 1st	Apr 10th	Staines Res, on Apr 10th & 21st.

**Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris***

Status: rare vagrant.

**Summary data**

Tawny Pipit records 1954-2014	8 records, 8 birds						
Year	1954	1963	1969	1989	1990	1992	2012
No. of records	1	2	1	1	1	1	1

**LBR 2012 entry**

This is only the 8th record for London and the first for 22 (*Should be 20*) years. Found late in the evening, it was seen by a few other people before the light went. There was no sign of it the next day. It is also the first August record as previously there has been one record in May, five in September and one in October. The table below shows all the previous records.

Tawny Pipit records 1954-1992	7 records					
Year	1954	1963	1969	1989	1990	1992
No. of records	1	2	1	1	1	1

Essex: Barking Bay, juv on Aug 19th (PH *et al*).

**All other records**

1992 7th Sep 6th	Beddington SF, 2 1st-years.	
1990 6th	May 3rd	KGVI Res & Staines Res, from May 3rd-4th.
1989 5th	Sep 30th	Beddington SF, from Sep 30th-Oct 3rd.
1969 4th	Sep 29th	Hayes.
1963 3rd	Sep 22nd	Perry Oaks SF, 2nd bird!
1963 2nd	Sep 15th	Perry Oaks SF, from Sep 15th-18th.
1954 1st	Oct 17th	Perry Oaks SF.

**Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni***

**Status:** very rare vagrant.

1992 1st            Oct 23rd            Chingford, from Oct 23rd-26th.

### Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus*

**Status:** rare vagrant.

#### Summary data

Red-throated Pipit records 1964-2014 11 records / 11 birds

Year	1964	1980	1982	1988	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1998	2000
No. of birds	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
No. of records	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Red-throated Pipit arrival dates 1964-2014 11 records / 11 birds

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	2	4	1	-
No. of birds	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	2	4	1	-

#### All records

2000 11th	Oct 15th	Beddington SF.
1998 10th	Oct 3rd	Beddington SF, flew over.
1996 9th	Oct 6th	Beddington SF, on Oct 6th, 8th, 10th, 11th & 13th.
1995 8th	Nov 2nd	Beddington SF.
1994 7th	Oct 14th	Barn Elms Res.
1993 6th	Sep 19th	Rainham Marshes
1992 5th	Sep 28th	Barn Elms Res.
1988 4th	May 13th	Barn Elms Res.
1982 3rd	May 1st	Rainham Marshes.
1980 2nd	May 3rd	Sevenoaks WR.
1964 1st	Apr 17th	Staines Res, from Apr 17th-18th.

### Buff-bellied Pipit *Anthus rubescens*

**Status:** rare vagrant

#### Recent LBR entries

##### 2013 LBR entry

The two birds from 2012 remained at Q. Mother Res for most of January (see 2012 report for full details). They were also seen at the entrance to a nearby quarry on some dates.

**Bucks:** Horton, two at the entrance to Kingsmead Quarry on Jan 12th, 13th & 16th, with one present to 19th. Q. Mother Res, two intermittently to Jan 22nd with one (the original individual) remaining until 26th (MMcK *et al*).

##### 2012 LBR entry

This was the first record of this species in the London area, resulting in a “major twitch” thanks to the good offices of the Berkshire Ornithological Club who arranged temporary permits for visitors when manpower was available. One bird was found at Q. Mother Res on December 12th and seen daily until 25th. Very remarkably, it was joined by a second bird the next day. (See page xx for further details.)

**Bucks:** Q. Mother Res, one from Dec 12th-25th, with two on 26th; both birds reappeared in 2013 (MJM *et al*).

### Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*

**Status:** common passage migrant and decreasing, now scarce, breeder.

**Sub-species:** Blue-headed Wagtail *M. f. flava*

**Status:** passage migrant, more commonly seen in spring than in autumn.

### Recent LBR entries

#### 2014 LBR entry

There were two records, involving four birds, all in a typical time-frame in spring. Most London records are of single birds, so three together was notable.

Bucks: Q. Mother Res, one on May 17th.  
Surrey: London Wetland Centre, three on Apr 22nd.

#### 2013 LBR entry

There were four records involving eight birds in spring. The dates and locations were typical.

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, one on Apr 27th  
**Surrey:** Beddington Farmlands, three on May 8th. London Wetland Centre, three on Apr 19th and one on May 2nd.

### Other records

2012 5 records Great Amwell, one on Apr 26th. Beddington Farmlands, one on May 5th.  
Rainham Marshes, one on May 6th. London Wetland Centre, singles on May 6th & 12th.  
2011 4 records Amwell NR, Apr 11th. Staines Moor, Apr 17th. London Wetland Centre, Apr 18th. Fairlop Waters, Apr 29th.  
2010 5 records London Wetland Centre, one on May 2nd, two on May 3rd, one on May 5th and 6th. Walthamstow Res, four on May 9th.

### **Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola***

**Status:** very rare vagrant.

1994 2nd	Aug 22nd	KGV Res, 1st-winter..
1993 1st	Aug 24th	Beddington SF, juv from Aug 24th-28th.

### **Pied Wagtail *Motacilla alba***

**Status:** common breeding resident and winter visitor.

#### **Sub-species: White Wagtail *M. a. alba***

**Status:** passage migrant, more commonly seen in spring than in autumn.

### Recent LBR entries

#### 2014 LBR entry

There were only 53 records this year, much lower than the last two years. Spring passage was from March 9th to May 13th involving 45 birds, but almost half the birds were at Q. Mother Res. A female bred at this site, details below. Autumn passage was better than last year, with eight birds seen from September 4th to October 19th. Counts of three or more and passage dates at key sites are listed below.

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, recorded on four dates between Mar 9th and Apr 18th.  
**Bucks:** Q. Mother Res, recorded on Mar 13th & 26th then almost daily from early Apr to mid-May, with 20 on Apr 10th & 13th. One female bred with a male Pied Wagtail and produced four young, which were still present in early Sep.  
**Surrey:** London Wetland Centre, recorded on Apr 12th, May 8th & 9th and Oct 1st.

#### 2013 LBR entry

There were c120 records this year, the highest total since 2006. As usual, some of these records are of the same birds seen on consecutive or near-consecutive dates. Spring passage was from March 10th

to May 28th, which are typical dates. Autumn passage was particularly poor, involving just three or four birds at two sites from September 26th to 28th. There were no Inner London records. Counts of three or more and passage dates at key sites are listed below.

**Essex:** KGV Res, recorded on six dates between Mar 21st and Apr 14th. Rainham Marshes, recorded on six dates between Mar 27th and Apr 28th.

**Middx:** Staines Res, recorded on eight dates between Mar 15th and May 4th. Wraysbury Res, four on Apr 18th.

**Bucks:** Q. Mother Res, three on Apr 27th & 28th. Recorded on 15 dates between Mar 27th and May 28th.

### 2012 LBR entry

There were c100 records this year, which is the highest count since 2006. As usual, some of these records are of the same birds seen on consecutive or near consecutive days. Spring passage was from Mar 2nd to May 28th, although there were also two June and one July records. Autumn passage was from Aug 26th to Oct 11th. Only 11 of the records were in the autumn. Counts of three or more were at Staines Res, three to eight on all but two days between Apr 9th & 20th; Walton Res, three on Apr 10th & 11th; Q. Mother Res, three on Apr 12th; KGV Res, six on Apr 19th and three on 27th; Regent's Park, four on Sep 23rd and three on Oct 11th.

### Other records

#### 2011

Only 54 records this year, compared with 82 last year. As then, some of the records are of the same bird seen on consecutive or near consecutive days. Spring passage was from March 7th to May 19th and autumn passage from September 1st to November 10th. The only counts of more than three were at Q. Mother Res, with ten on April 6th and five on 14th, then five on September 18th.

**2010** 82 sightings between March and May. Many of these sightings were of the same birds on consecutive or near consecutive days. The first was on Mar 12th, then regular passage from Mar 21st to May 18th. The only counts of more than four were Staines Res, seven on Apr 5th, ten on 6th, and nine on 7th; Q. Mother Res, seven on Apr 7th; KGV Res, seven to eight from Apr 9-11th.

## Dipper *Cincluscinclus*

**Status:** rare vagrant.

### Recent records

Possible counting errors.

1996	14th	Perhaps 15th?	Jan 1st	Lemsford Springs/Stanborough Lakes, on R Lea. Bird below on Jan 1st & 21st and "several dates between these".
1995	14th	Sep 29th		Lemsford Springs/Stanborough Lakes, on R Lea. Trapped, then seen intermittently until Nov 11th. Possibly Central European race <i>C c aquaticus</i> .
1994	13th	Mar 9th		Cassiobury Park. (Added in LBR 1995.)
1988	12th		Jan 1st	Sopwell. Present from 1987, last seen Feb 25th.
1987	12th	Dec 27th		Sopwell, stayed to 1988.
1982	11th	Jan 11th		Sevenoaks. From Jan 11th-20th, then Feb 17th.
1981	10th	Mar 8th		Lemsford Springs/Stanborough. 2nd bird seen.
1981		Jan 25th		Lemsford Springs/Stanborough, to Mar 28th.
1976	8th	Jan 1st		Walthamstow Res. (British race.)
1975		Jan 19th		Lemsford Springs/Stanborough. (Added in LBR 1981.)
1969		Jan 11th		Foots Cray Meadows. Ringed on Feb 15th, last seen Mar 10th.
1965		Apr 13th		Godstone. Trapped and ringed, British race.

(all below in 'Birds of the London Area since 1900'.)

1926	May 3rd	Leatherhead.
"a few years prior to 1926"		Kelsey Park.
1916	Apr 5th	Hatfield.
1915	Mar 28th	Leatherhead.

## Alpine Accentor *Prunella collaris*

**Status:** very rare vagrant.

Only recorded before 1900



**Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica***

Status: rare passage migrant.

**Summary data 20 records, 20 birds**

Bluethroat records 1977-2014		10 records of 10 birds									
Year		1982	1983	1994	1996	1997	1999	2004	2006	2010	
No. of records		1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	

Bluethroat records 1936-1977		10 records, 10 birds									
Year		1936	1942	1955	1960	1963	1965	1967	1970	1976	1977
No. of records		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Bluethroat arrival dates 1936-2014		20 records, 20 birds											
Month		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records		-	-	1	6	1	1	-	2	7	2	-	-

**Recent LBR entries****2010 LBR entry**

This is the 19th record for the London Area (*actually the 20th; same bird in 1997 and 1999 counts as two records.*) and the first since 2006 which was at Staines Moor. It is the second record for Rainham Marshes, the first was a white-spotted male on Apr 26th 1994. The date is an unusual one; April and September are the most likely months (six records each) and this is only the second October record.

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, male bird on Oct 16th (LH).

**All records**

2010 20th	Oct 16th	Rainham Marshes, male.
2006 19th	Apr 22nd	Staines Moor, 1st-summer male. (Photo LBR 2006.)
2004	Apr 30th	Wetland Centre, female or 1st-summer male.
2004	Apr 29th	Wetland Centre, male from Apr 29th-May 1st.
1999 16th	June 13th	Beddington SF. Same as 1997 bird! (Both trapped and ringed.)
1997 15th	Aug 3rd	Beddington SF. (Photo LBR 1997.)
1996 14th	Apr 3rd	Cornmill Meadows, from Apr 3rd-5th; male, white-spotted variety.
1994 13th	Apr 26th	Rainham Marshes, singing male, white-spotted variety.
1983 12th	Apr 4th	Rye Meads SF, male of white spotted race.
1982 11th	May 20th	Tadworth, male of red spotted race.
1977 10th	Sep 12th	Perry Oaks SF, male of red spotted race. Recorded on 12th but seen 2 days before by unknown observer.
1976 9th	Oct 10th	Beddington SF, trapped and ringed, a 1st-year female.
1970	Aug 30th	Berwick Ponds. "Almost certainly" of white-spotted race.
1967	Sep 23rd	Romford SF, from Sep 23rd-24th.
1965	Sep 4th	South Ockendon, 1st-winter male trapped and ringed.
1963 5th	Sep 22nd	Beddington SF, 1st-winter female.
1960	Sep 22nd	Northfleet, adult male of red-spotted race. (Added in LBR 1961.)
1955	Sep 3rd.	Dagenham GP
1942	Mar 4th	Aldenham Res, male of red spotted race.
1936	Sep 19th	Walthamstow Res, imm from Sep 19th-20th.

**Black-eared Wheatear *Oenanthe hispanica***

Status: very rare vagrant.

A 1951 record of this species was removed after BBRC review. See LBR2001, P188.

**Desert Wheatear *Oenanthe deserti***

Status: very rare vagrant.

1989 1st            Apr 13th            Barn Elms Res, from Apr 13th-14th.

**Grey-cheeked Thrush *Catharus minimus***

Status: very rare vagrant.

2005 1st          Nov 13th          Northaw Great Wood, from Nov 13th-25th. (Photo LBR 2005.)

**Hermit Thrush *Catharus guttatus***

The following record appeared in LBR 1994 but was withdrawn in LBR 2006.

1994    Oct 28th-29th    Chipping Ongar

**Naumann's Thrush *Turdus naumanni***

Status: very rare vagrant.

1997 2nd          Jan 6th                  South Woodford, 1st-winter from Jan 6th-11th.  
1990 1st          Jan 19th                Chingford, from Jan 19th-Mar 3rd. (Photo LBR 1990.)**American Robin *Turdus migratorius***

Status: very rare vagrant.

2006 1st          Jan 1st?                Peckham, from Jan to Mar 28th. (Photo LBR 2006.)

**Savi's Warbler *Locustella luscinioides***

Status: very rare summer visitor.

**All records**2009    4th      Apr 30th          Seventy Acres Lake from Apr 30th-Jun 1st.  
1989    3rd      May 2nd          Rye Meads from May 2nd-5th.  
1981    2nd      May 20th        Cheshunt GPs from May 20th-21st.  
1979    1st      Apr 22nd        Stanstead Abbots GP from Apr 22nd-27th.**Aquatic Warbler *Acrocephalus paludicola***

Status: rare autumn passage migrant.

**All records**2008    13th     Sep 3rd          Rainham Marshes from Sep 3rd-8th.  
1981    12th     Aug 12th        Rainham Marshes.  
1977                Sep 23rd        Surrey Docks (IL) from Sep 23rd-24th.  
1966                Aug 20th        Q Mary Res from Aug 20th-21st.  
1965                Aug 30th        Perry Oaks SF.  
1965                Aug 17th        Beddington SF.  
1964                Aug 21st        Sevenoaks WR.  
1960                Aug 14th        Hilfield Park Res from Aug 14th-15th.  
1959                Sep 20th        Beddington SF.  
1955                Aug 28th        Brent Res.  
1955                Jul 29th        Perry Oaks SF.  
1951                Aug 25th        Perry Oaks Sf from Aug 25th-26th.  
1924    1st      Aug 14th        Staines Res.**Paddyfield Warbler *Acrocephalus agricola***

Status: rare vagrant.

1999    1st      Oct 26th        Seventy Acres Lake, from Oct 26th-28thj.

**Blyth's Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus dumetorum***

Status: rare vagrant.

**2014 LBR entry**

One of the outstanding finds of the year, being only London's third record. The previous records were at Canary Wharf in October 2001 and at Fishers Green in June 2003. 2014 proved to be a record year in Britain for the species with 19 recorded in the spring alone, but nonetheless it is still a very rare bird inland. Found in the morning, singing from dense scrub, it remained into the evening allowing many to add this species to their London list. Further details of this bird are in the Papers section on P 200.

**Essex:** Wanstead Flats, one on May 29th (NC *et al*).

2003	2nd	Jun 16th	Singing male at Fishers Green.
2001	1st	Oct 6th	Canary Wharf from Oct 6th-28th.

**Marsh Warbler *Acrocephalus palustris***

**Status:** rare summer visitor and passage migrant.

**Summary data**

<b>Marsh Warbler records 2010-2014</b>	<b>5 records</b>
Year	2010 2011 2012 2013 2014
No. of records	0 0 1 2 2

<b>Marsh Warbler records 2000-2009</b>	<b>9 records</b>
Year	2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009
No. of records	1 3* 2 0 0 0 0 2 1 0
*breeding confirmed	

<b>Marsh Warbler records 1990-1999</b>	<b>18 records</b>
Year	1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999
No. of records	2 0 0 3 3 4 1 3 1 1

**Recent LBR entries****2014 LBR entry**

This year again saw two singing males at Rainham Marshes, but breeding was confirmed this year. The first was on May 19th with two singing in June, one definitely paired and the other thought likely to be so, the last sighting reported was on July 11th. This is the first confirmed breeding since 2001, although breeding was suspected in 2002. All records are shown (no. of territories in brackets).

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes (2) (mo).

**2013 LBR entry**

This year two singing males were reported at Rainham Marshes during June, following one last year. Perhaps this is a sign of things to come. Breeding was last confirmed in London in 2001 (two sites), though it may also have occurred in 2002. Over the past ten years this bird has become scarcer in London (six records, compared to 19 in the previous decade).

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, two singing males between Jun 8th-21st (HV, AT, DSm, NC, RHB, JKA *et al*).

**Recent records**

2012	Jun 1st	Rainham Marshes, one from Jun 1st-8th.
2008	Sep 14th	Rainham Marshes.
2007	Jun 2nd	Rainham Marshes, one from Jun 2nd-4th.
2007	May 15th	East India Dock.
2002	Jun 24th	Walthamstow Marsh, one singing from Jun 24th-25th.
2002	May 19th	Site A., Essex, one singing from May 19th-Jun 6th, and "breeding behaviour observed".
2001	May 26th	Rainham Marshes, one from May 26th-Jun 12th.
2001		Wetland Centre, pair bred raising at least one young.
2001		Site A, Essex. Pair bred, last seen Jul 2nd.

2000	Jun10th	Beddington SF, one singing from Jun 10th-16th.
1999	Jun 13th	South Norwood Lake, singing for 30 mins.
1998	May 14th	Essex (same site as 1997 possible breeding record) singing from May 14th-17th.
1997	Jul 25th	Essex Filter Beds. Singing Jul 25th-26th & Aug 23rd, "may have been present for some time".
1997	Jun 3rd	Barking Bay/Marsh. One or two birds from Jun 3rd-13th.
1997	May 28th	Essex .Pair from May 28th into June, "may have bred". (Same site as 1996?)
1996		Essex, pair bred raising three young.
1995	Four records.	One singing May 31st-Jul 30th with second present from Jun 21st-30th.; one singing Jun 8th-10th; one singing Jun 24th & Jul 1st.
1994	Three singing males.	May 22nd-Jun 19th; May 30th-Jun 5th; and Jun 4th.
1993	Three singing males.	Jun 13th; Jun 9th-25th; and May 22nd-Jun 19th.
1990	Two singing males.	Jun 21st-28th; and May 20th.
1980	One singing male	in July in Surrey.

### Icterine Warbler *Hippolais icterina*

Status: very rare vagrant.

1983	2nd record	Jun 10th	Cheam.
1965	1st	Aug 9th	Staines Res.

### Melodious Warbler *Hippolais polyglotta*

Status: rare vagrant.

#### Summary data

Melodious Warbler records 1961-2014	9 records, 9 birds
Year	1961 1964 1973 1981 1983 1987 1990 2000 2012
No. of records	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

#### LBR 2012 entry

This was a chance find on a busy road during the rush hour: the keen eared finder was alerted to the bird by its song. It lingered for three days and was well watched being only the 9th record for the London area and the first since 2000. Four of the records are from the Essex sector. Records are fairly evenly divided between spring (five between Apr 30th & Jun 11th) and early autumn (four between Aug 10th & Sep 20th). All previous records are shown in the table below.

Melodious Warbler records 1961-2000	8 records
Year	1961 1964 1973 1981 1983 1987 1990 2000
No. of records	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

**Essex:** Leyton, one from May 16th-18th. In a small scrubby area backing onto the beach volleyball area on Oliver Road E10. (SF *et al*)

#### All other records

2000	8th	Aug 23rd	Regent's Park.
1990	7th	May 5th.	Barn Elms Res.
1987		Apr 30th	Croham Hurst GC, from Apr 30th-May 2nd.
1983		Jun 11th	Ruxley GP.
1981		May 26th	West Thurrock.
1973		Sep 20th	Romford.
1964		Aug 10th	Navestock.
1961	1st	Aug 12th	Rye Meads SF/Nazeing GP from Aug 12th-13th.

### Barred Warbler *Sylvia nisoria*

Status: rare visitor.

#### Summary data

Barred Warbler all records 1972-2014	10 records, 10 birds
Year	1972 1975 1985 1986 1996 1998 2003 2006 2011

No. of records	1	1		1	1		1	1		1	2		1
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Barred Warbler arrival dates 1972-2014 10 records, 10 birds

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	5	1	-	-

### Recent LBR entries

#### 2011 LBR entry

This is only the tenth record for London and the first since 2006. Remarkably, the last record was at the same site almost exactly five years ago on September 25th. As the table/chart below shows, August and September are the most likely times for one to turn up.

Barred Warbler dates 1972-2011

Month	Aug	Sep	Oct
No. of records	4	5	1

**Middx:** East India Dock Basin, a 1st-winter on Sep 26th (JKA).

#### All other records

2006		Sep 25th	East India Dock Basin from Sep 25th-26th.
2006		Sep 9th	Sewardstone Marsh. (Added in <i>LBR</i> 2008.)
2003	7th	Oct 1st	Sewardstone Marsh.
1998	6th	Aug 29th	Tottenham Marshes. (Added in <i>LBR</i> 2000.)
1996	5th	Sep 11th	Barking Marsh from Sep 11th-13th.
1986	4th	Aug 31st	Buckhurst Hill.
1985	3rd	Sep 21st	Richmond Park.
1975	2nd	Aug 16th	Rye Meads.
1972	1st	Aug 19th	Rye Meads SF.

### **Subalpine Warbler *Sylvia cantillans***

Status: very rare vagrant.

#### All records

2003	4th	Apr 21st	Lonsdale Road Res, singing 1st-summer male.
1996	3rd	Aug 15th	Hampton, a male.
1994	2nd	May 15th	Walthamstow Marsh, singing male.
1976	1st	May 9th	Darrick Wood, Orpington.

### **Sardinian Warbler *Sylvia melanocephala***

Status: very rare vagrant.

1992	1st	Jun 2nd	Hogsmill SF, female trapped and ringed.	(Photo <i>LBR</i> 1992.)
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### **Eastern Crowned Warbler *Phylloscopus coronatus***

Status: very rare vagrant.

#### Recent LBR entries

#### 2011 LBR entry

This bird was trapped, ringed and released as a Yellow-browed Warbler, but then its true identity was realised, making it the first record for London. It was only the second record for Britain of a bird that normally winters in South East Asia, the first being in County Durham on October 22nd in 2009. (Details on page 193)

**Herts:** Hilfield Park Res, one trapped and ringed on October 30th (JF *et al*).

### **Pallas's Warbler *Phylloscopus proregulus***

Status: very rare vagrant.

1985 1st Oct 29th Wandsworth Common.

### Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus*

Status: scarce passage migrant.

#### Summary data

##### Yellow-browed Warbler records 2010-2014 8 records, 8 birds

Year	2010	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	2	1	2	3
No. of birds	2	1	2	3

##### Yellow-browed Warbler records 2000-2009 8 records, 9 birds

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
No. of records	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	3
No. of birds	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	3

##### Yellow-browed Warbler records 1990-1999 8 records, 8 birds

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
No. of records	2	2	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0
No. of birds	2	2	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0

##### Yellow-browed Warbler records 1930-1989 5 records, 5 birds

Year	1930	1960	1978	1988
No. of records	1	1	1	2
No. of birds	1	1	1	2

##### Yellow-browed Warbler arrival dates 1930-2014 29 records, 30 birds

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	16	4	-
No. of birds		1							8	17	4	

##### Yellow-browed Warbler all records by decade up to 2014 29 records, 30 birds

Decade	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010
No. of records	1	0	0	1	1	2	8	8	8
No. of birds	1	0	0	1	1	2	8	9	8

#### Recent LBR entries

##### 2014 LBR entry

There were perhaps three records this year, including the first records for Inner London. The only other years with three records have been 2009 and 1994. Given the huge increase in national records (in five of the years between 2000 and 2012 there were influxes of over 1,000), this is a bird that should be looked for in all suitable habitats in London during the autumn. All records are given below.

Herts: Amwell NR, up to two from Oct 19th-29th (BR, Mil *et al*).

In Lond: Regent's Park, one on Sep 21st, with presumably another from Oct 17th-27th (GHn, DJ *et al*).

##### 2013 LBR entry

There were two records this year, after one record last year and none in 2011. The past decade has seen 11 birds recorded in the London area with only three blank years. The October date is typical with nine of the previous 18 (*should have been 19*) records being in October, but the November record is less usual. The October bird was calling from a Lime tree; familiarity with the distinctive call could lead to even more being found in the future.

##### Yellow-browed Warbler dates 1990-2012 18 records, 19 birds (Actually 19 records, 20 birds)

Month	Feb	Sep	Oct	Nov
No. of records	1	6	9	2 ( <i>should have been 3</i> )
No. of birds	1	6	10	2 ( <i>should have been 3</i> )

Middx: Lavender Gardens, Enfield, one on Oct 3rd (RMC).

Surrey: Holmethorpe SP, one on Nov 6th (GH).

#### All other records

2012	1 record	Q. Mary Res, one on Oct 13th.	
2010	2 records	Three Mills, one on Sep 27th. Alexandra Park, one on Nov 1st.	
2009	3 records	Sep 20th-25th, London Wetland Centre, which may have been present for two weeks. Nov 7th, Wraysbury GP (added in LBR 2010). Nov 8th, Ridlands.	
2008	Oct 8th	Rainham, two on Oct 8th & one on 10th.	
2007	Oct 13th	Wetland Centre from Oct 13th-Nov 29th.	
2005	Oct 8th	Alexandra Park.	
2003	Oct 31st	Brent Res from Oct 31st-Nov 2nd.	
2001	Oct 28th	Waterworks NR.	
1996	Sep 21st	Hainault Forest.	
1994	3 records	Brent Res from Sep 18th-20th. Oct 9th, Dagnam Park. Oct 11th, Kenton.	
1991	2 records	Stoneleigh from Feb 17th-Mar 2nd. Buckhurst Hill GP from Sep 19th-23rd.	
1990	2 records	Sep 14th, Ladywell Fields. Buckhurst Hill from Oct 27th-28th.	
1988	2 records	Oct 24th, Staines at Sydney Road. (Added in LBR 2007.) Oct 25th, Wimbledon Common.	
1978	3rd	Oct 8th	Sevenoaks WR.
1960	2nd	Sep 28th	Reigate.
1930	1st	Oct 10th	Sutton.

#### **Hume's Warbler *Phylloscopus humei***

Status: very rare vagrant.

2004	2nd	May 1st	Brent Res, singing male.
2004	1st	Jan 11th	Fairlop Waters from Jan 11th-Apr 25th, singing male.

#### **Radde's Warbler *Phylloscopus schwarzi***

Status: very rare vagrant.

2000	1st	Oct 1st	Fairlop Lake/Plain.
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#### **Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus***

Status: very rare vagrant

#### Recent LBR entries

##### 2010 LBR entry

This is the first record for London of this bird that breeds in East Asia and migrates to South-east Asia for the winter. It was found just east of Walthamstow Res on Sunday Feb 14th but then couldn't be found later that day. To the delight of London's birders, it was re-located inside the Reservoir on the next day and stayed for another weekend. Occasionally it hopped across the fence to feed on the adjacent Tottenham Marshes.

Essex: Walthamstow Res, from Feb 14th-21st (LB *et al*).

Middx: Tottenham Marshes, on Feb 19th and 21st.

#### **Common Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita***

Status: common and widespread breeding summer visitor and passage migrant, and increasingly widespread in winter.

##### **Sub-species: Siberian Chiffchaff *P. c. tristis***

Status: rare winter visitor and passage migrant.

#### Summary data

Siberian Chiffchaff records 2010-2014	8 records, 8 birds
Year	2010 2011 2012 2013 2014

No. of records 0 0 0 2 6\*

\*also one from 2013

**Siberian Chiffchaff records 2000-2009 12 records, 12 birds**

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
No. of records	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	3

**Siberian Chiffchaff records 1990-1999 36 records, 36 birds**

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
No. of records	7	8	1	5	5	2	3	3	0	2

**Siberian Chiffchaff arrival dates 1990-2014 56 records, 56 birds**

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	16	1	3	4	1	18	13

**Recent LBR entries**

**2014 LBR entry**

The Stocker's Lake bird from 2013 was still there at the start of the year and, from January 13th to 26th, two were present along the Colne Valley. In March there was one at London Wetland Centre. At the end of the year there were singles at four sites. This would be six new birds this year, the highest total since 1991 when there were eight. All records are given below.

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, one on Dec 14th (MJ), 28th (JR, KD) & 31st (RSPB).

**Herts/Middx:** Broadwater Lake, Stocker's Lake and Troy Mill Lake, one or two from Jan 2nd-26th, then one on Dec 24th, 27th & 29th (mo).

**Bucks:** Horton GP, one on Dec 7th (CDRH).

**Kent:** Foots Cray Meadows, one from Dec 19th-31st (IS, SJG).

**Surrey:** London Wetland Centre, one from Mar 24th-Apr 1st (BW, RK, ASa, AI, JPPW).

**2013 LBR entry**

Two records this year, both in Herts, and the first since 2009. A report in *LBR* for 1984 may be the first record. There have been 48 records from 1990-2012 but 36 of these were from 1990-1999. It would be interesting to know whether this slump was real or a reflection of its previous ambiguous status. January and December records are typical, although 18 of the previous 48 birds arrived in November (see table below). A review of their current status in 2010 (*British Birds* 103: 320-338) gave the main month of arrival as November, so London records fit this pattern.

**Siberian Chiffchaff arrival dates 1990-2012 48 records, 48 birds**

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	14	1	2	4	1	18	8

**Herts:** Rye Meads, one from Jan 3rd-5th (TS). Stocker's Lake, one from Dec 6th-7th & intermittently from 22nd-28th (RH*a et al.*).

**Recent records**

2009	Dec 16th	Wraysbury GP, Dec 16th & 20th.
2009	Jan 14th	Rainham Marshes, from Jan 14th-30th.
2009	Jan 1st	Stoke Newington Res, from Jan 1st-6th.
2008	Dec 31st	Stoke Newington Res, from Dec 31st into 2009.
2008	Dec 16th	Horton GP, one "apparent...call not heard".
2007	Nov 8th	Alexandra Park. One calling and singing from Nov 8th-10th.
2007	Jan 5th	Arthur Jacob NR. Two calling from Jan 5th-8th and 1 on 16th.

Before those years one in 2002 (Nov); 3 in 2001 (Jan, Apr, Nov); 1 in 2000, Nov; 1999, 2 in Nov; 1997, 3 records, 2 Apr, 1 Nov; 1996, 3 records 1 Mar 2 Nov; 1995 2 records, Mar and Nov; 1994, 5 records, 2 Jan, 2 Nov, 1 Dec; 1993, 5 records 1 Jan, 1 Apr, 2 Nov 1 Dec; 1992, one record Jan; 1991, 8 records, 2 Jan, 1 Feb, 2 Nov, 3 Dec; 1990, 7 records 4 Jan, 1 Oct, 2 Nov. (All just month of arrival, several stayed).

**Iberian Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus ibericus***



Status: very rare vagrant.

1972 1st Jun 3rd Brent Res, singing. (Added in *LBR* 1999.)

### Red-breasted Flycatcher *Ficedula parva*

Status: rare vagrant.

#### All records

1998	10th	Nov 5th	Beaulieu Heights Wood (Surrey) a 1st-winter, from Nov 5th-7th.
1989		Nov 5th	Kew Gardens.
1974		Jul 18th	Westerham.
1973		Aug 30th	Upminster.
1968		Sep 4th	Wanstead Park.
1958		Aug 18th	Banstead.
1955		Aug 31st	Beddington SF from Aug 31st-Sep 6th.
1955		Aug 13th	Chiswick.
1954		Sep 12th	Crayford.
1939	1st	Aug 8th	Ladbroke Square (IL). (Added in <i>LBR</i> 1998.)

### Crested Tit *Lophophanes cristatus*

Status: very rare vagrant.

1945 1st Apr 10th Godstone.

### Willow Tit *Poecile palustris*

Status: very scarce and possibly now a former breeding resident.

#### Last records

2003	Sep 16th	Moorhouse.
2003	June	Singing bird at Bookham Common "in Jun" and on Apr 22nd.
2002	Apr 17th	Rye Meads RSPB.
2002	Apr 14th	Singing male Headley Heath.
2001	8 records.	
2000	7 records.	
1999	8 records; 1 bred, 2n pair attempted breeding.	
1998	7 records.	
1997	6 records.	
1996	16 records.	
1995	Reported from only 12 sites.	
1994	Reported from 17 sites.	
1993	Recorded at 14 sites during the breeding season, 9 pairs bred. ( <i>LBR</i> 1993 has bar chart showing number of breeding sites from 1970 onwards.)	
1992	11 pairs bred.	
1991	16 pairs bred.	
1990	24 breeding pairs.	
1988	31 pairs breeding.	

### Short-toed Treecreeper *Certhia brachydactyla*

Status: very rare vagrant.

1975 1st May 26th Epping Forest.

### Penduline Tit *Remiz pendulinus*

Status: rare vagrant.

#### Recent LBR entries

2013 LBR entry

There were no records this year. Additional records below for 2006/7 and 2011 have been included after being accepted by the BBRC.

#### 2006/7 Alteration

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, three from Dec 22nd 2006 to Mar 27th 2007, rather than two as previously published (SCw *et al*).

#### 2011 Addition

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, two adults from Feb 7th-17th (HV *et al*).

#### 2010 LBR entry

Until 2005, there had only been four Penduline Tit records in London. Since then they have been recorded annually, almost exclusively at Rainham Marshes. This year sees the seventh consecutive year for Rainham Marshes to host this rare continental winter visitor. The single bird seen in winter 2009/10 arrived much later than usual and at the end of the year there were just two birds seen for three days.

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, one intermittently Jan 30th to Mar 14th (HV *et al*), then two Oct 21st-23rd (MD *et al*).

#### All records

2011	Feb 7th	Rainham Marshes, two adults from Feb 7th-17th. ( <i>As corrected in LBR 2013.</i> )
2010	2 records two Oct 21st-23rd.	Rainham Marshes, one intermittently Jan 30th to Mar 14th, then
2009	Jan 1st Reported again on Mar 29th.	Rainham Marshes, two remained from 2008 until Feb 11th.
2008	Dec 6th & 31st.	Rainham Marshes, 2 on Dec 6th, 10th, 12th, 14th, 19th, 20th, 30th
2007	Jan 29th	Swanscombe Marshes, adult from Jan 29th-30th.
2007	Jan 1st <i>corrected in LBR 2013.</i> )	Rainham Marshes, three remained from 2006 to Mar 27th. ( <i>As</i>
2006	Dec 22nd <i>corrected in LBR 2013.</i> )	Rainham Marshes, three from Dec 22nd 2006 into 2007. ( <i>As</i>
2006	Jan 1st	Rainham Marshes, up to 6 from Jan 1st-Mar 20th.
2005	Dec 18th	Rainham Marshes, 3 on Dec 18th-31st (6 on Dec 19th).
2005	Oct 9th	Rainham Marshes, one.
2004	Dec 29th	Rainham Marshes, three.
1997	3rd	Brent Res, three.
1996	2nd	Brent Res, imm from Nov 16th-17th & on 22nd.
1982	1st	“June” South Ockendon.

### Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus*

**Status:** rare passage migrant, most often in May.

#### Summary data

Golden Oriole records 2010-2014                      3 records, 3 birds

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	2	0	0	1	0

Golden Oriole records 2000-2009                      11 records, 11 birds

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
No. of records	2	0	1	2	1	2	2	0	1	0

Golden Oriole records 1990-1999                      20 records, 20 birds

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
No. of records	1	0	4	4	3	4	1	0	2	1

Golden Oriole arrival dates by week 1990-2014                      34 records, 34 birds

Week commencing	Apr	May	May	May	May	Jun	Jun	Jun	Jun	Jul	Sep
	30	7	14	21	28	3	10	17	24	1	23
No. of records	5	6	8	9	2	1	0	0	1	1	1

Golden Oriole arrival dates 1990-2014		34 records, 34 birds											
Month		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records		-	-	-	1	29	2	1	-	1	-	-	-

### Recent LBR entries

#### 2013 LBR entry

One record this year, the first since 2010. It arrived in July which is an unusual time. Of the previous 33 records, none were in July (see table below).

#### Golden Oriole arrival dates 1990-2012 33 records, 33 birds

Month	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
No. of records	1	29	2	-	-	1

**Bucks:** Wraysbury GP, a fem or 1st-summer male flew SE towards Staines Moor at 13:08 on Jul 2nd (CDRH).

#### 2010 LBR entry

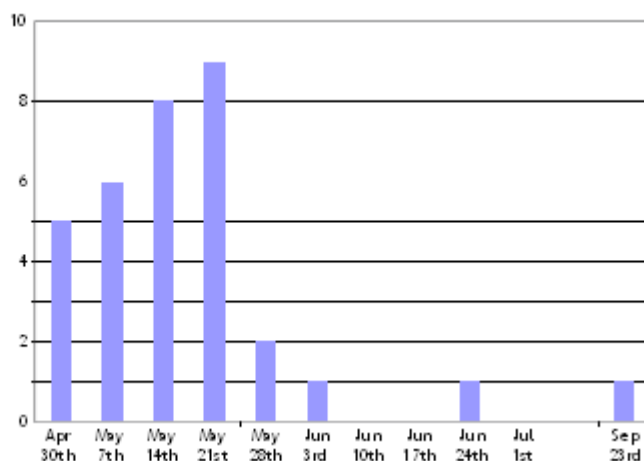
Two a year is about average, although the arrival dates are a little early. The last record was in 2008. The chart below shows the weekly pattern of records.

#### Golden Oriole

Arrival dates  
1990-2010

#### Key

Number  
recorded in  
week  
commencing



**Middx:** Alexandra Park, one on May 7th, heard singing briefly was the first for the site (AG).

**Kent:** Foots Cray Meadows, one female on Apr 30th (SJG).

#### Other recent records

2008 May 11th Cornmill Meadows, male.  
 2006 May 24th Richmond Park, singing.  
 2006 May 12th Stoke Newington Res.  
 2005 May 14th Richmond Park, male from May 19th-20th.  
 2005 May 1st Fishers Green.  
 2004 May 5th Bushy Park on May 5th, 6th & 8th, probable 1st-summer male singing and seen.  
 2003 May 13th Whitehall Plain, Epping Forest.  
 2003 May 12th Hainault Forest CP, singing male.  
 2002 May 24th Bookham Common, heard singing. (Added in *LBR* 2006.)  
 2000 May 26th Regent's Park, one heard.  
 2000 May 20th Petts Wood, male.  
 1999 May 22nd Bushy Park, male.  
 1998 May 17th Hampstead Heath, singing male for 10 minutes.  
 1998 May 4th Kings Wood, Sanderstead. Male singing for 10 mins but not seen.  
 1996 May 16th Horsenden Hill. 1st-summer male from May 16th-20th.  
 1995 4 records. May 20th, singing male; May 21st, singing male; May 25th, one heard; May 27th, singing male.

1994 3 records. One fly over May 9th; singing male May 20th; female/imm Jun 26th-27th.  
 1993 4 records. May 18th singing male; May 26th, male; May 27th, dull 1st-summer male or female; Jun 6th, 1st-summer male.  
 1992 4 records. May 4th, male; May 20th-25th, male; May 30th; Sep 24th, male.  
 1990 1 record. May 29th, singing male.

### Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus*

Status: very rare vagrant.

#### Recent LBR entries

##### 2010 LBR entry

The bird that was seen at Staines Moor from October 11th to December 17th in 2009 appeared again at the same site for two days in January 2010. Presumably it spent the rest of December nearby. It was the first record for London and the eighth accepted record for Britain and Ireland.

Middx: Staines Moor, one from Jan 1st-2nd (mo).

#### All records

2009 1st record Oct 11th Staines Moor from Oct 11th-Dec 17th (re-appeared Jan 1st 2010!)

### Isabelline Shrike *Lanius isabellinus*

Status: very rare vagrant.

1994 1st Mar 23rd Lambert Ave, Richmond. Brought in dead by a cat. (Photo LBR 1994.)

### Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio*

Status: rare passage migrant.

#### Summary data

Red-backed Shrike records 2010-2014		4 records, 4 birds			
Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	1	0	1	2	0

Red-backed Shrike records 2000-2009		14 records, 14 birds									
Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	
No. of records	1	0	3	2	0	4	1	1	2	0	

Red-backed Shrike records 1990-1999		15 records, 15 birds									
Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	
No. of records	1	0	0	1	2	5	2	0	4	0	

Red-backed Shrike arrival dates 1990-2014		33 records, 33 birds					
Month	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
No. of records	6	4	6	4	11	2	

#### Recent LBR entries

##### 2013 LBR entry

Two records this year, one in May and one in September, making it the best year since 2008 when there were also two records. May records are less common, only five of the previous 31 records have been in May (details in chart below).

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RED-BACKED SHRIKE ARRIVAL DATES 1990-2012

Details in table below

**Red-backed Shrike arrival dates 1990-2012 31 records, 31 birds**

Month	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
No. of records	5	4	6	4	10	2

**Bucks:** Colnbrook, a 1st-winter on Sep 24th (CDRH).

**Surrey:** London Wetland Centre, a male from May 25th-26th (SF *et al*).

**2012 LBR entry**

There were no records for this migrant in 2011 and this July record was a first for this site. From 1990-2011 there were 30 records and this is the sixth for July. Late summer to early autumn is the most likely period to see them in London. The table below shows the arrival dates of all the records since 1990.

**Red-backed Shrike arrival dates 1990-2011 30 records**

Month	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
No. of records	5	4	5	4	10	2

**Middx:** Lake Farm CP, a male intermittently from Jul 11th-22nd (the late P Naylor *et al*).

**Other recent records**

2010 Jun 6th	Richmond Park, male.
2008 Aug 2nd	Richmond Park, male.
2008 May 24th	Greenwich Peninsula, male.
2007 Aug 29th	Rainham Marshes, juv from Aug 29th-Sep 6th.
2006 Jul 23rd	Croxley Moor, adult male from Jul 23rd-Aug 2nd.
2005 Sep 19th	Pinner Park Farm, juv from Sep 19th-29th.
2005 Sep 11th	Rainham Marshes, juv from Sep 11th-13th.
2005 Sep 10th	Staines Moor, juv from Sep 10th-16th.
2005 Jun 5th	Hampstead Heath, female.
2003 Sep 28th	Staines Moor, juv from Sep 28th-29th.
2003 May 25th	Bushy Park, singing male.
2002 Sep 21st	Rainham Marshes, juv from Sep 21st-Oct 3rd.
2002 Sep 2nd	Tylers Common, juv from Sep 2nd-6th.
2002 Jul 14th	Trevereaux, adult male.
2000 Oct 1st	Holyfield Hall Farm, juv from Oct 1st-4th.
1998 Sep 18th	Essex Filter Beds, female.
1998 Jul 4th	Barking Marsh, singing male.
1998 Jun 7th	Bury Farm, Edgware male.
1998 May 21st	Hampstead Heath, male.
1996 Aug 31st	Tythenhamger GP, a juv.
1996 May 26th	Ruislip LNR, a male.
1995 Oct 1st	Horton CP.
1995 Sep 2nd	Walthamstow Marsh.
1995 Aug 28th	South Norwood CP, from Aug 28th-Sep 9th.
1995 Jul 5th	Happy Valley.
1995 Jun 18th	Tottenham Marshes, summer plumaged male.
1994 Sep 5th	Bowyers Water, juv from Sep 5th-7th.
1994 Jul 7th	Woodford GC, male.
1993 Sep 29th	Alexandra Park, juv.
1990 May 28th	Berwick Ponds, female.

**Lesser Grey Shrike *Lanius minor***

**Status:** very rare vagrant.

1957	2nd	Oct 6th	Perry Oaks SF.
1956	1st	May 21st	Banstead Downs.

**Great Grey Shrike *Lanius excubitor***

**Status:** rare passage migrant and winter visitor.

**Summary data**

Great Grey Shrike records 2010-2014		7 records, 7 birds			
Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	2	1	1	1	2

Great Grey Shrike records 2000-2009		6 records, 6 birds									
Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	
No. of records	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	

Great Grey Shrike records 1990-1999		13 records, 13 birds									
Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	
No. of records	0	4	1	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	

Great Grey Shrike arrival dates 1990-2014		26 records, 26 birds											
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
No. of records	4	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	2	11	6	-	

**Recent LBR entries**

**2014 LBR entry**

There were two records, which is unusual in recent years. Between 2000 and 2014 there have been single records in seven of those years, no records in five of those years and two records in just three of those years. Both these records were in the autumn, which is the most likely time for them to be seen; 13 of the 26 records since 1990 were in late September or October (*printed in error in LBR 2014 as 11 of the 25 records since 1990*).

**Middx:** Ickenham Marsh, juv/1st-calendar bird on Sep 29th (AVM).

**Bucks:** Colnbrook Landfill, 1st-winter bird on Oct 20th (CDRH).

**2013 LBR entry**

This year saw one record in October, making a total of 24 (*printed in error in LBR 2013 as 25*) records since 1990. The table below shows the arrival dates of these records, October being a typical month for one to appear. All have been passage birds except for 1991-92 which was the last over-wintering record.

Great Grey Shrike arrival dates 1990-2012 23 records, 23 birds	
Month	Jan Feb Mar Apr Sep Oct Nov
No. of records	4 0 1 2 1 9 6

**Herts:** Rye Meads, one on Oct 18th (TS).

**Other recent records**

2012	1 record	Rye Meads, one on Jan 31st and on Feb 18th, 19th & 25th.
2011	1 record	Brunel University, one on Nov 29th.
2010	2 records	Beddlestead Valley, one from Mar 26th-29th. (Added in LBR 2012). Oct 11th, Wormwood Scrubs.
2009	Oct 13th	Staines Moor.
2009	Jan 9th	Cuffley, from Jan 9th-12th.
2008	Sep 28th	Brent Res, from Sep 28th-Oct 2nd.
2007	Apr 15th	Kew Gardens.
2005	Jan 24th	Langleybury, from Jan 24th-26th.
2000	Apr 9th	Staines Moor.
1999	Nov 14th	Halstead.
1999	Nov 13th	Sewardstone.
1998	Oct 12th	Pinner Park Farm
1997	Nov 14th	Tottenham Marshes, from Nov 14th-15th, seen also at Banbury Res and Walthamstow Res.
1997	Nov 13th	Fairlop, in a garden.

1997	Oct 2nd	Dartford Marshes, from Oct 2nd-4th.
1994	Oct 2nd	Epping Upland.
1993	Oct 30th	Beddington Corner, from Oct 30th-Nov 3rd.
1992	Jan 1st	S Norwood CP, the bird from 1991 stayed to Apr 5th
1991	Nov 13th	Dagenham Chase
1991	Oct 31st	Amwell GP
1991	Oct 27th	Mitcham Common, from Oct 27th-1992 (although not in LBR 1992. Same as S Norwood CP bird?)
1991	Oct 27th	S Norwood CP, from Oct 27th-Apr 5th 1992.
1990	none	

### Woodchat Shrike *Lanius senator*

Status: rare vagrant.

#### All records

2005	13th	Jun 12th	Richmond Park, male.
2003	12th	May 1st	Langley Park, male from May 1st-3rd.
1995		Jul 5th	Barking Marsh female from Jul 5th-7th. . (Reported in LBR as 9th.)
1992	10th	May 25th	Bushy Park, male.
1986	9th	Oct 8th	Moorhouse, found dead.
1973		May 11th	East Ewell, found dead.
1971		Jun 10th	Fetcham Downs.
1971		May 5th	Littlebrook, on May 5th & 7th.
1970		Jun 8th	Oxshott.
1960		May 13th	Addington.
1953		Apr 13th	Richmond Park, from Apr 13th-May 5th.
1951		May 26th	Bookham Common, from May 26th-27th.
1934	1st	Apr 24th	Longfield, Kent. (Later found dead.)

### Nutcracker *Nucifragacyoccatates*

Status: rare visitor.

#### All records

(Invasion year in 1968 produced 9 of the 11 records.)

1968	11th	Dec 8th	Shenfield.
1968	10th	“November”	Watford.
1968	9th	Nov 20th	Mill Hill.
1968	8th	Nov 10th	Brookman’s park.
1968	7th	Nov 2nd	Hendon.
1968	6th	Oct 3rd	Thrushesbush, Essex from )ct 3rd-4th.
1968	5th	Sep 14th	Brentwood, two for about a month.
1968	4th	Sep 10th	Headley, Sep 10th, 22nd & 26th.
1968	3rd	Aug 24th	South Croydon, from Aug 24th-Sep 7th.
1963	2nd	Aug 26th	Northfleet.
1913	1st	Oct 13th	Addington Park, shot.

### Hooded Crow *Corvus cornix*

Status: rare visitor

#### Recent LBR entries

#### 2010 LBR entry

Rarely seen in the London Area, this is the first record for 13 years. Since 1990, the only records were singles in 1990, 1991 and 1997. This bird may have been a continental visitor or a migrant heading north. There were a handful of records in Norfolk, Kent & Hants, as well as Yorks & Cumbria around this time.

Essex: Leyton, one on Apr 8th (PW).

#### Recent records

1997 Oct 29th Dagenham Chase, flew over.  
 1991 Feb 18th Rainham Marshes, from Feb 18th-Mar 9th.  
 1990 Apr 4th William Girling Res.

### Rose-coloured Starling *Sturnus roseus*

Status: rare vagrant.

#### Summary data

Rose-coloured Starling records 1961-2014 8 records, 8 birds

Year	1961	1971	1978	1994	1996	2001	2003	2013
No. of records	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Rose-coloured Starling arrival dates 1961-2014 8 records, 8 birds

Month	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	2	1	2	1	1	-	1

#### 2013 LBR entry

This is only the eighth record for London and the first since 2003. The tables below show all the previous records. Five of those were adults, one a juvenile and one not aged, so this adult is typical. This is the second June record.

Rose-coloured Starling records 1961-2012 7 records, 7 birds

Year	1961	1971	1978	1994	1996	2001	2003
No. of records	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Rose-coloured Starling arrival dates 1961-2012 7 records, 7 birds

Month	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	1	1	2	1	1	-	1

Middx: Lower Edmonton, an adult in a garden on Jun 9th (JLN).

#### All other records

2003	7th	Jul 6th	Custom House, adult.
2001		Oct 6th	New Maldon, juv for 10 minutes.
1996	5th	Sep 23rd	Bookham, summer plumage adult from Sep 23rd-25th, in a garden.
1994	4th	Jun 22nd	Rensbury Road, E17, adult.
1978	3rd	Dec 4th	Cheshunt GP.
1971	2nd	Aug 11th	Surrey Docks.
1961	1st	Aug 9th	Sunbury-on-Thames, from Aug 9th-12th.

### European Serin *Serinus serinus*

Status: rare vagrant.

#### Recent LBR entries

NB With the addition of the 1951 record below in LBR 2014, the 2010 LBR entry has been altered as below.

#### 2010 LBR entry (amended as highlighted)

The first Serin was recorded in London in 1951. Up to 2007, the total number of records was just 16, all singles and present briefly. Since 2008 there have been a series of long-staying birds all at Rainham Marshes. Why there should be this sudden change is unknown. Although the birds seen at Rainham at the end of 2009 were not reported after Dec 5th, presumably the same two birds were relocated in 2010 on Jan 1st and seen by many people up to the end of February.

Essex: Rainham Marshes, up to two from Jan 1st to Feb 28th (mo).

#### All other records



2009	Nov 21st	Rainham	up to two female/imm from Nov 21st-Dec 5th.
2008	Oct 22nd	Rainham	One to three seen almost daily from Oct 22nd-Dec 6th, then Dec 22nd-31st, with seven on Nov 13th.
2002	16th Feb 28th	Sidcup	Male singing from Feb 28th-Mar 2nd.
1999	Feb 13th	Hounslow Heath,	male from Feb 13th-23rd.
1998	Sep 17th	Paddington Green (IL),	flew over. (This record was withdrawn by the observer in LBR 2007 after discovering a local resident had released a number of finches in the area.)
1998	Apr 23rd	Regent's Park,	female.
1996	Nov 27th	Charlton,	from Nov 27th-Dec 9th. (Photo LBR 1996.)
1996	Mar 26th	Gillespie Park.	(Added in LBR 1998.)
1991	Apr 26th	Brent Res,	from Apr 26th-27th.
1991	Jan 6th	Stanstead Abbots GP,	from Jan 6th-12th.
1988	Feb 7th	High Elms.	
1986	Jun 2nd	Barn Elms Res.	
1986	May 17th	Wilmington,	from May 17th-19th.
1985	Feb 10th	Streatham.	
1982	May 26th	Stanstead Abbots GP.	
1974	Mar 15th	Twickenham.	
1973	Mar 21st	Hilfield Park Res.	
1969	Jul 13th	Sevenoaks,	pair Jul 13th & 20th.
1951	1st Nov 13th	Dollis Hill.	(Added in LBR 2014, p207.)

### **Twite *Carduelis flavirostris***

**Status:** scarce, late autumn and winter visitor.

#### **Recent LBR entries**

##### **2012 LBR entry**

There was just one record this year, of two birds at Walthamstow Res on March 22nd. This is the first record since 2009 of a species which in the last decade has become less than annual, and is only the third March record since 1993.

**Essex:** Walthamstow Res, two on Mar 22nd (KJM).

#### **Recent records**

2009	Nov 11th	Rainham Marshes,	single on Nov 11th, 16th, 17th & 21st.
2008	Oct 26th	Rainham Marshes,	2 on Oct 26th, then singles from Nov 2nd-27th.
2007	Dec 1st	Rainham Marshes,	4 on Dec 1st.
2004	Jan 26th	Hogsmill SF,	one over calling.
2002	Nov 26th	Rainham Marshes,	one.
2002	Feb 10th	Rainham Marshes,	two.
2000	Oct 28th	Dartford Marshes,	single Oct 28th-29th & Nov 1st.
2000	Mar 10th	Hersham GP,	one Mar 10th & 31st, thought to be 1999 bird.
1999	Nov 21st	Hersham GP,	one Nov 21st & 27th, then "regularly into early December".
		Then at Hersham SF	from Dec 27th-28th.
1999	Oct 27th	Bury Farm, Edgware;	8 on Oct 27th, 5 on Oct 28th.
1999	Feb 20th	Perry Oaks SF,	one.
1998	Jan 1st	Rainham Marshes,	2+. (Added in LBR 1999.)
1997	Nov 7th	KGV Res,	two.
1996	Dec 7th	Brent Res,	15(!) flew over.
1996	Jan 6th	Rainham Marshes,	two.
1995	Dec 27th	Ponders End Lake.	
1995	Dec 9th	Rainham Marshes,	five.
1995	Nov 11th	Rainham Marshes,	three.
1995	Nov 9th	William Girling Res,	seen at KGV Res on 10th.
1995	Feb 24th	Rainham Marshes,	three.
1995	Jan?	South Norwood CP,	1994 bird "last seen on Feb 18th".
1994	Dec 12th	Rainham Marshes,	four.
1994	Dec 9th	South Norwood CP,	one "also present in 1995".
1994	Nov 19th	Rainham Marshes,	three.

1994 Nov 13th	Berwick Ponds, two.
1994 Oct 29th	Rainham Marshes, one.
1994 Oct 16th	KGV Res, 8 on 16th, 1 on 17th also seen at Brimsdown.
1994 "Jan"	Rainham Marshes, 2 or 3.
1993 Dec 5th	Rainham Marshes, two.
1993 Nov 13th	Rainham Marshes, 2 On Nov 13th & 27th, 1 on 28th.
1993 Oct 30th	Rainham Marshes, three.
1993 Mar 7th	Rainham Marshes, two.
1993 Jan 30th	Rainham Marshes, two.
1992 "Nov"	Rainham Marshes, 3 in Nov & 5 in Dec.
1992 "Jan"	Rainham Marshes, 20+ in Jan & 25 in Feb.
1992 Jan 12th	Berwick Ponds, 2 remaining from 1991.
1991 Dec 29th	Berwick Ponds, 2 or 3 from Dec 29th into 1992.
1991 "Dec"	Rainham Marshes, 20.
1991 Nov 2nd	Rainham Marshes, 2 or 3.
1991 "Jan"	Rainham Marshes, 20 in Jan & 25 in Feb.
1990 "Nov"	Rainham Marshes; 8-10 in Nov & 20 in Dec.
1990 Oct 24th	Barn Elms Res.
1990 Feb 25th	Rammey Marsh, male from Feb25th-Mar 27th.
1990 "Jan"	Rainham Marshes, 2-3 in Jan, "the lowest numbers for years".

### Arctic Redpoll *Carduelis hornemanni*

Status: very scarce, irruptive visitor.

#### Summary data

Arctic Redpoll records 1978-2014	10 records, 13 birds						
Year	1976	1978	1991	1995	1996	2008	2011
No. of records	1	1	1	2	3	1	1
No. of birds	1	1	1	5	3	1	1

#### Recent LBR entries

##### 2011 LBR entry

This is the tenth record for London, the first since 2008 and only the second in the past 15 years. The bird was on feeders in the garden of the lucky observer.

Arctic Redpoll	9 records						
Year	1976	1978	1991	1995	1996	2008	
No. of records	1	1	1	2	3	1	
No. of birds	1	1	1	5	3	1	

Surrey: Weybridge, one from Mar 15th-19th (ES).

#### All other records

2008	9th	Dec 1st	Thorndon CP, single of race <i>C. h. exilpes</i> (Coue's Arctic Redpoll). (No longer BBRC bird.)
1996	8th	Mar 30th	Hainault Forest.
1996	7th	Feb 18th	Broxbourne Woods, then one in Cowheath Wood on Mar 15th.
1996	6th	Feb 1st	Chingford.
1996	4th?	Jan 1st	Thorndon Park, "up to 4" from 1995 on Jan1st, "at least 2" on 13th & 28th. ("At least one" on Feb 1st & 17th. These last 2 records were not accepted By BBRC.)
1995	5th	Dec 26th	Hainault Forest.
1995	4th	Dec 17th	Thorndon Park, up to 4 from Dec 17th-1996.
1991	3rd	Mar 10th	Godstone, one from Mar 10th-11th. (Added in LBR 1992)
1978	2nd	Apr 29th	Sevenoaks GP
1976	1st	Apr 4th	Thorndon Park.

### Two-barred Crossbill *Loxia leucoptera*

Status: only before 1900.

**Parrot Crossbill *Loxia pytyopsittacus***

Status: only before 1900.

**Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus***

Status: rare vagrant.

**Summary data**

<b>Common Rosefinch records 1971-2014</b>	<b>10 records, 10 birds</b>									
Year	1971	1986	1987	1992	1994	1995	1996	1997	2010	2013
No. of records	1	1	0*	1	1	2	1	1	1	1

\*ignores over-wintering bird from 1986

**Recent LBR entries****2013 LBR entry**

This was only the tenth record for London, the first since 2010 and the third September record. It was discovered early in the morning, was still present the next day and seen going to roost that evening but not seen again. The table below shows all the previous records.

<b>Common Rosefinch records 1971-2012</b>	<b>9 records, 9 birds</b>									
Year	1971	1986	1987	1992	1994	1995	1996	1997	2010	
No. of records	1	1	0*	1	1	2	1	1	1	

\*ignores over-wintering bird from 1986

**Middx:** Wormwood Scrubs, a juv from Sep 8th-9th (DJL *et al*).

**2010 LBR entry**

This was the ninth record for the London area, the last one being on Sep 26th 1997. This bird was discovered during a regular monthly bird survey at Tottenham Marshes. It was singing periodically but generally quite elusive, though showed well from time to time.

**Middx:** Tottenham Marshes, a 1st-summer male from Jun13th-15th (RKi *et al*).

**All other records**

1997	8th.	Sep 26th	Male Gillespie Park.
1996	7th.	Jul 26th	Male Walton Heath.
1995	5th.	Jul 13th	Male Beddington SF.
1995	6th.	Oct 8th	Female/imm Perry Oaks SF.
1994	4th.	Sep 2nd	Imm Hainault Forest.
1992	3rd.	Jun 21st	Male singing at Lullingstone Park.
1987	2nd.	Jan 1st	The 1986 bird remained until Jan 11th at Abbots Langley.
1986	2nd.	Dec 29th	From Dec 29th into 1987, at Abbots Langley.
1971	1st.	Feb 6th	1 from Feb 6th-28th at Kempton Park.

**Pine Grosbeak *Pinicola enucleator***

Status: only before 1900.

**Lapland Bunting *Calcarius lapponicus***

Status: rare autumn and winter visitor.

**Summary data**

<b>Lapland Bunting records 2010-2014</b>	<b>34 records, 46 birds</b>				
Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	29	3	1	0	1
No. of birds	41	3	1	0	1

<b>Lapland Bunting records 2000-2009</b>	<b>9 records, 9 birds</b>									
Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
No. of records	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	2

No. of birds	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	2
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**Lapland Bunting records 1990-1999**                      **36 records, 36 birds**

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
No. of records	7	6	4	6	4	2	1*	3	1	2

\* plus one over-wintered from 1995

**Lapland Bunting arrival dates 1990-2009 and 2011-2014**                      **50 records, 50 birds**

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	3	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	22	12	6
No. of birds												

**Lapland Bunting arrival dates 1990-1999**                      **36 records**

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	1	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	13	9	6
No. of birds												

**Lapland Bunting records Sep-Dec 2010**                      **27 records**

Week commencing	Sep 15	Sep 22	Sep 29	Oct 6	Oct 13	Oct 20	Oct 27	Nov 3	Nov 10	Nov 17	Nov 24	Dec 1
No. of records	2	0	1	7	5	2	0	1	1	4	0	4
No. of birds	11	0	1	9	5	2	0	1	1	5	0	4

**Recent LBR entries****2014 LBR entry**

A typical year after a blank last year and the first well-twitched individual for several years.

**Essex:** Wanstead Flats, one well-twitched individual from Oct 16th-17th (NC *et al*).

**2012 LBR entry**

This year was a return to its normal rare status after a bumper invasion year in 2010 consisting of at least 30 records and three records in 2011. This single record was a typical one as almost half the records since 1990 have been in October.

**Essex:** Rainham Marshes, single seen briefly in flight calling on Oct 23rd (HV, MH, TH).

**Other recent records**

2011	3 records	Orsett Fen, one on Jan 10th. Rainham Marshes, one on Oct 29th. Barking Bay, one on Nov 17th.
2010	30 (29 perhaps?)	records of 41 birds, part of an exceptional influx throughout the UK.
2009	Oct 30th	Rainham Marshes.
2008	Jan 2nd & 5th	Rainham Marshes
2007	Nov 13th	Rainham Marshes.
2003	Oct 4th	Q Mother Res.
2002	Oct 8th	KGV Res.
2002	Oct 2nd & 7th	Q Mother Res.
2001	Oct 14th	QEII Res.
2000	Oct 1st	S Norwood Lake.
1999	Nov 13th	Rainham Marshes.
1999	Oct 3rd	Dartford Marshes.
1998	Oct 13th	Horton Fields/Q Mother Res, from Oct 13th-14th.
1997	3 records	Sep 28th, Oct 24th, Oct 25th.
1996	2 records	Jan 1st (from 1995), Nov 4th.
1995	2 records	Oct 7th, Dec 9th.
1994	4 records	Feb 12th, Feb 25th, Sep 27th, Nov 19th.
1993	6 records	Oct 15th, Oct 16th, Oct 17th, Oct 30th, Nov 6th, Nov 20th.
1992	4 records	Jan 11th, Mar 7th, Oct 8th, Dec 12th.
1991	6 records	Feb 2nd, Feb 14th, Oct 11th, Nov 2nd, Nov 22nd, Dec 7th.
1990	7 records	Oct 5th, Oct 2nd, Nov 5th, Nov 23rd, Dec 9th, Dec 9th, Dec 23rd.

**Snow Bunting *Plectrophenax nivalis***

**Status:** scarce autumn and winter visitor.

### Summary data

<b>Snow Bunting records 2010-2014</b>	<b>23 records, 25 birds</b>				
Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of records	7	6	6	1	3
No. of birds	7	9	6	1	2

<b>Snow Bunting records 2000-2009</b>	<b>15 records, 16 birds</b>									
Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
No. of records	1	1	3	1	2	0	1	2	2	2
No. of birds	1	1	4	1	2	0	1	2	2	2

<b>Snow Bunting records 1990-1999</b>	<b>32 records</b>									
Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
No. of records	5	2	2	2	0	2	9	2	2	6

<b>Snow Bunting arrival dates 1990-2014</b>	<b>70 records</b>											
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	6	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	34	16

### Recent LBR entries

#### **2014 LBR entry**

An average year with three records involving probably two individuals on typical dates and at typical sites.

**Bucks:** Q. Mother Res, flighty fem/imm along north bank from Nov 2nd-4th (CDRH); another female type with less white in wings than previous bird on Nov 23rd which flew E towards Wraysbury Res (CDRH).

**Middx:** Staines Res, one from Nov 13th to Dec 24th (considered the same as the second Q.Mother bird) which was much photographed and well-twitched (KLP *et al*).

#### **2013 LBR entry**

A return to a very average year after six records in both 2011 and 2012, with just one record on a typical date.

**Kent:** Blackheath, an excellent site record of a bird over the observer's garden on Jan 22nd (JCL).

### Other recent records

2012	6 records	Rainham Marshes NR, singles on Jan 6th, Mar 10th & 20th and Dec 3rd. Q. Mother Res, adult male from Oct 21st-22nd, single 1st-winters on Nov 16th and Dec 9th; the former was identified as a male.
2011	6 records	Crayford Marshes, one on Jan 1st. Q. Mother Res, two fem/imms on Nov 6th. Crayford Marshes, one on Nov 8th. Beddington Farmlands, one on Nov 9th. West Thurrock Marshes, three fem/imm on Nov 27th. Q. Mother Res, a 1st-winter/fem from Dec 9th-24th.
2010	7 records, one in Nov and six in Dec.	
2009	Nov 9th	Rainham Marshes.
2009	Oct 20th	Beddington Farmlands.
2008	Nov 18th	Rainham Marshes.
2008	From Nov 4th-6th	Rainham Marshes
2007	Nov 24th	Q Mother Res.
2007	Nov 2nd	Rainham Marshes.
2006	Nov 14th	Staines Res.
2004	Nov 8th	Q Mother Res.
2004	Nov 6th	Walton Res.
2003	Dec 2nd	Q Mother Res.
2002	Oct 19th	Wetland Centre.
2002	1-2 on Jan 1st & 6th	Dartford Marshes.
2002	Jan 1st	Swanscombe Marshes.
2001	Dec 8th	Island Barn Res.

2000	Mar 20th	Walthamstow Res.
1999	6 records	Nov 9th, Nov 9th, Nov 15th, Nov 21st, Dec 4th, Dec 24th.
1998	2 records	Oct 22nd, Dec 4th.
1997	2 records	Mar 9th, Mar 14th.
1996	9 records	Oct 12th, Oct 17th, Oct 18th, Nov 5th, Nov 13th, Nov 22nd, Nov 23rd, Nov 23rd, Nov 29th.
1995	2 records	Nov 4th, Nov 5th.
1993	2 records	Oct 15th, Nov 28th.
1992	2 records	Oct 10th, Dec 28th.
1991	2 records	Nov 1st, Dec 4th.
1990	5 records	Jan 26th, Oct 22nd, Nov 3rd, Nov 9th, Nov 15th.
1989	additional	Nov 9th. (Added in <i>LBR</i> 1990.)

### Pine Bunting *Emberiza leucocephalos*

Status: very rare vagrant.

1992 1st Feb 12th From Feb 12th-Mar 17th at Dagenham Chase.

### Cirl Bunting *Emberiza cirlus*

Status: very rare vagrant, former breeding resident.

Breeding records up to 1930s. Last record below.

1981 September at Bricket Wood Common.

### Ortolan Bunting *Emberiza hortulana*

Status: rare vagrant.

Summary data All records 27 records, 29 birds

#### Ortolan Bunting records 2010-2014 3 records, 3 birds

Year	2010	2011	2012
No. of records	2	1	0
No. of birds	2	1	0

#### Ortolan Bunting records 2000-2009 8 records, 9 birds

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
No. of records	1	0	1	3	1	0	0	1	1	0
No. of birds	1	0	1	4	1	0	0	1	1	0

#### Ortolan Bunting records 1990-1999 7 records, 7 birds

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
No. of records	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	2

#### Ortolan Bunting records 1908-1989 9 records, 10 birds

Year	1908	1947	1955	1956	1958	1972	1985	1987
No. of records	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
No. of birds	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1

#### Ortolan Bunting arrival dates 1908-2014 27 records, 29 birds

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of records	-	-	-	1	8	1	-	5	9	3	-	-
No. of birds	-	-	-	1	9	1	-	5	10	3	-	-

### Recent LBR entries

#### 2011 LBR entry

Just two lucky observers saw this male at the same site that hosted one in May 1993. Seven of the previous 26 records have arrived in May like this bird (*published in LBR 2011 in error as eight of the previous 25 records*). The table below shows all arrival dates.

**Ortolan Bunting dates 1908-2010**      **26 records, 28 birds**

Month	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Number of records	1	7	1	0	5	9	3
Number of birds	1	8	1	0	5	10	3

*Highlighted figures in table printed in LBR 2011 in error as 8, 4 and 2 respectively)*

Surrey: Richmond Park, a male was in the gorse enclosure in the early morning on May 5th, but flew from here and was not relocated (HB, JPPW).

**All other records**

2010	Oct 12th	One South calling at Brent Res.
2010	Aug 31st	A 1st-year bird at Rainham Marshes.
2008	Aug 30th	A male Rainham Marshes
2007	Sep 5th	A juv at Wraysbury GP.
2004	Aug 27th	A first-winter female at Beddington SF.
2003	Sep 28th	2 from Sep 28th-Oct 1st at Sewardstone.
2003	Sep 3rd	Sewardstone.
2003	Sep 2nd	Wormwood Scrubs.
2002	Sep 2nd	Pinner Park Farm.
2000	May 3rd	A male from May 3rd-4th at QEII Res.
1999	Jun 11th	Beddington SF.
1999	May 6th	A male at Barnes WWT.
1996	Sep 20th	Hounslow Heath.
1996	Sep 3rd	KGV Res, probably 1st-winter.
1995	Sep 13th	Beddington SF.
1994	Oct 9th	Beddington SF, flew over.
1993	May 7th	Richmond Park, male May 7th-9th.
1987	Apr 24th	Wood Green Res.
1985	May 23rd	Barn Elms Res.
1972	Aug 22nd	Beddington SF.
1958	May 17th	South Weald Park.
1958	May 3rd	Epsom SF, two from May 3rd-4th, one remaining until 10th.
1956	Sep 2nd	Brent Res.
1955	Oct 1st	Epsom SF.
1947	Aug 23rd	Nore Hill.
1908	May 6th	Plaistow.

**Rustic Bunting *Emberiza rustica***

Status: very rare vagrant.

**1993**    1st      Feb 9th-Mar 13th at Beddington SF.

**Little Bunting *Emberiza pusilla***

Status: rare vagrant.

**All records**

<b>2007</b>	10th	Jan 31st	Amwell GP, then Feb 3rd-Apr 18th.
1994	9th	Oct 2nd	Coppetts Wood.
1993	8th	Feb 12th	Beddington SF, from Feb 12th-Apr 17th.
1987		Mar 17th	Iver, from Mar 17th-Apr 26th.      7th record.
1985		May 3rd	Rye Meads, trapped.
1978		Apr 8th	Poyle, from Apr 8th-11th.
1965		May 2nd	Perry Oaks SF, from May 2nd-19th.
1960		Apr 20th	Hilfield Park Res.
1956		Apr 7th	Staines Res, two.
1956	1st	Mar 31st	Beddington SF, up to 3 from Mar 31st-Apr 21st.

**Black-headed Bunting** *Emberiza melanocephala*

Status: very rare vagrant.

1986 1st          Aug 24th          Bromley-by-Bow.

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## Further Information

- Please visit the LNHS website [lnhs.org.uk](http://lnhs.org.uk), and follow links to the London Bird Club.