

LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

TALKS • WALKS • WORKSHOPS • EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2025 – FEBRUARY 2026



Due to high demand we are now asking people to register to attend Hampstead Heath Survey Section walks by simply e-mailing hampsteadbookings@lnhs.org.uk, (with the date and subject of the walk you wish to join in the title of your e-mail). Those without access to e-mail are still welcome to turn up but the new registration system will allow us to cap group numbers and communicate any last-minute changes directly.

The LNHS Library

The LNHS library is a rich resource for naturalists with an extensive collection of books, journals, and other publications on British natural history. It is housed in the Angela Marmont Centre for UK Biodiversity at the Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road and there is a Society Librarian. The catalogue is available on the Society's website. We are keen to see more members using this wonderful library so please do make time to visit. We hope to hold more events here so keep an eye on the website calendar for updates.

The library is accessible anytime the Angela Marmont Centre is open and the LNHS Librarian Team are onsite every Wednesday from 10:00 to 15:00 and every third Saturday of the month 13:00-15:00. You can get a librarian to help at other times by arrangement, email library@lnhs.org.uk.

The LNHS bookclub is up and running. Natural History book titles and future meeting dates are decided at each meeting by participants and then posted on the LNHS website Activity Calendar. Meetings will be approximately every two months, from 10:30–12:00 on a Wednesday, at the LNHS library. **New members always welcome.**

Invertebrate Study Days

Join LNHS at the Natural History Museum to make use of access to microscopes, lab equipment and literature to prepare invertebrate specimens and identify them alongside other like-minded individuals. Recorders of all abilities are welcome, but due to high demand and limited spaces, booking is required via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/london-natural-history-society-3828723>

Sat 30 Aug 2025 10:30–14:30 **Field Meeting** **London Bird Club: Rainham Marshes – Dave Clark**

Autumn migrants & waders, Marsh Harrier. Meet at Reserve Car Park. Parking fee for non-RSPB members. Nearest station Purfleet (NR Fenchurch St). Toilets. Bring lunch (no café).

Sun 31 Aug 2025 10:00–12:30 **Field Meeting** **London Bird Club: Alexandra Palace – Andrew Peel**

Woodland birds, woodpeckers, waterbirds (Kingfisher), migrants. Meet Wood Green Underground Station. Toilets.

Wed 3 Sep 2025 11:00–15:00 **Indoor Meeting** **Ecology & Entomology: Natural History Museum – Keiron Brown**

Invertebrate Study Day. Booking required (see front page).

Wed 3 Sep 2025 10:15–15:00 **Field Meeting** **Botany: Streatham Common – Jane Lowe**

Explore Streatham Common woodland, then through Norwood Grove to Biggin Wood, part of the Great North Wood complex. We will return via quiet roads in search of pavement weeds. Meet Streatham Common South car park (note the car park is out of use). TQ3090 7095, SW16 3BZ, WhatThreeWords: sharp.gift.zebra. Joint with Surrey Botanical Society.

Sat 6 Sep 2025 10:00–15:00 **Field Meeting** **Hampstead Heath Survey Section – Tommy Root**

Hampstead Heath Plant Gall Survey with Tommy Root. A look at tree and other galls on the Heath. Of interest to beginners and experts. Meet at the Flagstaff by Whitestone Pond (TQ 26237 86366) - 10 mins up the hill (A502, Heath St.) from Hampstead underground station. Toilets on the Heath.

Sat 6 Sep 2025 10:00–13:00 **Field Meeting** **London Bird Club: Ruislip Woods– Neil Anderson**

Woodland birds/general natural history. Meet at 'Ruislip Lido' (Bus Stop W) on Reservoir Rd (nr Water's Edge pub): take H13 from Bus Stop B from Ruislip tube station (Met/Picco) or bus 331 to 'Reservoir Road' (Stop N) on Ducks Hill Rd and walk. Toilets, café & pub.

Sat 6 Sep 2025 10:00–14:00 **Field Meeting** **Ecology & Entomology: Paradise Fields– Keiron Brown**

Invertebrate Field Recorder Day. Calling all invertebrate recorders – come along and help us record the insects and other invertebrates at the Ealing Beaver Project site. Recorders of all abilities welcome. Book via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/london-natural-history-society-3828723>

Sun 7 Sep 2025 10:00–14:00 **Field Meeting**
London Bird Club: Wanstead Flats – Bob Vaughan
Migrants, Spotted Flycatcher, Wheatear and Whinchat. Meet outside Manor Park Station (Elizabeth Line). Toilets at station.

Tue 9 Sep 2025 11:00–13:00 **Field Meeting**
Botany: Regent’s Park – Bettina Metcalfe
Workshop on Fraxinus species. Meet at the Ready Money Drinking Fountain on the Broad Walk in Regent’s Park near the south east corner of the Zoo. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/NwDcdby3MpBwniCz6>

Thu 11 Sep 2025 19:00–20:00 **Virtual Talk**
Virtual Talks: Online – Matteo Gelardi
Thermophilic Boletes: On their Way to the British Isles? - book via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/london-natural-history-society-30790245484>

Sat 13 Sep 2025 10:45–15:00 **Field Meeting**
Bookham Commons Survey – Self-led
Bookham Commons Recording Day. A self-led meeting to take part in this long-running survey. Meet at Bookham Railway Station or at the LNHS hut at lunchtime. Toilet and tea and coffee.

Sun 14 Sep 2025 10:00–13:30 **Field Meeting**
Joint Wood Farm Reserve and London Bird Club: Wood Farm Reserve and Stanmore County Park – Josh Kalms, Marian Rastelli and Leslie Bolsover
Diverse habitats include rough grassland, scrub, wildflower meadow and woodland attracting a variety of insects and birds. Autumn migrants. Meet at Stanmore Underground Station (Jubilee Line). Toilets at station and on site.

Sat 20 Sep 2025 10:00–16:00 **Field Meeting**
Ecology & Entomology: Lesnes Abbey Wood – Tommy Root
Plant Gall Field Recorder Day. Join the LNHS Recorder for Plan Galls to record galls on the leaves, stems, roots and flowers flowers of plants. Recorders of all abilities welcome. Book via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/london-natural-history-society-3828723>

Sun 21 Sep 2025 10:30–14:00 **Field Meeting**
London Bird Club: London Wetland Centre – Gehan and Nirma De Silva
Wetland reserve. Autumn birds and other wildlife. Meet outside visitor centre by Sir Peter Scott statue. Tickets required for non-WWT members. Directions: See London Wetland Centre website. Cafe and Toilets.

Wed 24 Sep 2025 10:00–16:00 **Field Meeting**
Botany: Belair Park and Dulwich Park – Dr Mark Spencer
Botany Field Recorder Day. Join the LNHS Recorder for Vascular Plants to record a wide range of plants. Recorders of all abilities welcome. Book via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/london-natural-history-society-3828723>

Sat 27 Sep 2025 10:00–14:00 **Field Meeting**
London Bird Club: Wormwood Scrubs – Francis O’Sullivan
Autumn migrants e.g., Stonechat, Whinchat. Residents include Meadow Pipit & Linnet. Meet at East Acton underground station (Central Line). No toilets.

Sat 27 Sep 2025 11:00–15:00 **Field Meeting**
Botany: Sloane Square – Bettina Metcalfe
Trees around Sloane Square. Very interesting street trees in the Sloane Square area. Meet outside Sloane Square underground station in Chelsea SW1W 8BB.

Wed 1 Oct 2025 10:00–16:00 **Field Meeting**
Ecology & Entomology: Galleywall Nature Reserve – Keiron Brown
Earthworm Sampling Day. The Earthworm Society are looking for help sampling three greenspaces in Southwark. No experience is needed as full training will be provided on the day. This event will involve collecting earthworm specimens and preserving them for identification at a later date. Book via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/london-natural-history-society-3828723>

Sat 4 Oct 2025 10:30–15:00 **Field Meeting**
Joint Hampstead Heath Survey Section & London Bird Club: Hampstead Heath – Pete Mantle and Kennedy Cruickshank
Migrants, autumn birds, and other wildlife. Look for thrushes feeding on autumn berries. Meet outside Hampstead Heath Overground Station.

Sun 5 Oct 2025 10:30–14:30 **Field Meeting**
London Bird Club: Middlesex Filter Beds and Walthamstow Wetlands – Sue Barry
NEW SITE Kingfisher and migratory birds. Meet at Canal Entrance of Middlesex Filter Beds. Nearest train station is Clapton. 10 minute walk down Lea Bridge Rd or 55 or 56 bus from the top of Lea Bridge Road to Chatsworth Rd, cross road to Princess of Wales pub, 4 mins along canal then cross bridge to Filter Beds canal side entrance - 2 mins. Circular route, return from Tottenham Hale station. Toilets en route.

Tue 7 Oct 2025 11:00–13:00 **Field Meeting**
Botany: Regent’s Park – Bob Saxton
Alder trees in Regent’s Park. Focused workshop on Alnus species and cultivars. Meet at the junction of York Bridge and Ulster Terrace. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/TbZyZXpf6CdVqJ4R9>

Wed 8 Oct 2025 11:00–15:00 **Indoor Meeting**
Ecology & Entomology: Natural History Museum – Keiron Brown
Invertebrate Study Day. Booking required (see front page).

Thu 9 Oct 2025 19:00–20:00 **Virtual Talk**
Virtual Talks: Online – Ted Benton
Re-wilding a City Centre Green Space: Successes and Issues - book via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/london-natural-history-society-30790245484>

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Bookham Commons Survey – Self-led
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Sun 12 Oct 2025 10:00–13:00 **Field Meeting**
London Bird Club: Russia Dock Woodland – John Cadera
Autumn birds and migrants. Meet at park entrance at Onega Gate. Surrey Quays or Canada Water stations and walk. Or, Bermondsey station and Bus 381 to Onega Gate or Bus 188 to Surrey Quays Stn and walk. Toilets in Surrey Quays Shopping Centre.

Sun 12 Oct 2025 11:00–15:00 **Field Meeting**
Botany: Mitcham – Roy Vickery
North Mitcham Plot Owners’ Allotments. A survey of ‘weeds’ growing on a site which has been cultivated as allotments since 1921. Meet at the entrance to the allotments at end of Ridge Road, CR4 2ET. A joint meeting with the South London Botanical Institute. Toilets.

Wed 15 Oct 2025 10:00–16:00 **Field Meeting**
Botany: Tolworth Court Farm – Dr Mark Spencer
Fungi Field Recorder Day. Come along to help record fungi and delve into the fascinating world of mycology, with a specialist on hand to provide ID support. Recorders of all abilities welcome. Book via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/london-natural-history-society-3828723>

Sat 18 Oct 2025 11:00–15:00 **Field Meeting**
Botany: Richmond – Bettina Metcalfe
Trees around Richmond Riverside. Exploring the riverside treescape of picturesque gardens north of the river. Some moderate gradients. Meet Hollyhock Café in Terrace Gardens. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/qRrxwFr5oocmoeaw6>

Sun 26 Oct 2025 10:00–16:00 **Field Meeting**
Botany: Haringey – Mark Spencer and Mario Maculan
The Haringey Fungus Foray. Queens Wood & Alexandra Palace. Meet Highgate u/g (Northern), at the junction of Wood Lane and Muswell Hill Rd (TQ28478821), on the north-west side of the station.

Tue 28 Oct 2025 10:00–16:00 **Field Meeting**
Botany: Lesnes Abbey Wood – Dr Mark Spencer
Fungi Field Recorder Day. Come along to help record fungi and delve into the fascinating world of mycology, with a specialist on hand to provide ID support. Recorders of all abilities welcome. Book via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/london-natural-history-society-3828723>

Wed 29 Oct 2025 10:30–12:00 **Indoor**
LNHS Library – Cathy Ching and Leslie Bolsover
Informal group to discuss the book “The Sea Around Us” by Rachel Carson. No need to book in advance. All newcomers welcome. Contact the LNHS librarian or lbclbcfieldmeetings@lnhs.org.uk for more details.

Sat 1 Nov 2025 11:00–15:00 **Field Meeting**
Botany: Finchley – Bettina Metcalfe
Trees at Stephens House and Gardens. Arboretum with unusual trees. The venue used to be called Avenue House, 17 East End Road, Finchley, London N3 3QE. Meet in the courtyard in front of Inky’s Stables Café. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/rGkkiQkk5eWGoCjv8>

Sun 2 Nov 2025 10:30–15:00 **Field Meeting**
Hampstead Heath Survey Section – Mario Tortelli
Hampstead Heath Introduction to Fungi by Mario Tortelli. Suitable for beginners. Meet outside Hampstead Heath Overground station (a few minutes’ walk from Belsize Park tube station). Toilets on the Heath. **Note:** places must be booked email hampsteadbookings@lnhs.org.uk with the name and date of the walk in the subject.

Wed 5 Nov 2025 11:00–15:00 **Indoor Meeting**
Ecology & Entomology: Natural History Museum – Keiron Brown
Invertebrate Study Day. Booking required (see front page).

Thu 6 Nov 2025 18:30–20:00 **Section AGM**
Section: Online – Keiron Brown
Ecology & Entomology Section AGM. Talk details TBC. Section AGM at 6.30pm followed by talk at 7pm. Book on Eventbrite.

Sat 8 Nov 2025 10:45–15:00 **Field Meeting**
Bookham Commons Survey – Self-led
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Sat 8 Nov 2025 10:30–17:00 **Field Meeting**
London Bird Club: Two Tree Island – George Kalli
Brent Geese, Avocet and high tide wader roost. Meet Leigh-on-Sea Station (NR Fenchurch Street). Toilets.

Tue 18 Nov 2025 11:00–15:00 **Field Meeting**
Botany: Kew Gardens – Bettina Metcalfe
Trees in Kew Gardens. Looking out for the best remaining autumn colours. Meet inside Victoria Gate on Kew Road just before the entrance barriers. Kew Gardens members should bring their cards. Non-members can pay entrance fee or liaise with members to enter as guests. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/A7amrxMJmV8orokE6>

Thu 20 Nov 2025 18:30–20:00 **London Bird Club AGM and Virtual Talk**

London Bird Club: Online – Richard Hoath
London Bird Club AGM at 6.30pm followed by talk, ‘The Birds and Other Animals of Egypt: Ancient and Modern’ at 7pm. Book on Eventbrite.

Sat 22 Nov 2025 10:00–14:00 **Field Meeting**
London Bird Club: Crossness – George Kalli
Wintering ducks, goose, waders and birds of prey. Meet at Belvedere Station. (NR Charing Cross). Portaloos on TWA reserve.

Thu 27 Nov 2025 18:30–20:00 **Section AGM**
Botany: Online – Simon Harrap
Botany Section AGM at 6.30 pm followed by a presentation at 7pm by Simon Harrap: Planning a user-friendly wild flower guide. Book on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/london-natural-history-society-30790245484>

Sat 29 Nov 2025 10:30–15:00 **Field Meeting**
Hampstead Heath Survey Section – Michael Hammerson
The Hidden Heath: Exploring Hampstead Heath’s history and archaeology. Join Michael Hammerson to explore the history of the east side of the Heath. Meet at the entrance to the Kenwood Walled Garden, by the old stable block (TQ 27299 87513) - 210 or 310 bus. **Note:** places must be booked email hampsteadbookings@lnhs.org.uk with the name and date of the walk in the subject.

Sat 29 Nov 2025 10:00–13:00 **Field Meeting**
London Bird Club: Ruislip Woods – Dick Middleton
Woodland birds, wintering waterfowl, gulls and general natural history. Meet at ‘Ruislip Lido’ (Bus Stop W) on Reservoir Rd (nr Water’s Edge pub); take H13 from Bus Stop B from Ruislip tube station (Met/Picco) or bus 331 to ‘Reservoir Road’ (Stop N) on Ducks Hill Rd and walk. (Toilets, cafe & pub)

Mon 1 Dec 2025 10:30–15:00 **Field Meeting**
Botany: Deptford – Nick Bertrand
It’s the first day of winter and the hunt for wildflowers in flower in Deptford is on. These walks started over 15 years ago as a response to change already apparent in the flowering of plant species. How many species will we find in flower this year? Meet at Deptford station (NR CannonSt). Joint with the Creekside Education Trust.

Tue 2 Dec 2025 11:00–13:00 **Field Meeting**
Botany: South Kensington – Bettina Metcalfe
The Natural History Museum Gardens. Fascinating new planting around the Natural History Museum, Cromwell Rd, South Kensington, London SW7 5BD. Meet in front of the main entrance on Cromwell Road. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/1Nez2hkYmF4gCueL9>

Thu 4 Dec 2025 18:30–20:00 **Section AGM**
Hampstead Heath Survey Section: Online – TBC
 Hampstead Heath Survey Section AGM at 6:30pm followed by a presentation at 7pm. Book on Eventbrite.

Sat 6 Dec 2025 10:00–14:00 **Field Meeting**
London Bird Club: River Lee Country Park – Francis O'Sullivan
 Migrants, look for possible Bittern, Water Rail, Smew. Meet at Cheshunt Station. NR or London Overground from Liverpool Street or Seven Sisters. Toilets at Fishers Green.

Wed 10 Dec 2025 11:00–15:00 **Indoor Meeting**
Ecology & Entomology: Natural History Museum – Keiron Brown
 Invertebrate Study Day. Booking required (see front page).

Thu 11 Dec 2025 18:30–20:30 **Society AGM**
LNHS: Online – TBC
 Talk details TBC. Society AGM at 6:30pm followed by talk at 7:30pm. Book on Eventbrite.

Sat 13 Dec 2025 10:45–15:00 **Field Meeting**
Bookham Commons Survey – Self-led
 Bookham Commons Recording Day. A self-led meeting to take part in this long-running survey. Meet at Bookham Railway Station or at the LNHS hut at lunchtime. Toilet and tea and coffee.

Sun 14 Dec 2025 10:30–14:00 **Field Meeting**
London Bird Club: London Wetland Centre – Harry Halstead
 Wetland reserve - Bittern, wintering wildfowl and more. Meet outside visitor centre by Sir Peter Scott statue. Tickets required for Non-WWT members. Directions: See London Wetland Centre website. (Café & Toilets.)

Thu 1 Jan 2026 11:00–15:00 **Field Meeting**
Botany: Rotherhithe – Jon Agar
 New Year Plant Hunt. We will explore Rotherhithe, Russia Dock woodland and Surrey Quays, finding plants in flower and contributing our results to a nationwide survey. Meet at Rotherhithe station (Windrush Line). End point will be Surrey Quays station.

Sun 4 Jan 2026 09:30–13:00 **Field Meeting**
London Bird Club: East India Dock Basin/Bow Ecology Park – George Kalli
 Woodland birds, ducks, waders and geese. Meet at East India DLR station. No toilets.

Wed 7 Jan 2026 10:30–12:00 **Indoor**
LNHS Library – Cathy Ching and Leslie Bolsover
 Informal group to discuss the book "Murder Most Florid" by Mark Spencer. No need to book in advance. All newcomers welcome. Please contact the LNHS librarian or lbclbfieldmeetings@lnhs.org.uk for more details.

Thu 8 Jan 2026 19:00–20:00 **Virtual Talk**
Virtual Talks: Online – Şeniz Mustafa
 Diet and Behaviour of White Storks at Knepp- book via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/london-natural-history-society-30790245484>

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Sun 11 Jan 2026 12:30–16:00 **Field Meeting**
London Bird Club: Staines Moor – Andrew Peel
 NEW SITE Skylark, Meadow pipit, Stonechat, Linnet, Green woodpecker, Kestrel, Red kite, possibly Water pipit and Barn/Short-eared owls late afternoon. Meet at Staines station. Toilets at station.

Sat 24 Jan 2026 11:00–15:00 **Field Meeting**
Botany: Kew Gardens – Bettina Metcalfe
 Conifers Galore in Kew Gardens. Meet inside Victoria Gate on Kew Road just outside the entrance barriers before we go through the ticket booths. Kew Gardens members should bring their cards. Non-members can pay entrance fee or liaise with members to enter as guests. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/A7amrxMJmV8orokE6>

Sat 7 Feb 2026 10:30–13:00 **Field Meeting**
Hampstead Heath Survey Section – Jeff Duckett
 Hampstead Heath Bryophyte Survey. Explore mosses and liverworts. Meet outside Hampstead Heath Overground station (a few minutes' walk from Belsize Park tube station). Toilets on the Heath. All welcome.

Thu 12 Feb 2026 19:00–20:00 **Virtual Talk**
Virtual Talks: Online – John Rumm
 Awakening to Birds at 'The Wakes': The Formative Years of Gilbert White's Journey from Novice to 'Good Ornithologist'- book via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/london-natural-history-society-30790245484>

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Tue 17 Feb 2026 11:00–13:00 **Field Meeting**
Botany: Elephant and Castle – Bettina Metcalfe
 Elephant Park. New landscaping in the Elephant and Castle area. SE17 1GD. Meet at 11am at the southeast corner of Walworth Road and Deacon Street. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/FvL7BN7D5U1vGTiU6>

Sat 21 Feb 2026 10:30–14:30 **Field Meeting**
London Bird Club: Rainham Marshes – Patrick Hart
 Wintering waterfowl, waders and raptors, including Marsh Harrier, Shoveler, Wigeon, Pintail, Ruff, Rock Pipit and Water Pipit. Meet at Reserve Car Park. Parking fee for non-RSPB members. Nearest station Purfleet (NR Fenchurch St). Bring lunch (no café). Toilets.

Sat 28 Feb 2026 11:00–15:00 **Field Meeting**
Botany: Norwood – Bettina Metcalfe
 Trees in West Norwood Cemetery and Crematorium - one of London's "Magnificent Seven" Victorian cemeteries. Meet at the main entrance on Norwood Road, near the junction with Robson Road and where Norwood Road forks into Norwood High Street and Knights Hill. SE27 9JU. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/qa16SJ4jWDgRyPUd8>