

ROTHERHITHE NATURE REPORT 2026

Compiled

By

John & Janet Cadera

Introduction

This is a citizen science project aiming to not only record wildlife in Rotherhithe but also bring it to locals who may be unaware of what is around them. They may also be unaware that local species continue to disappear through various issues of which changing weather is only one. It is worth noting that while our records do not reflect national populations, many species continue to decline throughout the British Isles. We are one of the most naturally depleted countries in the world with just over 50% of our original biodiversity.

Our first report, completed in 2018 when we started butterfly transects, was 17 pages long and specifically for Stave Hill Ecology Park and Russia Dock Woodland where we were volunteering. Over the last few years transect and bird reports have been split, until now. This year we have gone back to a combined report; however, this edition is 72 pages and covers as much of Rotherhithe's wildlife as has been possible for us to record.

Our volunteering includes work with **The Conservation Volunteers (TCV)** at Stave Hill Ecology Park, **The Southwark Park Association 1869**, **Trees for Bermondsey**, **UK Butterfly Monitoring Service (UKBMS)** and **London Bird Club (LBC)** (part of the **London Natural History Society**). Bird information that we gather is used by **The Surrey Bird Club** (<https://surreybirdclub.org.uk>) and uploaded to **British Trust for Ornithology** (<https://www.bto.org>) via the **Bird Track app** that also allows us to record Mammals, Amphibians, Reptiles, Dragonflies and Butterflies.

Have fun and all the best.

Janet & John Go Birding

Contributors: John Cadera, Janet Cadera, Richard Page-Jones, Dr Audrey Reid, Darren Young, Laura Jones, Steve Cornish, Gehan de Silva, Sarah Vaughan, Chris Paterson, Rebeka Clark, Andrew Self.

Thanks to Patrick Kingwell and Rebeka Clark for their support

Also special thanks to Andrew Self for his vast knowledge of historical bird records.

Photographs: While we endeavour to get clear photos, this is not always possible, so we use whatever 'record' we can by kind permission of the owners.

Locations in the Recording Area

Stave Hill Ecology Park Local Nature Reserve: Managed by The Conservation Volunteers is on the site of Russia Dock and has recently celebrated its 30th birthday. Mixed woodland, hedgerow, meadows and three small ponds provide a variety of cover throughout the year. The area can 'dry up' on species and needs a bit of work but persistence pays off: Firecrest is a regular Winter visitor, and Autumn can bring Spotted and Pied Flycatchers. The artificial mound of Stave Hill is an excellent spot to watch for Spring and Autumn migrants. Vismig mornings can get interesting with flocks of winter thrushes and finches to get to grips with. Other star birds have included Short-eared Owl and Hawfinch.

Russia Dock Woodland: A large area covering what used to be Russia Dock, linking Bywater Gate in the north to Onega Gate and Greenland Dock in the south. Wooded areas with a large open space, The Green,

and three ponds; Downtown Pond and nearby Bea Pond are regular winter Kingfisher spots and in recent years Water Rail has also been found. Mahogany Pond which is close to houses and enclosed by thick scrub and trees turned up Rotherhithe's first Yellow-browed Warbler.

Greenland Dock: Still in its original form, this also includes the River Thames between Durand's Wharf and Greenland Pier. Good for wintering gulls and Cormorant, is now the only location where Great Crested Grebe still breed. Nearby **South Dock Marina**.

Norway Dock: Retains much of its original size and form, although now shallow and surrounded by houses. There is a reedbed that holds a good population of House Sparrow. Tufted Duck visit regularly and Reed Warbler has bred here.

South Dock: A marina with access to the river and Greenland Pier. Tufted Duck and Cormorant are regular. The Great Crested Grebe have bred or use it regularly. Rarities include Shag.

Thames at Rotherhithe: The stretch of the river from Greenland Pier to King's Stairs. A good spot for winter gull watching; Common Gull and Great Black-backed Gull are regular; both are scarce away from the river. Oystercatcher has also been seen here at low tide.

Globe Pond Nature Reserve: The largest pond in the area, and all that remains of Russia Dock, the pier shown on some maps is no longer there. The pond surrounded by trees where Stock Dove and Grey Heron can be seen, while in winter, Kingfisher. Waterfowl other than Mallard are scarce on this pond but it has turned up Teal, Mandarin, and Shoveler as well as breeding Tufted Duck.

Lavender Pond Local Nature Reserve: This small pond is all that remains of Lavender Dock and is managed by The Conservation Volunteers. There is a reedbed and decent sized trees in the closed off area. Reed Warbler has bred and Tufted Duck breed regularly.

Surrey Water: A large dock, still in its original form that attracts good numbers of Tufted Duck in winter. It is good practice to go through these duck flocks in case there is something unusual amongst the regulars. Gadwall, Red-crested Pochard and Common Pochard have turned up. Nearby there are berry bushes that attract good numbers of Redwing and occasional Fieldfare in winter. Common Tern and Great Crested Grebe have bred in the past.

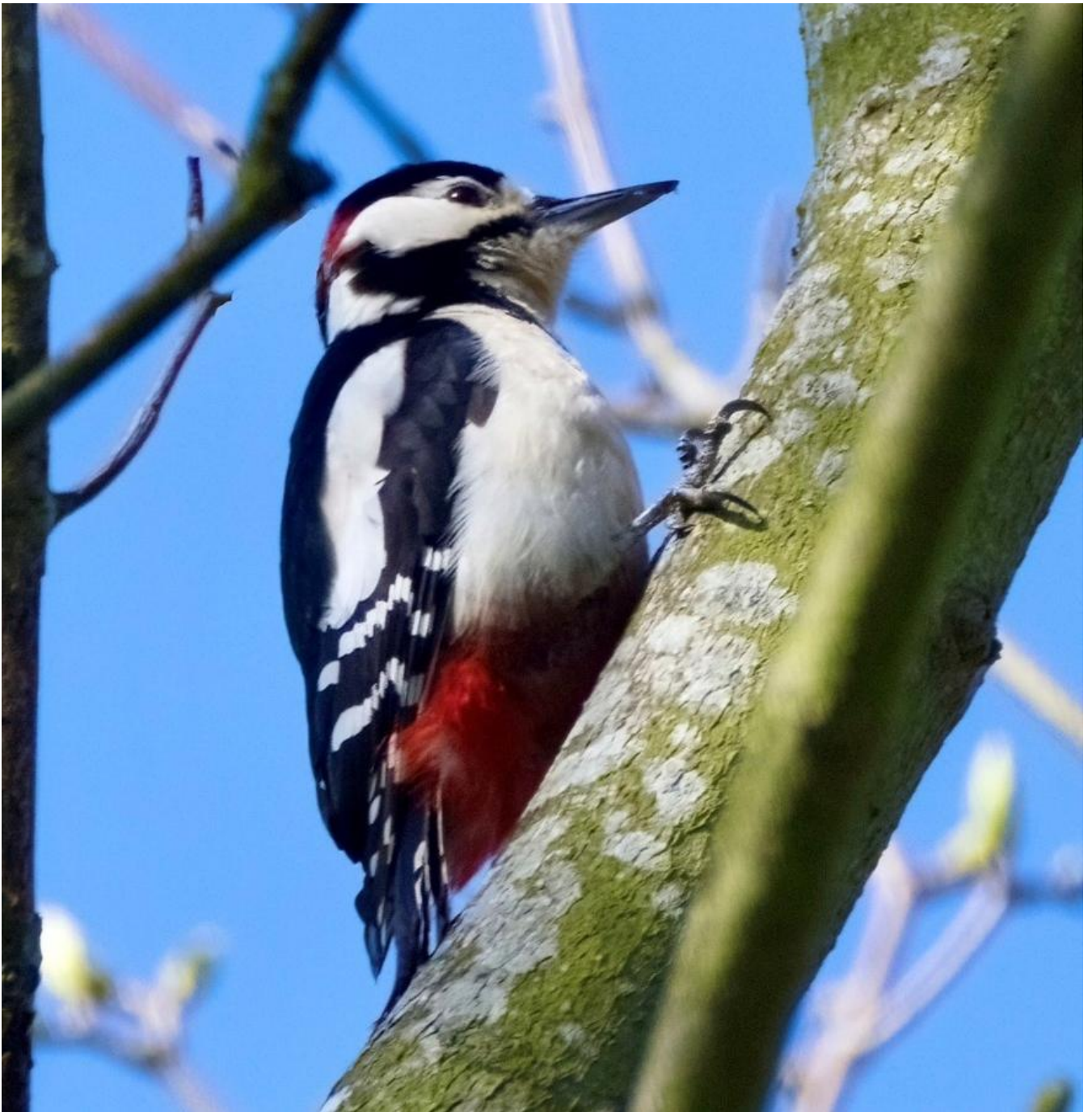
Albion Channel: This narrow, shallow channel is all that remains of Albion Dock that once linked Canada and Surrey Waters. The channel is planted with reed and water lily along its length. Coot, Moorhen and House Sparrow resident. Reed Warbler has bred and Sedge Warbler has been found here. The proposed maintenance plan started two months late and by the end of December all plants had been cleared, and drainage of the channel started.

Canada Water: Approximately a third of the original Canada Dock remains, once linking Greenland and Albion Docks. By the end of 2022 this area was again under redevelopment, and all trees, scrub and reeds had been either destroyed or, in the case of the reeds, moved to a holding area. Channels have been added and a new reedbed planted, the valuable scrub has not been replaced. Several years ago, over two hundred Tufted Duck gathered prior to moving on. Common Tern, Reed Warbler, Whitethroat and Great Crested Grebe used to breed as did Robin, House Sparrow, Dunnock, Blue Tit and Wren. It is now mostly unproductive. Past rarities have included Ringed-neck Duck and Long-tailed Duck.

Southwark Park: A good place to visit throughout the year. The Lake and the adjoining Ada Salter Garden are the most productive. Shoveler and Tufted Duck are regular Autumn/Winter visitors while Gadwall and Teal have recently become regular. It is the only site for breeding Little Grebe in the area. Common Scoter, Mandarin, Common Sandpiper and Garden Warbler have been recorded. **King's Stair's Gardens** is an extension of Southwark Park across Jamaica Road with access to the River Thames.



ROTHERHITHE BIRD REPORT 2025
COMPILED
by
John Cadera



Great Spotted Woodpecker (Richard Page-Jones)

Highlights Summary of 2025 by Month

January

Southwark Park: A pair of **Shoveler** remained until 9th. **Tufted Duck** were also low with a pair dropping in for a few days until 17th. A **Stock Dove** over on 17th was our first sighting for several weeks. A **Little Grebe** was spotted from 17th. **Black-headed Gull** remained around 60 for most of the month, we also had 3 **Lesser Black-backed Gull** and a **Herring Gull**. On 2nd the **Great Black-backed Gull** returned and was seen again on 7th, perhaps the same bird seen over Stave Hill. The resident pair of **Grey Heron** were briefly joined by another pair that flew in, circled for a couple of minutes then headed toward Deptford. **Coal Tit** was singing most days in the north part of the park. Other notable sightings: 4 **Long-tailed Tit**, 2 **Goldcrest**, 2 **Mistle Thrush**, 9 **Blackbird**, 4 **Goldfinch** and 5 **Starling** (there seem to be hardly any throughout Rotherhithe this winter and it appears that a colony near Rouel Estate, Bermondsey has disappeared)

Stave Hill, Russia Dock Woodland and Globe Pond: A pair of **Canada Goose** returned to Globe Pond on 8th. Hopefully they will have a safe season this year. 2 **Mute Swan** went over on 8th and the male **Tufted Duck** remained throughout, mostly on Globe Pond. On 29th we found a pair of **Stock Dove** in Russia Dock Woodland. Single **Collared Dove** were seen on 8th and 22nd, still a scarce species in the area. Gulls have been few and far between; mostly singles of **Black-headed**, **Herring** and **Lesser Black-backed** with a notable **Great Black-backed Gull** over on 15th. An immature **Cormorant** has, along with **Grey Heron**, been a regular visitor to Globe Pond. **Great Spotted Woodpecker** were active during the month with plenty of drumming. 2 **Jay** were seen on 29th. Most **Long-tailed Tit** have dispersed with a high count of 5 together on 15th. Only one **Chiffchaff** has remained and on 15th we found 3 **Goldcrest**. **Song Thrush** started singing by 8th, this male has been moving around ranging from Long Meadow to Downtown Pond. On 29th a single **Redwing** was found in the woods by Long Meadow. 4 **Goldfinch** and **Pied Wagtail** on 25th.

Surrey Water: 11 **Canada Goose** dropped in on 25th, one **Egyptian Goose** and 5 **Mute Swan** throughout the month. 50-70 **Tufted Duck** remained. Maximum gull numbers were 80+ **Black-headed Gull** on 8th one **Common Gull** most of the month along with a pair of **Lesser Black-backed Gull**. We found 4 **Long-tailed Tit** on 8th while a **Coal Tit** singing on 29th was a new species for us from this area. Also, **Great Spotted Woodpecker**.

Canada Water: 1 **Common Gull** amongst 40+ **Black-headed Gull** on 8th. A pair of **Egyptian Goose** have taken up residence, probably in competition with the **Mute Swan** pair. 12 **Tufted Duck** and a **Cormorant** on 25th along with a **Pied Wagtail** flyover.

Greenland Dock, Norway Dock & South Dock: 15 **Greylag** were on Greenland Dock on 25th, c40 **Tufted Duck** for most of the month. Two **Collared Dove** went over on 22nd. Also, on 22nd we found pair of **Great Crested Grebe**, one on Greenland Dock and the other on South Dock. We found 6 **Cormorant**, most adults in full breeding plumage with two immature birds. Also, on South Dock we found a **Shag**, a coastal species and rare in the London area. Around 50 **Black-headed Gull**, 2 **Common Gull**, 4 **Lesser Black-backed Gull** and 3 **Herring Gull** were found on 25th. A **Grey Wagtail** and 4 **Goldfinch** were also seen on 25th.

February

Southwark Park: Waterfowl numbers have been low throughout the month with 7 **Canada Goose** and one **Egyptian Goose** on 25th, **Tufted Duck** have been infrequent visitors with a high count of 5 on 17th. On 22nd we were surprised to find that the male **Mandarin Duck** had returned after an absence of about two years but only stayed the day. We found 3 **Stock Dove**. with one calling, at the North side on 25th. One **Little Grebe** was seen on several visits. **Black-headed Gull** numbers remained around 40; many have brown heads now and by mid-March they will be heading off to their breeding colonies. While we had 2 **Grey Heron** at the start of the month only one was seen later and none after 17th. No activity at the old nest, perhaps they have moved to Battersea where there is a heronry. A pair of **Jay** were seen on 3rd along the Carriage Drive. **Coal Tit** was singing most of the month although this single has been ranging from the North side to the sports ground on the South side. On 25th a **Chiffchaff** was singing at The Lake, our first this year and, no doubt one of our overwintering birds. A **Song Thrush** sang from 3rd to 8th near The Lake

before moving on. Hopefully the pair of **Mistle Thrush**, seen on 25th, will breed this year. Other notable sightings: 26 **Starling** on 22nd, 7 **Blackbird** on 8th, **Goldcrest** and **Long-tailed Tit**. On 7th the part leucistic male Blackbird was seen by a local birder near the Bowling Green. We found him last year and it is great to see that he is thriving.

King's Stairs Garden: No notable passerines but on 17th we counted 150+ **Black-headed Gull**, 2 **Common Gull** and 45+ **Cormorant** on the barges, many of them in breeding plumage.

Stave Hill, Russia Dock Woodland and Globe Pond: 6 **Canada Goose** and a **Greylag** went over on 12th, 12 **Mallard** were on Globe Pond on 26th, also on 26th we saw the male **Tufted Duck** fly in with Mallard, now believe that this male is the orphaned bird that attached to a Mallard brood. A **Collared Dove** was in Russia Dock Woodland on 12th. Gull numbers were, as usual low, with 4 **Black-headed Gull** and 2 **Lesser Black-backed Gull** on 12th. One **Cormorant** and **Grey Heron** were on Globe Pond on 5th. On 19th a **Sparrowhawk** was chased by two **Carrion Crow** through Stave Hill Ecology Park. 2 **Great Spotted Woodpecker** throughout the month with one drumming in Russia Dock Woodland. **Long-tailed Tit** have dispersed although we found a group of 5 on 12th. One **Chiffchaff** was found on 5th and on 12th we counted 11 **Wren** from Joe's Pond near Salter Road to Onega Gate, there are, no doubt several others lurking. We also found 5 **Blackbird**, 3 **Goldcrest** and the male **Song Thrush** is still singing. On 5th we found 6 **Dunnock**, quite often we see only one or two. They are always there, just not always obvious. 4 **Goldfinch** were at Bea Pond on 19th.

Surrey Water: **Mute Swan** pair are starting to nest build; 2 **Egyptian Goose** were seen on 26th. **Tufted Duck** numbers remained stable with 42 on 17th, **Black-headed Gull** numbers were likewise unchanged with c50 throughout. 1 **Common Gull** remained throughout along with 3 **Lesser Black-backed Gull** and up to 3 **Cormorant**. The best find in this area was a pair of **Chaffinch** along Deal Porters Way. We also had 5 **Goldfinch** over.

Canada Water: 14 **Tufted Duck** was the highest count on 17th. Up to 40 **Black-headed Gull** along with 1 **Common Gull** and one **Pied Wagtail**, flyover, on 8th.

Greenland Dock, Norway Dock & South Dock: **Mute Swan** pair were displaying 25th, **Canada Goose** (4), **Egyptian Goose**, **Mallard** and up to 40 **Tufted Duck** throughout the month. On 5th we found a freshly killed **Feral Pigeon** floating in South Dock, the spray of feathers and wound had all the hall marks of a **Peregrine** strike gone wrong. One **Great Crested Grebe** was seen on several days. 60+ **Black-headed Gull**, 2 **Common Gull**, 7 **Herring Gull**, 6 **Lesser Black-backed Gull** were the highest counts during the month. Only one **Cormorant** was seen on 25th. Other notable species were **Great Spotted Woodpecker**, 1 **Chiffchaff** and 2 **Goldfinch** on 5th.

Bermondsey: Only one notable entry this month – a **Robin** fledgling photographed at Spa Road on 2nd. This seems remarkably early and means that the eggs were laid mid-January at least.

March

Southwark Park: **Canada Goose** remained around six for most of the month. The **Egyptian Goose** pair had 13 young on 8th, 8 remained by 11th and all had been predated by the following week. We counted 10 **Mallard** on 1st. **Tufted Duck** came and went throughout the month with 8 being highest on 8th. On 23rd we found four **Stock Dove**. One **Little Grebe** was seen most days and two seen on 19th. On 23rd a **Snipe** was picked up stunned after it hit a security fence, unfortunately it died soon after. 50+ **Black-headed Gull** left by the 3rd week and only one 1st winter plumage bird remained by 31st. 8 **Herring Gull** went over on 19th, numbers usually one or two. One **Grey Heron** seen on 8th and **Sparrowhawk**, a female, was over the park on 31st. **Great Spotted Woodpecker** was seen throughout the month. Five **Jay** passed through on 6th and a pair were regularly heard or seen along The Carriage Way. **Coal Tit** was singing near the Gallery on several days, on 31st another was singing in the North section near Jamaica Rd. At least two pairs of **Long-tailed Tit** were seen. First **Chiffchaff** singing on 8th with two singing by 31st. Two **Blackcap** were singing on 31st and we also found three singing **Goldcrest**, although we know of at least five territories around the park. 20 **Starling** were around the running track on 11th where we also found **Mistle Thrush**, the park is, as far as we can tell, the last breeding site in Rotherhithe. **Goldfinch** have been regularly seen near the Sports track, and we also had **Pied Wagtail** on 1st.

King's Stairs Garden: On 28th we found 6 **Mallard**, **Mute Swan**, 2 **Egyptian Goose** and 3 **Common Gull** on the river. In the gardens a **Blackcap** was signing close to the main road. Also, a pair of **Long-tailed Tit**, and two **Blackbird**.

Stave Hill, Russia Dock Woodland and Globe Pond: The **Canada Goose** pair have settled in and by the end of the month the female was sitting on eggs. A pair of **Egyptian Goose** were at Globe Pond on 26th, we do not get many sightings and pairs rarely stay for more than a day or two. One **Mute Swan** went over on 29th. 1 **Black-headed Gull**, 1 **Herring Gull** and a pair of **Lesser Black-backed Gull** were on the only gull records during the month. 4 **Cormorant** over on 12th and **Grey Heron** was on Bea Pond. A male **Sparrowhawk** was mobbed by a couple of **Carriion Crow** on 19th. 2 **Great Spotted Woodpecker**, 4 **Ringed-necked Parakeet** and two **Jay** seen most visits. 2 **Coal Tit** were singing around Russia Dock Woodland on 5th. **Long-tail Tit**, as in other places, have paired off and seen throughout the month. On 29th a **Willow Warbler** was singing near the Hop Garden and by the end of the month 4 **Chiffchaff** and 3 **Blackcap** were singing. 2 **Goldcrest** were heard and the **Song Thrush** started Singing again on 19th. Rotherhithe's one and only wintering **Redwing** was seen for the last time on 5th. After a promising autumn start it turned into a poor turn out for winter thrushes. 10 **House Sparrow** were around Globe Pond, and a pair of **Chaffinch** were near Mahogany Pond on 12th, also 5 **Goldfinch**.

Surrey Water: On 19th a pair of **Canada Goose** dropped in and within minutes the male **Mute Swan** mobbed them until they left. One **Egyptian Goose** has been present for some time although there was a pair on 5th. On 29th a male **Pochard** was with **Tufted Duck** (between 30 and 40 throughout) 12 **Black-headed Gull** were seen on 5th but most left soon after. On 29th a **Chiffchaff** was singing along Deal Porters Way and a **Willow Warbler**, the first for the year, sang briefly on the other side of the dock.

Canada Water: 14 **Tufted Duck** on 15th along with **Pied Wagtail**, 4 **Black-headed Gull**, 2 **Herring Gull** and a **Cormorant** remained by 23rd, also pair of **Grey Wagtail**.

Greenland Dock, Norway Dock & South Dock: A pair of **Egyptian Goose** was at Greenland Dock on 15th but there are at least two other pairs in the area, one in the channel leading to South Dock had at least 4 young. 20+ **Tufted Duck** were seen on 15th, along with 1 **Great Crested Grebe** which was also seen on 29th. On 15th there were 40+ **Black-headed Gull**, 8 **Herring Gull** and a **Common Gull**, most had left by the following week and on 29th not a single gull was to be found away from the river.

Thames at Rotherhithe: Notable sightings were a pair of **Stock Dove** at Durand's Wharf on 15th and two **Sand Martin** flying upriver at Salt Quay on 31st.

Bermondsey: On 27th A **Collared Dove** started calling along St James' Road, this has become a regular spot over the last few years. A **Grey Heron** went over toward Southwark Park on 20th. On 27th a female **Sparrowhawk** took a **House Sparrow** in a garden. A **Grey Wagtail** went over on 20th and up to 3 **Ringed-neck Parakeets** were seen or heard most days. **Goldfinch** was also seen on several days as flyover, but the bird of the month for this location was a **Greenfinch** over Bermondsey Station, once a regular breeder during the 1980s, this is the first one that I have seen here for many years.

April

Southwark Park: A **Greylag** joined the 4 to 6 **Canada Goose** that are currently resident. On 7th four **Tufted Duck** dropped in but for most of the month only one pair remained. We found singles of **Stock Dove** at the north side and near the playing fields. The **Little Grebe** pair have nested, a waterlogged pile of dead leaves and compost, is well hidden under overhanging bramble. **Great Spotted Woodpecker** was only seen once, on 3rd. A **Red Kite** was seen over the park on 22nd. A pair of **Jay** were in their usual area along the Carriageway; on 19th we saw one making a very odd call that sounded something like a **Common Buzzard**. **Coal Tit** sang regularly from various locations. On 7th we found a **Willow Warbler** by The Lake, we watched it for several minutes but like all our **Willow Warblers** this year only sang for a few seconds. Three **Blackcap** and two **Chiffchaff** are singing around the park. 20 **Starling** were seen around the running track; these are now regular here. On 14th we also found a **Mistle Thrush** near the track. On 7th we had a passage of **Pied Wagtail** with five feeding at the running track. A **Chaffinch** sang briefly near the playground on 7th we could not locate it and no further singing. **Goldfinch** were also seen in pairs, mostly over, during the month.

King's Stairs Garden: No notable sightings from this area; usual suspects of **Woodpigeon**, **Carrion Crow**, **Magpie**, **Blackbird** and **Robin**.

Stave Hill, Russia Dock Woodland and Globe Pond: The **Canada Goose** pair had 6 young although at least one likely taken by a **Grey Heron** which was mobbed by the male on 29th. **Greylag** went over on 9th (3) and 30th (2), 7 **Tufted Duck** arrived mid-month and remained. One or two **Stock Dove** were heard and seen several times and a **Collared Dove** was seen on 5th. A **Sparrowhawk** was over on 2nd. **Great Spotted Woodpecker** was seen on several days. On 2nd a **Monk Parakeet** went over Stave Hill and dropped into Central Meadow. This is a new record for us, one of few from South London, of this introduced species, also 9 **Ringed-necked Parakeet** went through. **Jay** and **Coal Tit** were seen and heard several times during the month. On 6th two **House Martin** went over Stave Hill and on 30th a **Swallow** went over high. We found three pairs of **Long-tailed Tit** around the Ecology Park. **Willow Warbler** was found on 8th and 26th, singing this year has been just a few short bursts. 4 singing **Chiffchaff** and 6 singing **Blackcap** are between Onega Gate and Stave Hill. On 8th a **Lesser Whitethroat** was found in Central Meadow, as so often with this scarce species it did not hang around for long. The **Song Thrush** continued to sing near The Long Meadow. We found singles of **Grey Wagtail** and **Pied Wagtail**, the former dropping in at Globe Pond on 23rd. A pair of **Chaffinch** were found near Mahogany Pond on 30th.

Surrey Water: The **Mute Swan** pair had 7 young on 23rd while the **Egyptian Goose** pair had 5 young on 23rd and had lost one by 30th. On 17th 5 **Shelduck** flew downriver past Salt Quay, this is our highest count through Rotherhithe. **Tufted Duck** numbers were 36 on 2nd and down to 16 for most of the month. Other notables were two **Chiffchaff** and a **Blackcap** singing along Deal Porters Way. On 6th 14 **House Martin** and two **Swallow** went through, our first arrivals.

Canada Water: pair **Mute Swan**, 6 **Tufted Duck**, **Cormorant** and **Black-headed Gull**.

Greenland Dock, Norway Dock & South Dock: three **Great Crested Grebe** were present throughout the month, otherwise there is very little going on since all the gulls left a few weeks ago.

Thames at Rotherhithe: Very little worth reporting along the river, just the usual suspects; 5 **Canada Goose**, **Mute Swan**, **Herring Gull** and **Lesser Black-backed Gull** on 7th.

Bermondsey: On morning of 4th, a **Blackcap** was singing in gardens just off St James' Road, this is the first time that I have heard Blackcap in this area.

May

Southwark Park: Three pairs of **Canada Goose** have 11 young between them. A pair of **Greylag** had 5 young on 19th, this is the first breeding the park of this species for several years. The **Egyptian Goose** pair bred again and had 9 young on 26th but there was no sign of adults or young at the end of the month. A pair of **Tufted Duck** remained most of the month but no signs of breeding so far. We are not sure what is going on with duck breeding this year, perhaps several early broods were taken by **Lesser Black-backed Gull**, of which, a pair is usually lurking, or **Grey Heron** which was also seen on and off during the month. At the end of the month, we found one new brood of **Mallard**. In contrast **Moorhen** and **Coot** do not seem to have the same high mortality. **Stock Dove** has been scarce with only one sighting on 26th. **Little Grebe** were equally elusive; we only saw one adult and so far, no sign of successful breeding despite activity around the nest site several weeks ago. **Coal Tit** was heard by the Athletics centre, two **Chiffchaff** and two **Blackcap** were singing at the start of the month. Two **Goldcrest** on 11th and on 19th we counted 16 **Starling**, we could hear at least two juveniles in the group indicating successful breeding somewhere in Rotherhithe. A pair of **Mistle Thrush** still present around the running track and two **Goldfinch** over on 5th. On 29th three **Greenfinch** visited a feeder near the park, a male and two female/immatures.

King's Stairs Garden: No notable sightings from this area.

Stave Hill, Russia Dock Woodland and Globe Pond: The **Canada Goose** pair had three remaining young by the end of the month. On 4th a party of 7 **Mute Swan** flew over. At least 7 **Tufted Duck** remained on Globe Pond throughout. On 3rd one **Swift** was over Stave Hill Ecology Park. **Stock Dove** was seen on all visits with three recorded on 4th. On 31st A **Collared Dove** was calling near Globe Pond. A **Grey Heron** was in the area most days, two were at Globe Pond on 29th. **Great Spotted Woodpecker** was seen and heard most days. On 20th a **Kestrel** went over Stave Hill Ecology Park, a great find of this now scarce species. A pair of **Jay**

were seen on 13th. Two **House Martin** were feeding over Stave Hill on 31st. 5 **Chiffchaff** and 5 **Blackcap** were singing early in the month and on 31st a **Reed Warbler** was singing in the bushes near Alfred Salter School. The territory on nearby Albion Channel is still occupied. With a report of two from Canada Water, this is the highest count of Reed Warbler from the area for some years. The **Song Thrush** continues to sing around Russia Dock Woodland. On 31st we found a male **Grey Wagtail** at the small pond behind Globe Pond.

Surrey Water: The **Mute Swan** pair still have 7 young, surprisingly the **Egyptian Goose** pair have managed to get 5 young to a good, survivable age. 10 **Tufted Duck** were seen on 28th, also one **Swift**; this is a poor showing and generally there seem to be fewer in South London this year. A family party of **Long-tailed Tit** was seen near Deal Porters on 28th. We were recently shown another phone video of a belated recorded, this time of a **Red Kite** soaring over Surrey Water on 1st May.

Canada Water: The **Mute Swan** pair seem to have abandoned, a nest with eggs was seen by others but by the end of the month we found no sign. 4 **Tufted Duck**, 2 **Cormorant** and a **Grey Heron** were amongst the usual suspects. Two **Reed Warbler** were reported during the month however since the reeds are still growing, they were likely drop ins as we did not find any on our visits. **Grey Wagtail** has also been regularly seen.

Greenland Dock, Norway Dock & South Dock: One **Great Crested Grebe** was present throughout the month.

Thames at Rotherhithe: 13 **Mute Swan** were on the river on 14th; two **Swift** were also seen. A **Common Sandpiper** at Rotherhithe Jetty was a good record. On 26th a pair of **Sand Martin** returned, this is promising as there was no sign of them last year. 14 **House Martin** were counted at the usual site on 14th.

Bermondsey: The only notable sighting was of two **Swift** on 8th.

June

Southwark Park: Three pairs of **Canada Goose** had a total of 12 young between them on 12th. The **Greylag** have not been as successful, after promising start with 5 young, there was only one left by the end of the month. The **Egyptian Goose** pair have raised 8 young to a decent size. We also found at least 7 young **Mallard** between several females. A pair of **Tufted Duck** remained throughout most of the month. There was also a brief visit by a pair of **Pochard** on 13th. We had **Swift** twice over the park during the month; two on 14th and one on 21st. **Stock Dove** was heard on a couple of visits and on 27th we found a group of 13 **Woodpigeon** at the north side. We found only one **Little Grebe** during the month, and it appears that breeding has failed. The regular pair of **Lesser Black-backed Gull** were seen throughout. Two **Cormorant** went over on 2nd, and **Grey Heron** was seen on several occasions. **Great Spotted Woodpecker** was seen and heard several times, and we also found 6 **Ringed-neck Parakeet**. A **Jay** was at The Bowling Green on 7th, this, as it turned out was the only report from the area this month. A **Coal Tit** was heard on 21st. Small numbers of **House Martin** were seen; 5 on 14th and 4 on 27th. Three **Blackcap** were singing at the start of the month, but these became irregular by the end. Two **Goldcrest** were also heard, one of them in the conifers outside the running track. 25+ **Starling** were also found near the running track on 12th; we could hear several juveniles with them. Few sightings of **Mistle Thrush**, but on 27th we found three; two at the north side and a single near Lower Road.

King's Stairs Garden: No notable sightings from this area.

Stave Hill, Russia Dock Woodland and Globe Pond: Pair of **Canada Goose** continue with three young, on 4th we found 7 **Tufted Duck** with one chick, by 17th only a pair of adults remained, and the chick had been taken. **Swift** records continue to be scant with one seen on 4th and 25th. A **Collared Dove** was calling most of the month near Globe Pond. One **Herring Gull** and one **Lesser Black-backed Gull** were the only gulls this month. A **Grey Heron** was seen most of the month and on 25th a female **Sparrowhawk** was in Russia Dock Woodland. Parties of **Great, Blue** and **Long-tailed Tit** were seen wandering around with fledglings. **House Martin** numbers have been low over the area; 4 on 4th, 2 on 17th and 5 on 25th. Two **Chiffchaff** were singing at the start of the month, also at least one **Blackcap** still singing and we found two fledged at the Turbine. Two **Goldcrest** were in Russia Dock Woodland on 4th. The **Song Thrush** continued to sing and on 4th we found 5 male **Blackbird** together in Russia Dock Woodland. c5 **Goldfinch** were in Long Meadow on 23rd.

Along nearby Albion Channel the **Reed Warber** pair have been actively feeding young utilising a fox scat as a buffet, picking off flies for their brood.

Surrey Water: 9 **Mute Swan** (pair with 7 young) doing well, we only found one **Egyptian Goose** and no sign of young. 14 **Tufted Duck** were present most of the month. On 25th we found 4 **House Martin** and one **Sand Martin** over.

Canada Water: Nothing notable, however it is good to see that the grass and reed areas are doing well.

Greenland Dock, Norway Dock & South Dock: Pair of **Great Crested Grebe** reported throughout.

Thames at Rotherhithe: Two pair of **Sand Martin** have returned with one pair seen carrying food.

Bermondsey: On 7th a male **Kestrel** was hovering over Rouel Road Estate was mobbed by crows. This is an excellent record; I have not seen a kestrel over that area for over 6 years. Another highlight was a party of 6 **Swift** over briefly heading for the Old Kent Road.

July

Southwark Park: 20 **Canada Goose** and two **Greylag** were seen on 22nd. The **Egyptian Goose** had 7 full grown young with them. On 28th 3 **Gadwall** dropped in; a welcome find, these are the first autumn returns. We counted 25+ **Mallard**, all in eclipse plumage. Also 1 female **Tufted Duck** on 14th. 1 **Stock Dove** was singing at Ada Salter Garden on 28th. Having been mostly absent for some time the **Little Grebe** surprised us with two young on 14th, and both were doing well by 28th. 14th gave us our first returning **Black-headed Gull**. **Grey Heron** was seen most days along with **Lesser Black-back Gull** and two **Great Spotted Woodpecker**. Aerial feeders have been few and far between again over The Lake with one **House Martin** on 22nd and three over on 28th. One **Chiffchaff** was calling on 14th, and a **Blackcap** sang in Ada Salter Garden on 28th. **Long-tailed Tit** are now moving around with fledged young, often high up in the trees with only calls to home in on. On 22nd we found 18 **Starling** and another bit of good news was of **Greenfinch** visiting a feeder near the park with one juvenile.

King's Stairs Garden: Like so many places the area is quiet at this time of the year. On the river 50+ **Black-headed Gull** and a few **Herring Gull** were seen. While in the gardens we only found **Woodpigeon**, **Blackbird** and **Carrion Crow**.

Stave Hill, Russia Dock Woodland and Globe Pond: The **Canada Goose** family are doing well, the young are now almost as large as the adults. On the back pond we found a female **Tufted Duck** with 4 young (30th). One **Swift** went over The Shed on 9th, what few **Swift** we have in this part of South London will be heading to Africa in 4-5 weeks. **Stock Dove** were heard in Russia Dock Woodland and at Globe Pond on 23rd. Not the best time for gulls with only a couple of resident **Lesser Black-backed Gull** over on 30th. **Grey Heron** seen most days. **Sparrowhawk** has fledged two young and on 12th an out of season **Kingfisher** was found at Globe Pond, our first summer record and likely a young bird that stayed for at least two days. **Great Spotted Woodpecker** was seen and heard most visits. On 23rd a **Jay** was heard in Russia Dock Woodland, also **Coal Tit**. On 30th three **Sand Martin** and 6 **House Martin** on 16th were over Stave Hill. On 23rd three **Chiffchaff** and two **Blackcap** were heard. The **Song Thrush** sang briefly on 16th.

Lavender Pond: **Tufted Duck** has bred with one female followed by 8 full size young. A **Sparrowhawk** was seen over on 26th, also 6 **House Martin** and two **Goldfinch**.

Surrey Water: 9 **Mute Swan** (pair with 7 young), two **Egyptian Goose**, 8 **Tufted Duck** remain and we found one young bird. It seems that **Tufted Duck** has bred throughout the area except Southwark Park this year. 14 **Black-headed Gull** were present on 23rd and a **Blackcap** sang briefly along Deal Porters.

Canada Water: After failing to breed, one **Mute Swan** has returned. 9 **Tufted Duck** have been around most of the month and one female with a new brood of 8 was seen on 22nd. Also, on 22nd two **Goldfinch**. While the water levels were low and warm, we could see shoals of fish fry and good numbers of young **Perch** in the shallows.

Greenland Dock, Norway Dock & South Dock: Pair of **Great Crested Grebe** with 2 young doing well. On 23rd we found 5 **Canada Goose**, 11 **Mute Swan**, 10 **Egyptian Goose**. On 16th a **Tufted Duck** brood of 6 was seen, along with 18 **Black-headed Gull**. At least another 5 **Tufted Duck** were seen on Norway Dock. The best bird here was **Oystercatcher** heading downriver on 19th, an excellent find of another local rarity. Other noteworthy species were **Great Spotted Woodpecker** and **Goldfinch**.

Thames at Rotherhithe: Very little happening on the river, **Black-headed Gull** numbers gradually rising as they return from their breeding sites.

Bermondsey: A surprising turnout for this area; 3 **Swift** over on 15th, **Red Kite** drifted over Rouel Estate on evening of 28th and **Sparrowhawk** over on 28th. Also, on 28th two **House Martin** and two **Goldfinch**.

August

Southwark Park: 24 **Canada Goose** and 2 **Greylag** were counted on 5th, also 7 **Egyptian Goose**. At least 2 **Gadwall** remained throughout the month, and 2 **Tufted Duck** visited on 13th. On the evening of 13th, while we waited for bats to show, we had an excellent passage of **Swift**; at least 12 feeding over The Lake with 6 **House Martin** and 1 **Sand Martin**. The surviving young **Little Grebe** is doing well and is still, occasionally, being fed by one of the adults. **Black-headed Gull** numbers remained low, except on 11th when 20+ were at The Lake on 11th. Singles of **Herring Gull**, **Lesser Black-backed Gull**, **Grey Heron**, **Cormorant** were seen during the month. Other notable sightings were on several days, **Coal Tit** and **Blackcap** on 11th, **Great Spotted Woodpecker** was heard on 23rd. On 31st a **Little Egret** dropped in.

King's Stairs Garden: No notable sightings from this area. **Late news:** **Little Egret**, likely the same one that visited the park on 31st August, was filmed in St Mary's Gardens actively feeding on insects from the lawn. The still is somewhat hazy but it's not every day we see Little Egrets feeding by a park bench.

Stave Hill, Russia Dock Woodland and Globe Pond: 2 **Tufted Duck** were at Globe Pond early in the month but left after young were predated. 2 **Stock Dove** were seen at Globe Pond on 18th along with **Grey Heron** and 4 **Lesser Black-backed Gull**. A **Kingfisher** was again reported from Downtown Pond at the end of the month. **Great Spotted Woodpecker** was seen and heard several times during the month. **Coal Tit** was heard in Russia Dock Woodland on 20th. **House Martin** were seen over Stave Hill a few times with a maximum of 5 on 27th. Also, on 27th a large party of 15+ **Long-tailed Tit** were near Mahogany Pond and 3 **Chiffchaff** calling around The Shed, one occasionally singing. On 31st a **Spotted Flycatcher** was found along the path leading to The Shed, our first of the autumn. A **Grey Wagtail** was at Globe Pond on 18th.

Lavender Pond: No notable sightings.

Surrey Water: 9 **Mute Swan** remain on site, 24 **Tufted Duck** were seen on 18th along with 2 **Cormorant**, a **Great Spotted Woodpecker** was heard near the gas works.

Canada Water: On 23rd a pair of **Greylag** flew over, a scarce bird at this site. 1 **Mute Swan** has been present for some time. Apart from 3 **Cormorant** and a **Goldfinch** very little else has been around of note.

Greenland Dock, Norway Dock & South Dock: Very little change here although there has been no sign of the young **Great Crested Grebe**.

Thames at Rotherhithe: **Black-headed Gull** are regular in small numbers.

Bermondsey: A **Herring Gull** was again making a meal of a **Feral Pigeon** on 5th near Mack's Road. On 26th I received a video of a **Jay** at the concession stand of Millwall Football Ground. A **Great Spotted Woodpecker** has been regular along Southwark Park Road near Rouel Estate. 4 **House Martin** went over high mid-morning on 24th and later in the day, a **Goldcrest** was singing near Bermondsey Station.

September

Southwark Park: 16 **Canada Goose** were on The Lake for most of the month. **Gadwall** numbers stayed low for the first two weeks, but 10 were still present until end of the month. Around 30 **Woodpigeon** were around the park, but we found only 1 **Stock Dove** on 29th. 2 **Little Grebe** remained throughout the month along with up to 4 **Cormorant** and **Grey Heron**. **Black-headed Gull** numbers remained low with only 1 or 2 birds seen at any time. A **Jay** was seen and heard several times. We heard **Coal Tit** on 29th. **Chiffchaff** numbers stayed low with 2 heard several times during the month. 3 **Goldcrest** were around Ada Salter Garden on 23rd. 20 **Starling** were at the running track on 3rd. A **Mistle Thrush** was at The Lake on 23rd. **Grey Wagtail** was seen on 29th, **Pied Wagtail** went over on 8th and on 23rd 3 **Meadow Pipit** went over.

King's Stairs Garden: No notable sightings from this area.

Stave Hill, Russia Dock Woodland and Globe Pond: 10 **Mute Swan** flew over on 20th, also 11 **Tufted Duck** heading for Surrey Water. Also, on 20th 2 **Stock Dove** dropped into trees around Globe Pond and 15+ **Woodpigeon** were feeding around Stave Hill. A **Collared Dove** was calling near Downtown Pond on same

day. Never a common bird in this part of London, we have seen/heard very few this year. **Grey Heron** was present most days with 3 seen on 20th; 2 at Globe Pond and 1 over Russia Dock Woodland. An elusive **Kingfisher** was at Bea Pond on 20th. Although there, we see few **Ring-necked Parrakeet** in the area at least 20 go through each morning. 2 **Jay** were seen on 24th and some 40 **Carrion Crow** had a morning congregation near Bea Pond on 20th. Early morning vismig on 20th gave us passage of 10 **Pied Wagtail** and 7 **Meadow Pipit**, while on 27th 15+ **Swallow** went over. A pair of **Grey Wagtail** have been seen on several occasions. Parties of **Long-tailed Tit** are starting to gather with **Blue Tit**, **Great Tit** and the odd **Chiffchaff** tagging along. On 24th we found 6 Chiffchaff around Russia Dock Woodland and Stave Hill Ecology Park. On 24th we found 2 male **Blackcap** and a **Spotted Flycatcher**, the latter feeding actively near Stave Hill Pond.

Lavender Pond: No notable sightings.

Surrey Water: Around 80 **Tufted Duck** were present most of the month, also 3 **Egyptian Goose**. 7 **Canada Goose** turned up on 24th. 20+ **Black-headed Gull** and a pair of **Lesser Black-backed Gull** have been the only gull species so far. A group of 20 **Magpie** went through on 24th and our first **Grey Wagtail** here for some time was also seen.

Canada Water: 1 **Mute Swan** has been regular along with a 4 **Tufted Duck** and low numbers of **Black-headed Gull**.

Greenland Dock, Norway Dock & South Dock: On 22nd a pair of **Egyptian Goose** were seen with 4 young at South Dock. 20+ **Tufted Duck** were found at Greenland Dock on 6th. On 2nd we found 2 **Great Crested Grebe** at Greenland Dock, however we were told that they have a full-grown youngster; the group was seen at South Dock on 20th. Up to 150 **Black-headed Gull** were on the sailing club pontoon on 2nd along with 5 **Herring Gull**, 8 **Lesser black-backed Gull** and 1 **Great Black-backed Gull**. Also 4 **Cormorant**, although another birder counted 15 on 1st. Other notable sightings were **Grey Heron** on 2nd and **Goldfinch** over on 6th.

Thames at Rotherhithe: 14 **Magpie** flew north across the river on 27th, 4 **House Martin** still near Salt Quay, a **Spotted Flycatcher** was briefly heard at Durand's Wharf on 6th along with a flock of 20+ **Goldfinch**. **Grey Wagtail** was also seen.

Bermondsey: 6 **Canada Goose** went over on 24th. A **Sparrowhawk** went through on 19th while **Great Spotted Woodpecker** has been seen and heard at its usual spots near Monnow Road. **Grey Wagtail** was seen and heard several times during the month and on 29th a **Chiffchaff** was heard along St James' Road.

October

Southwark Park: On 13th we found the pair of **Egyptian Goose** with 3 young. A male **Shoveler** arrived on 27th, the first of the winter, along with 15 **Gadwall**. Pair of **Little Grebe** were seen most days. **Black-headed Gull** numbers varied throughout with only 2 in first week and 30+ on 27th. 1 **Herring Gull** and up to 4 **Lesser Black-backed Gull** were seen most days. Pair of **Grey Heron** were also around most of the month. 1 **Chiffchaff** and up to 3 **Goldcrest** were heard/seen, also **Great Spotted Woodpecker** most days. On 13th we found 47 **Starling** at the running track. Also, on 13th the first **Redwing** arrived with 14 over the playing field, while feeding near the cricket pitch were 8 **Pied Wagtail**. 5 **Goldfinch** moved through on 21st.

King's Stairs Garden: No notable sightings from this area.

Stave Hill, Russia Dock Woodland and Globe Pond: An early visit on 18th gave us a new bird for the area – a **Brent Goose** flew low over Stave Hill heading south. Also, on the 16th 13 **Mute Swan** headed north across the river in two groups. On 12th we met up with 12 people for the **Autumn London Bird Club** walk. We found **Goldcrest**, at least 10 seen or heard, **Wren**, **Robin**, **Long-Tailed Tit** and 25+ **Tufted Duck** flew over The Green heading for Surrey Water. **Woodpigeon** movement started around 18th for us with small numbers over high heading south, highest count was 80+ on 22nd. A **Collared Dove** was singing near Downtown Pond on 18th. **Black-headed Gull**, **Herring Gull** and **Lesser Black-backed Gull** were all seen in small numbers during the month. 3 **Cormorant** and a **Sparrowhawk** and 28+ **Ringed-neck Parakeet** went through on 22nd. On 12th we found 4 **Chiffchaff** (8 were found on 1st) and a pair of **Jay** were seen a couple of times during the month. On 18th 18 **Redwing** (also 4 on 15th and another on 22nd) and 5 **Fieldfare** were in the trees near Long Meadow. Also, a **Song Thrush** was in sub-song near the willows. On 15th we found 8 **Blackbird**. The resident **Grey Wagtail** were seen most days as were 1 or 2 **Pied Wagtail**. 3 **Meadow Pipit**

went through on 1st and 1 on 22nd, 8 **Chaffinch** went over on 15th, otherwise mostly singles. 22nd was one of those interesting movement mornings that also included 7 **Redpoll**, 1 **Greenfinch**, 2 **Siskin** and 1 **Linnet**, the last being quite a rarity for us.

Lavender Pond: No notable sightings.

Surrey Water: 42 **Tufted Duck**, 65 **Black-headed Gull**, 3 **Cormorant** were seen on 27th.

Canada Water: 5 **Canada Goose** arrived briefly on 6th along with 2 new **Mute Swan**, these may have driven off the resident male as by 27th only 2 remained. Around 40 **Mallard** and 6 **Tufted Duck** were counted on 18th. We noted 1 male Tufted Duck that stayed with the Mallard and wondered if this was the orphan from Globe Pond that had adopted a Mallard family. Also, on 18th a **Common Gull** was with 45 **Black-headed Gull** on the pontoon. Other notable was **Grey Wagtail** seen most days and **Goldfinch** on 27th.

Greenland Dock, Norway Dock & South Dock: 17 **Mute Swan** around all the docks on 1st. On 27th we found 2 **Egyptian Goose**, c70 **Tufted Duck**, 1 **Great Crested Grebe**, 75+ **Black-headed Gull**, 3 **Lesser Black-backed Gull**, 12 **Cormorant** and **Grey Wagtail**.

Thames at Rotherhithe: A walk along the river on 27th gave us c200 **Black-headed Gull**, 20+ **Herring Gull**, 4 **Lesser Black-backed Gull** and 1 **Common Gull**. The highlight of this wander was a **Kingfisher** near Salt Quay, the first that we have had along the river. We also had 5 **Goldfinch**.

Bermondsey: Highlights were **Jay** on 4th, **Grey Wagtail** over on several days and at least 2 **Redwing** over on 28th.

November

Southwark Park: 12 **Canada Goose** on 1st was our only record this month. 1 **Shoveler** most of the month, 2 dropped in on 24th and 2 pairs were present on 30th. We had record **Gadwall** numbers throughout ranging from 14 on 1st to 31 on 17th, although only 2 remained on 30th. **Mallard** numbers remained around 16 throughout. A pair of **Stock Dove** were around The Lake on 16th. On 15th a male **Water Rail** was calling from the reeds in front of Ada Salter Garden. 2 **Little Grebe** were present throughout. **Black-headed Gull** were around 30 most days although c60 were counted on 17th. 8 **Cormorant** was our highest count, with at least 4 most days, also present throughout 2 **Grey Heron**. On 13th we saw 2 **Sparrowhawk** together being harassed by a couple of Carrion Crow. Early on 16th a female **Marsh Harrier** followed by a **Carrion Crow** over the playing field was another new species for us. **Great Spotted Woodpecker** was seen on several visits, and some 20 **Ringed-necked Parakeet** left the park early on 16th, they appear to have been roosting on the large island. A **Jay** was seen on 25th, **Long-tailed Tit** have been hard to track down but we did see a party of c10 on 1st. A **Chiffchaff** was heard on 13th. On 15th we found 2 **Firecrest** in Ada Salter Garden, another rare winter visitor. Our only **Starling** record was of c20 over on 17th. **Mistle Thrush** was seen on 10th and again on 24th when it sang briefly near the playing field. A **Redwing** went over on 17th. Singles of **Grey Wagtail** and **Pied Wagtail** were seen on several days; 2 **Redpoll** and 5 **Goldfinch** went over on 24th.

King's Stairs Garden: 2 **Egyptian Goose** on the river, also **Carrion Crow**, **Magpie**, **Herring Gull**, **Robin** and **Woodpigeon**.

Stave Hill, Russia Dock Woodland and Globe Pond: 14 **Woodpigeon** were around Stave Hill on 8th, 2 **Collared Dove** at Globe Pond on 28th. 18 **Cormorant** went over in various groups on 8th, also **Great Spotted Woodpecker** and **Sparrowhawk**. Up to 8 **Ring-necked Parakeet** throughout the month. A pair of **Jay** was seen or heard most of the month. A party of around 15 **Long-tailed Tit** were wandering around The Green and Hop Garden areas but only a couple of **Blue Tit** had joined them. We found 5 **Goldcrest** on 28th. 2 **Starling** over on 8th was something of a highlight; the last singing male in Russia Dock Woodland was over 7 years ago! **Grey Wagtail** has been regular and with migration petering out 3 **Chaffinch** and 2 **Siskin** over 8th.

Lavender Pond: 6 **Moorhen**, **Great Spotted Woodpecker**, 2 **Goldfinch**, 2 **Goldcrest** and **Blackbird** were seen on 21st.

Surrey Water: Around most of the month: 2 **Canada Goose**. 3 **Mute Swan**, 2 **Egyptian Goose**. On 28th we found 103 **Tufted Duck**, 56 **Black-headed Gull** and 2 **Lesser Black-backed Gull**. A **Common Gull** was seen

on 18th, also 4 **Cormorant**, **Grey Heron** and **Great Spotted Woodpecker**. 8 **Duncock** were seen together on 1st. 5 **Starling** around the gasworks on 28th, also **Grey Wagtail** and 2 **Goldfinch**.

Canada Water: Only notable sightings were 1 **Egyptian Goose**, 20+ **Black-headed Gull**, **Wren** and **Grey Wagtail** on 21st.

Greenland Dock, Norway Dock & South Dock: On 15th 5 **Greylag** were seen, perhaps the same group over Bermondsey later in the month. Greylag have been few and far between lately. On 28th 4 **Canada Goose**, 7 **Mute Swan**, 4 **Egyptian Goose**, c50 **Tufted Duck**, 1 **Great Crested Grebe**, 40+ **Black-headed Gull**, 5 **Common Gull**, 30 **Cormorant**, **Grey Heron** and 2 **Goldfinch**. **Grey wagtail** was seen on 15th.

Thames at Rotherhithe: Highlight in this area was 30 **Redwing** heading across the river from Salt Quay on 1st. A **Starling** was singing from a rooftop near Salt Quay on 28th. The only other highlight from this area was a **Common Gull** also on 28th.

Bermondsey: 5 **Greylag** went over on 22nd, a **Mute Swan** over on 13th. On 26th a **Collared Dove** flew over Rouel Estate, also 2 **Starling** over Bermondsey Station. **Grey Wagtail** goes through the area almost every day. Best bird was a **Chaffinch** over on 13th.

December

Southwark Park: **Canada Goose** was seen on a few days with highest count of 20 on 7th, **Greylag** was also scarce with only one record of 4 on 30th. The **Egyptian Goose** pair present throughout with an extra flyover on 13th. Only 2 **Shoveler** at start of the month and 2 **Gadwall** on 9th. We counted 20 **Mallard** on 13th. **Tufted Duck** numbers were also low with 2 during the first week of the month. **Stock Dove** heard or seen most days with 3 on 30th. **Collared Dove** has become increasingly scarce throughout the peninsula; 1 went over the park on 2nd. The **Water Rail** was seen on 2nd. **Little Grebe** were seen most days with 3 found on 31st. **Black-headed Gull** numbers were around 40 for most of the month, c60 were on The Lake on 30th. 2 **Herring Gull** on 30th and at least 1 **Lesser Black-backed Gull** most days. There seems to have been quite an influx of **Cormorant** in South London this month (see Greenland Dock entry); 2 or 3 throughout the month except for 7th when we counted 21 in the trees around The Lake. 2 **Grey Heron** present throughout. **Great Spotted Woodpecker** seen and heard most days, and 10+ **Ring-neck Parakeets** were seen on 15th. A **Jay** was seen on 22nd. **Coal Tit** was seen on 3rd and 13th. The **Long-tailed Tit** party was hard to track down on some days sometimes joined by **Blue Tit** and **Great Tit**, the largest group that we found was of c10. A **Chiffchaff** was calling near The Gallery on 22nd. 2 **Firecrest** remained around Ada Salter Garden throughout with last record of 1 on 31st. Goldcrest see or heard most days with 5 on 13th. 9 **Starling** were seen on 22nd. 1 **Mistle Thrush** seen most days (and singing) with 3 around the playing field on 22nd. This is an excellent record for us as this species is rapidly declining throughout London. 2 **Redwing** were also seen on 22nd near the playing field. 5 **Blackbird** were found on 30th. **Grey Wagtail** was at The Lake on 15th, 2 **Pied Wagtail** on the running track on 22nd, 1 **Chaffinch** was near the Lodge on 19th and **Goldfinch** seen and heard most days.

King's Stairs Garden: Pair of **Egyptian Goose** seen on 7th. Also seen: 3 **Cormorant**, **Black-headed Gull**, **Wood Pigeon**, **Carrion Crow** and **Robin**.

Stave Hill, Russia Dock Woodland and Globe Pond: We counted 26 **Mallard** at Globe Pond on 16th along with 18 **Moorhen**. 3 **Black-headed Gull** on 16th. **Great Spotted Woodpecker** seen most days with 4 together near Stave Hill Pond on 27th. A **Jay** was in Russia Dock Woodland on 8th. On 26th we found **Coal Tit**. A party of 8+ **Long-tailed Tit** was the largest group this month and included a **Chiffchaff**, **Blue Tit** and **Great Tit**. 4 **Goldcrest** were found on 16th, 2 **Blackbird** on 8th along with a **Grey Wagtail** at Downtown Pond. While **Goldfinch** was seen or heard regularly but it has been another poor finch season throughout the area.

Lavender Pond: No notable records.

Surrey Water: 15 **Canada Goose** dropped in on 16th, 3 **Mute Swan** and a pair of **Egyptian Goose** throughout the month. On 16th we counted 22 **Mallard** and 100 **Tufted Duck** on 26th. Gulls: 71 **Black-headed Gull** on 16th, 4 **Common Gull** on 26th and a pair of **Lesser Black-backed Gull** throughout the month. 2 **Goldcrest** were found on 26th.

Canada Water: A pair of **Mute Swan** were present throughout. On 14th a male **Gadwall**, first record on Canada Water for at least 15 years! Also, on 14th were c30 **Mallard** and c20 **Tufted Duck**, 71 **Black-headed Gull** on 16th and 2 **Herring Gull** most days. We found a **Wren** near the pond dipping area, since the destruction of the hedges for the recent redevelopment passerines are scarce or have disappeared from this section.

Greenland Dock, Norway Dock & South Dock: On 27th we found 2 **Canada Goose**, 2 **Greylag**, 6 **Mute Swan**, 20 **Mallard**, c60 **Tufted Duck**, 12 **Moorhen** and 67 **Coot**. Only 1 **Great Crested Grebe**. Plenty of wintering gulls: c60 **Black-headed Gull**, 1 **Common Gull**, 30 **Herring Gull** and 1 **Lesser Black-backed Gull**. 14 **Cormorant** was about average, however 67 were counted on 9th. Although Burgess Park is not part of our recording area it is worth noting that 48 were seen on 22nd. A **Kestrel** was an excellent find on 11th. Other notable species: 1 **Blackbird**, 1 **Starling** and **Grey Wagtail**.

Thames at Rotherhithe: c200 **Black-headed Gull** and 3 **Common Gull** on the foreshore near the Hilton.

Bermondsey: An **Egyptian Goose** went over on 29th, at least 3 **Herring Gull** present throughout. 17 **Magpie** gathered in a tree outside Tesco on 14th, On 21st a **Goldcrest** was calling near the station and 4 **Starling** went over. We found a **Chaffinch** on 25th.



Cormorant (Darren Young)

Species Recorded in 2025

Brent Goose (*Branta bernicla*) One over Stave Hill 18th October, a new species for the area.

Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*) Resident breeder at most sites. Highest count was of 20 at Southwark Park 7th December. A pair returned to Globe Pond and fledged 3 young. Successful breeding at Southwark Park resulted in 12 fledged.

Greylag Goose (*Anser anser*) Resident, most records are from October to April. Very few in the area with only single records between August and October. 15 were at Southwark Park 25th January. A pair remained at Southwark Park and bred for the first time in several years; 5 young were seen 26th May but had all been predated by early June.

Canada x Greylag Goose Several visit Southwark Park regularly.

Mute Swan (*Cygnus olor*) Resident, breeder with pairs at all sites except Globe Pond and Southwark Park where it was a regular breeder until 2023. Sightings from Stave Hill/Russia Dock Woodland area are flyovers. Successful breeding at Greenland Dock and Surrey water. Highest count was 17 at Greenland Dock on 1st October.

Egyptian Goose (*Alopochen aegyptiaca*) Resident, breeder. At least one pair present at most locations breeding at Surrey Water, Southwark Park and Greenland Dock. Occasional Visitor to Globe Pond but so far, no breeding. Highest count was 10 at Greenland Dock on 23rd September. A pair were at Globe Pond 18th October. The pair Southwark Park had at least 3 broods that we are aware of totally 25 young - all were lost. The pair at Surrey Water also failed and the only successful breeding was from Greenland Dock.

Mandarin Duck (*Aix galericulata*) Rare visitor. A male first found at Southwark Park on 5th May 2021 was the first for the area. Returned March and September 2022. Returned for a day on 22nd February.

Shoveler (*Spatula clypeata*) Regular visitor to Southwark Park from November to April. One record from Globe Pond of 4 from 23rd January to 13th February 2019. Last wintering pair were seen on 9th January and first return on 27th October. Fewer visiting since 2022; this year with high count of 4 on 30th November.

Gadwall (*Mareca strepera*) Since 2020 has become a regular visitor to Southwark Park from August to March. None overwintered 2024-25, first return was of 3 on 28th July and last record at Southwark Park was of a pair on 9th December. A male was briefly at Canada Water on 14th December – this was the first record there for some 20 years. Highest counts were between 23 September (10) to 25th November (with 26 on 24th)

Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*) Resident, breeder throughout the area. The local population has a several of domestic type showing white breast patch. Wild arrivals increasing numbers from October. Highest count was of c40 at Canada Water on 18th October. 26 were at Globe Pond and 22 at Surrey Water 16th December. 20 were at Southwark Park on 13th December; count of 27 from July includes grown young.

Pochard (*Aythya ferina*) Rare Visitor. A male was at Surrey Water on 29th March.

Tufted Duck (*Aythya fuligula*) Common Winter visitor/Breeder. Most of the wintering population can be found at Surrey Water with highest count of c100 on 16th December. Highest count from Greenland Dock was of 70 on 27th October. Canada Water had low numbers most of the year with one brood of 3 reaching full size. 25 were at Globe Pond on 12th October, some were grown young from at least two broods. A male that has adopted Mallard was seen regularly at Canada Water.



Mandarin Duck (Janet Cadera)



Pochard with Tufted Duck (John Cadera)

Swift (*Apus apus*) Very scarce breeder. First returning record was of 1 over Stave Hill on 3rd May. Between May and August, we saw very few; 1 or 2 over Stave Hill, Surrey Water, Bermondsey and Southwark Park. Exceptional records were: 6 were over Bermondsey on 2nd June and 12 over Southwark Park on 13th August. This last was an evening gathering with hirundines and was the last record of the year.

Feral Pigeon (*Columba livia f. domestica*) Very Common resident throughout the area with 300+ in Southwark Park.

Stock Dove (*Columba oenas*) Scarce resident with pairs at Globe Pond, Russia Dock Woodland and Southwark Park.

Woodpigeon (*Columba palumbus*) Common resident throughout. Numbers rise with Autumn passage, highest count was of 80+ over Stave Hill on 22nd October.

Collared Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*) Scarce resident. Usually singles or pairs seen at Russia Dock Woodland where it has bred. Most records this year of singles with no evidence of breeding although we found a pair at Russia Dock Woodland. One record from Southwark Park; a flyover on 2nd December and two records from Bermondsey of singles 27th March and a flyover 26th November.

Water Rail (*Rallus aquaticus*) Scarce Winter visitor November to March. 1 was at Southwark Park from 15th November to 6th December.

Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*) Common resident throughout. 18 were counted on the Russian Dock Woodland ponds and Globe Pond on 27th December. 6 were at Lavender Pond on 28th November and c15 at Southwark Park.

Coot (*Fulica atra*) Common resident found throughout except Globe Pond and Russia Dock Woodland from where there is only one record: 9th December 2020 to 4th February 2021. 27 were around Greenland Dock area on 27th December, c20 at Southwark Park most of the year. 4 were on the river at King's Stairs on 28th March.

Little Grebe (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*) Rare resident with one pair at Southwark Park, one record at Canada Water on 13th February 2019. 2 young raised this year.

Great Crested Grebe (*Podiceps cristatus*) Rare resident. Used to breed at Canada Water and Surrey Water and now only one pair at Greenland Dock. 1 young raised this year.

Snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*) Rare visitor. One picked up stunned at Southwark Park on 23rd March, taken into care but later died.

Black-headed Gull (*Chroicocephalus ridibundus*) Common and present throughout the year at most locations with highest numbers October to March. Highest counts are from Thames foreshore with c200 in December, 40-50 winter at Southwark Park, up to 70 at Canada Water, 40 at Surrey water and a handful passing through Stave Hill & Russia Dock Woodland.

Common Gull (*Larus canus*) Scarce Winter visitor October to March. Mainly single records throughout the area. 5 were at Greenland Dock 28th November and 4 at Surrey Water 26th December.

Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus*) Regular in small numbers throughout the area. Highest count of 30 is from Greenland Dock 27th December. A resident group of at least 6 is at Bermondsey.

Great Black-backed Gull (*Larus marinus*) Scarce winter visitor. 1 was at Southwark Park 2nd – 7th January, this was our first record in the park. 1, possibly the Southwark Park bird, was over Stave Hill on 15th January. The only other record was of 1 at Greenland Dock on 2nd September.

Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus fuscus*) Regular in small numbers throughout the area during the year. Highest count 8 from Greenland Dock 2nd September, there is a resident pair at Surrey water.

Shag (*Gulosus aristolelis*) A new species for the area, a rare inner London record. One was found at South Dock 22nd January.

Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) Regular in small numbers throughout the area with higher counts on the river and Greenland Dock. Occasional singles turn up at Globe Pond, but most are flyovers. 45+ were seen

on the river 17th February, also 30 at Greenland Dock on 28th November (many seen over Stave Hill heading in from the river), 21 at Southwark Park on 7th December.

Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*) Remains from Bermondsey date between 1350 to 1500 CE. Bred at Southwark Park 2024. A regular visitor to Globe Pond and Southwark Park with records from Surrey Water and Canada Water. 2 were at Southwark Park most of the year but there were no further breeding attempts. A 2nd pair dropped in briefly at the park on 7th January. 1 was at Surrey Water on 18th November.

Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*) Scarce. 1 was at Southwark Park 31st August and was later filmed at St Mary's Gardens.



Water Rail (John Cadera)

Sparrowhawk (*Accipiter nisus*) At least one pair in Rotherhithe. Seen throughout the year across the area with most sightings around Stave Hill and Southwark Park. Bred successfully, fledging 1.

Red Kite (*Milvus milvus*) Scarce visitor. 1 was filmed over Surrey Water on 1st May.

Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*) Regular Winter visitor from late September to March. Few records this year with no overwintering. 1 was at Globe Pond for at least 2 days in August, probably a young bird and our earliest record. 1 was at Russia Dock Woodland on 20th September and 1 was seen at the river near Salt Quay on 27th October.

Great Spotted Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos major*) Resident. Two pairs in Russia Dock Woodland and 2 pairs at Southwark Park. Occasional records from Bermondsey August to October.

Peregrine (*Falco peregrinus*) Scarce, previously regular at Southwark Park where Maydew House was used as a hunting platform. No sightings since the demolition of the building although we found a freshly killed Feral Pigeon at South Dock on 5th February bearing all the signs of a Peregrine strike.

Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*) Rare, formally a common breeder. 1 was over Stave Hill on 20th May and a male was mobbed by Carrion Crows over Rouel Estate on 7th June – the first sighting there for over 6 years.

Monk Parakeet (*Myiopsitta monachus*) A new species for the area. 1 was with Ring-necked Parakeets at Stave Hill Ecology Park 7th April.

Ring-necked Parakeet (*Psittacula krameri*) Present locally in small groups all year, large flocks seen early mornings through Stave Hill. 2 are regular at Bermondsey, c25 have started roosting at Southwark Park, 30 went through Stave Hill/Russia Dock Woodland 15th August.

Jay (*Garrulus glandarius*) Scarce, mostly around Stave Hill/Russia Dock Woodland (breeds) and Southwark Park where one or two were seen during the year. Also, a few records from Bermondsey. On 26th August 1 was at the concession stand of Millwall Football Ground.

Magpie (*Pica pica*) Common resident with pairs seen throughout the area. 10 were at Surrey Water on 24th September, possibly part of the flock of 14 seen at the river on 27th September. 17 were at Bermondsey on 14th December.

Carrion Crow (*Corvus corone*) Common Resident throughout the area with greatest concentration at Southwark Park where over 100 gathers regularly on the playing field. C40 were at Russia Dock Woodland on 20th September.

Coal Tit (*Periparus ater*) Scarce local and Winter visitor. Regular at Russia Dock Woodland and Southwark Park, singles or pairs recorded. 2 were singing at Russia Dock Woodland 5th March. 1 at Surrey Water was a first record for us.

Blue Tit (*Cyanistes caeruleus*) Common resident throughout.

Great Tit (*Parus major*) Common resident throughout.

Willow Warbler (*Phylloscopus trochilus*) Up to 10 pairs bred at Surrey Docks in early 1990s, only Inner London breeding, now scarce passage. Few reported this year; earliest record was of 1 at Surrey Water on 29th March and was likely the same bird heard at Stave Hill shortly after. 1 was briefly at Southwark Park. The last record was 1 from Stave Hill Ecology Park on 26th April.

Chiffchaff (*Phylloscopus collybita*) Common visitor with a few overwintering. From dates (25th February to 31st March) 2 overwintered at Southwark Park and at least one remained to the end of the year. At least 1 overwintered at Russia Dock Woodland (seen 8th January), 5 males were singing in May with a drop in numbers until 1st October when we found 8, some travelling with a Long-tailed Tit party. These soon moved on and only 1 was found at the end of the year. 2 were at Surrey Water throughout April, an overwintering bird was at Greenland Dock on 5th February and 1 passed through Bermondsey on 29th September.

Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*) Bred at Surrey Docks 1977 was 1st Inner London Record, bred regularly at Canada Water until recent redevelopment. Scarce Summer visitor May to August, has bred at Lavender Pond and Downtown Pond. 1 was at the Surrey Water end of Albion Channel 28th May.

Blackcap (*Sylvia atricapilla*): Common visitor with a few overwintering, elusive in winter and probably overlooked although earliest records from end of March were likely early arrivals. A male was singing around Surrey Water from 2nd to 30th April. 3 males were singing at Southwark Park in April (2 were found on 28th March). 1 was at King's Stairs on 28th March. 7 males were singing at Stave Hill/Russia Dock Woodland 17th April, by mid-May we found 5. Our first Bermondsey record was a male singing along St James' Road on 4th April.

Lesser Whitethroat (*Curruca curruca*) Scarce. 1 was found at Central Meadow, Stave Hill Ecology Park on 8th April, as is often the case it did not stay for long.

Sand Martin (*Riparia riparia*) Rare Summer visitor, 2 pairs have bred at Surrey Docks since 2009. No sign of breeding in the area this year. 1 was at Surrey Water 25th June and 3 over Stave Hill 30th July, at least 1 over The Lake, Southwark Park on 13th August.

Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) Scarce passage. 1 over Stave Hill 30th April and c15 through Russia Dock Woodland 27th September.

House Martin (*Delichon urbicum*) Summer visitor, with a colony of c20 on Thames near Surrey Water. Occasional sighting at Bermondsey of 2-4 from 28th July to 31st August may be from another colony.

Long-tailed Tit (*Aegithalos caudatus*) Resident, breeds in Stave Hill/Russia Dock Woodland area and Southwark Park. Rarely away from the wooded areas (one record from Bermondsey Winter 2020). A group of 10 were at Southwark Park from 1st November to 13th December. A party of c15 was at Russia Dock Woodland from August to November. A pair was at King's Stairs 28th March and a family group of 8 (6 fledged young) was at Surrey Water 28th May.



Reed Warbler (Richard Page-Jones)



Willow Warbler (John Cadera)

Firecrest (*Regulus ignicapilla*) Scarce visitor from October to April; regular visitor to Stave Hill/Russia Dock Woodland and Southwark Park. 2 were at Southwark Park from 15th November to 15th December.

Goldcrest (*Regulus regulus*) Resident with occasional Autumn influx. Breeds in Southwark Park, King's Stairs Gardens and Stave Hill/Russia Dock Woodland. We found 3 territories at Southwark Park; we also heard individuals at Surrey Water and close to Bermondsey Station. An autumn influx resulted in c10 moving through Russia Dock Woodland on 12th October; some with Long-tailed Tit parties.

Wren (*Troglodytes troglodytes*) Common resident throughout the area. The highest count was from Stave Hill Ecology Park/Russia Dock Woodland when we logged 11 on 12th February.

Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*) Once numerous, now a scarce breeder with numbers rising with Winter visitors. Around 25 are regular at Southwark Park, 47 were found 13th October. A few can still be found around the Rouel Estate. 2 over Stave Hill heading for Surrey Water on 8th November was our only record from the Ecology Park.

Song Thrush (*Turdus philomelos*) Rare. One confirmed pair at Stave Hill Ecology Park. The resident male sang from 8th January to 16th July with no evidence of breeding. 1 found at Stave Hill Pond on 18th October may have been a migrating bird.

Mistle Thrush (*Turdus viscivorus*) Rare. One pair resident at Southwark Park. Seen on most visits, 3 were found 27th June, indicates a successful breeding. We also found 3 on 22nd December.

Redwing (*Turdus iliacus*) Winter visitor October to March. Numbers have dropped considerably since 2020. 1 overwintered at Stave Hill Ecology Park and stayed until 5th March. 14 on 13th October at

Southwark Park were the first Autumn arrivals. Our highest count was 18 over Stave Hill on 18th October. We logged a total of 42; a contrast to October 2020 when over 500 went through Rotherhithe.

Blackbird (*Turdus merula*) Present throughout the area with some Winter visitors. At least 5 were found at Stave Hill/Russia Dock Woodland and at Southwark Park. On 4th June we found 5 males together at Russia Dock Woodland. We did not find any dark billed continental birds over the winter.

Fieldfare (*Turdus pilaris*) Scarce Winter visitor October to February. In the 19th century wintered throughout the London area. The only record was 5 over Stave Hill on 18th October.

Spotted Flycatcher (*Muscicapa striata*) Scarce passage April/May and August/September. 1 was at Durand's Wharf 6th September and another at Stave Hill Ecology Park 24th September.

Robin (*Erithacus rubecula*) Common resident throughout. A fledgling photographed at Spa Road on 2nd February, remarkably early with eggs possibly laid mid-January.

House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) Once numerous now small, local colonies of c25 throughout the area.

Dunnock (*Prunella modularis*) Resident throughout the area but easily overlooked.

Grey Wagtail (*Motacilla cinerea*) Scarce resident with pairs at Greenland Dock, Surrey Water and a regular visitor to Globe Pond, Canada Water and Southwark Park. Also, a regular fly over Bermondsey. Seen throughout the year in singles and pairs.

Pied Wagtail (*Motacilla alba yarrellii*) Scarce resident although most records are fly overs with higher number in Autumn/Winter. Singles or pairs seen most months; highest counts were c10 over Stave Hill on 20th September and 8 through Southwark Park on 13th October.

Meadow Pipit (*Anthus pratensis*) Passage October/November. Once a regular winter species with up to 100 overwintering at Surrey Docks in 1970s. Two pairs bred in 1977, first confirmed Inner London record. All records are from Stave Hill: 7 on 20th and 3 on 23rd September. 3 on 1st and 1 on 22nd October.



Robin (Sarah Vaughn)

Chaffinch (*Fringilla coelebs*) Rare resident with passage October/November. No records beyond April this year indicate no breeding anywhere in Rotherhithe despite a pair at Surrey Water and, possibly the same pair, at Russia Dock woodland from 26th February until 30th April. First Autumn arrival was 1 over Stave Hill on 1st October. 8 on 15th October over Stave Hill was our highest count. (15 total from Stave Hill/Russia Dock Woodland 1st October to 8th November). 1 from Southwark Park on 19th December and 2 records from Bermondsey of singles on 13th November and 25th December.

Greenfinch (*Chloris chloris*) Rare resident, used to breed throughout. Our lowest yearly count to date: 1 over Bermondsey on 2nd March and 1 over Stave Hill on 22nd October. 3, a male and 2 female/juveniles were at a feeder near Southwark Park on 29th May; at least one pair may have bred in the area.

Linnet (*Linaria cannabina*) Passage October with one Spring record from 6th May 2018. Up to 10 pairs bred at Surrey Docks in 1982, last bred 1991. 1 was over Stave Hill on 22nd October.

Lesser Redpoll (*Acanthis cabaret*) Passage October/November. One pair bred at Surrey Docks 1989 and two pairs in 1990. 1 over Stave Hill on 18th October. 7 dropped in to Central Meadow on 22nd October and 2 went over Southwark Park on 24th November.

Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*) Resident found throughout the area. Mostly seen in pairs with some flocks in winter. Highest count was of 20 at Durand's Wharf on 6th September.

Siskin (*Spinus spinus*) Scarce passage October/November. All records from Stave Hill: 6 between 8th and 29th October and 2 over on 8th November.





Mistle Thrush (Janet Cadera)

Stave Hill main Meadows map

PATHS



ORCHARD



SCRUB WOODLAND



PIONEER WOODLAND



WETLAND



TURBINE



Bacon's College



Russia Dock Woodland

St John's School



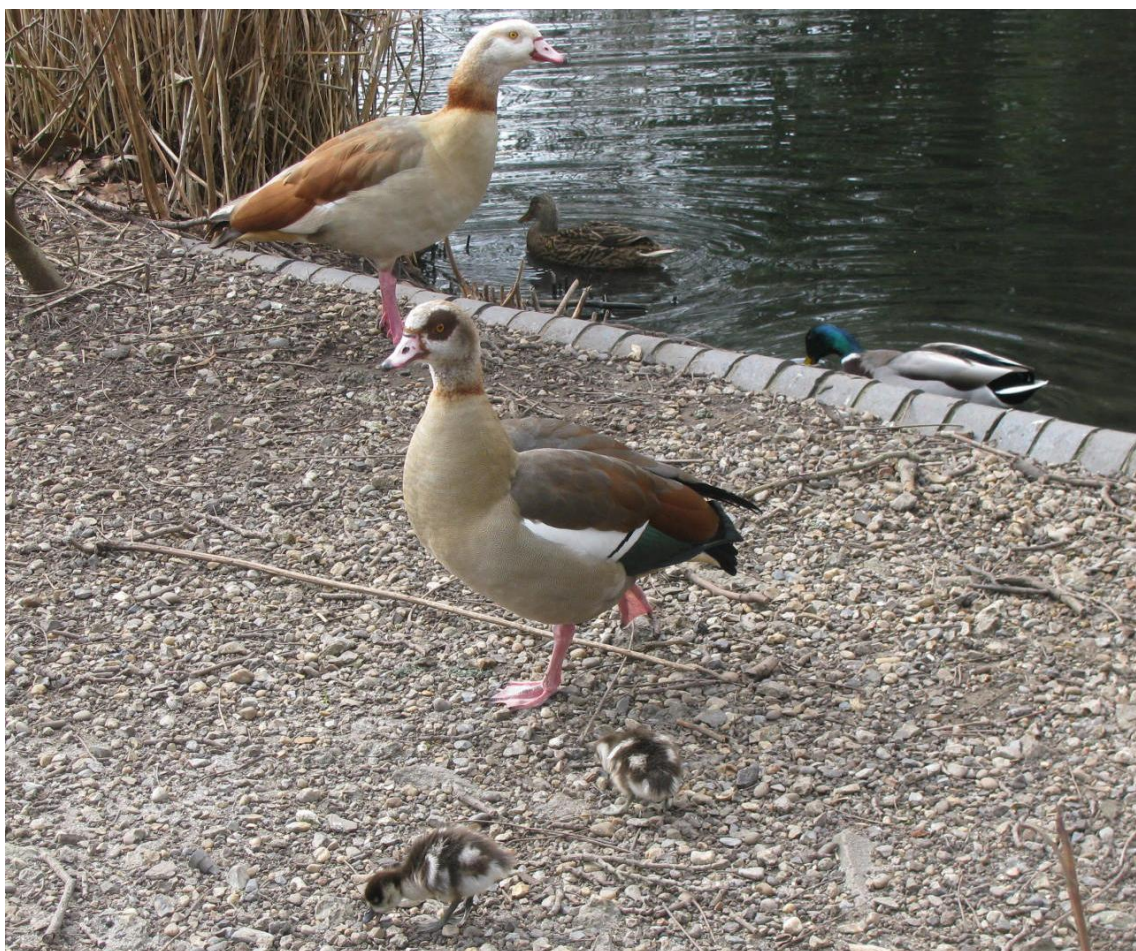
The Peninsula in 1805



Snipe (Andy Miller)



Greylag (Janet Cadera)



Egyptian Goose (Janet Cadera)



Sand Martin (Richard Page-Jones)



Gadwall (John Cadera)



Shoveler (Grace Lennox)



Blackbird (Darren Young)



Great Black-backed Gull (John Cadera)



Grey Heron (John Cadera)



Shag (John Cadera)



BUTTERFLY TRANSECT REPORT 2025
STAVE HILL ECOLOGY PARK
ROTHERHITHE SE16



Comma (John Cadera)

SECTION 1
BUTTERFLY TRANSECTS REPORT 2025
Stave Hill Ecology Park, Rotherhithe, SE16
(NOTE: Sectors 8 and 9 are in Russia Dock Woodland)
Compiled by Janet Cadera

Recorders: John & Janet Cadera (Guests: Tanya, Shirley Miller, Dr Audrey Reid)

SECTORS

1. Compound and The Shed along path to Wind Turbine
2. Wind Turbine, cowslip bank, chalk meadow to central meadow
3. Down steps to Stave Hill Pond and primrose meadow behind
4. Path through Goblin Wood to Long Meadow
5. Long Meadow
6. Along path to Orchard and chalk pond and meadow on left
7. Path to Hop Garden and over hill to Russia Dock Walk
8. Russia Dock Woodland to Alfred Salter bridge
9. Over Alfred Salter bridge, along Russia Dock wall past Bea Pond to Stave Hill Gate
10. Stave Hill to Ecology Park entrance and left path around back of compound to front gate

Pre-transect sightings

5th February: One **Red Admiral** flying along Greenland Dock.

6th March: One **Brimstone** and one **Small White** in Southwark Park.

17th March: One **Brimstone** at Stave Hill.



Holly Blue (John Cadera)

APRIL:

Week 1 (2nd): The start of the transect season was fine but cool. We recorded five **Small White**, three **Brimstone**, one **Comma** and two **Speckled Wood**.

Week 2: No transect conducted due to weather conditions. At Lavender Pond an **Orange Tip** was seen.

Week 3 (17th): Weather started sunny then got overcast. Recorded three **Brimstone**, five **Small White**, two **Green-veined White** and six **Speckled Wood**. **Off transect:** one **Green-veined White** seen near Downtown Pond and one **Small White** at Albion Bridge.

Week 4 (24th): Weather was quite sunny and we recorded 23 butterflies over four species. Off transect, we saw one **Small White** near Alfred Salter bridge, five at Downtown Pond, one at Globe Pond and one at Peter Hill bridge; **Green-veined White** at Downtown Pond and Peter Hill bridge; **Brimstone** at Downtown Pond. On 26th we led a **London Bird Club** walk on behalf of the **London Natural History Society** at Stave Hill and saw **Brimstone**, **Small White**, **Green-veined White** and the first **Holly Blue**.

Week 5 (30th) Weather was very sunny and warm, and we recorded 27 butterflies over four species. Off transect, we saw three **Small White** and one **Green-veined White** at Downtown Pond, one **Brimstone** at Globe Pond, one **Holly Blue** and one **Speckled Wood** at Mahogany Pond and one **Brimstone** and one **Speckled Wood** at Albion bridge.

Weekly butterfly totals	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Brimstone	3		3	1	5
Small White	5	No	5	8	8
Green-veined White	0	Transect	2	4	0
Holly Blue	0	No	0	0	4
Comma	1	Recorders	0	0	0
Speckled Wood	2		6	10	10
Weekly Totals	11	0	16	23	
APRIL total count	77 of 6 Species				



Brimstone (Janet Cadera)

MAY:

Week 6 (7th): Weather was changeable, but we did manage to get enough warmth for a transect. We logged three **Small White** and six **Speckled Wood**. At Albion Bridge we saw three **Speckled Wood** and near Downtown Pond we saw two **Speckled Wood**.

Week 7 (13th): Weather was very warm and sunny, and we recorded 27 butterflies over seven species, including our first **Common Blue** (Long Meadow, Section 5) and **Large White** (Stave Hill, Section 10) of the season.

Week 8 (20th): Though the weather was warm and sunny only 19 butterflies over four species was seen. This did include the first **Red Admiral** of the season over the path between Goblin Wood and Long Meadow. A larger butterfly was spotted briefly in the Long Meadow which could possibly be a fritillary. Though a proper ID could not be made, going on observation it was a probable **Silver-washed Fritillary**.

Week 9 (31st): An impromptu butterfly watch on Saturday as the weather was fine, where we saw our first **Meadow Browns** in Long Meadow (Sector 5) and five **Speckled Wood** between Albion Bridge and Peter Hill Bridge.

Weekly butterfly totals	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	
Brimstone	0	2	0	0	
Large White	0	1	0	1	
Small White	3	2	0	1	
Green-veined White	0	1	0	0	
Common Blue	0	1	3	0	
Holly Blue	0	3	2	1	
Red Admiral	0	0	1	0	
Meadow Brown	0	0	0	2	
Speckled Wood	6	17	13	3	
Weekly Totals	9	27	19	7	
MAY total count	62 of 9 Species				



Speckled Wood (Janet Cadera)

JUNE:

Week 10 (4th): Weather was a bit changeable from sunny to overcast. We did manage to record 11 butterflies over four species, including the first **Large White** in the Compound and **Comma** in Sector 2 (Cowslip Meadow) of the season. We did find a **Comma** caterpillar in Sector 8 (Russia Dock Woodland).

Week 11: No transect this week as weather was not suitable., though on 11th we did see a **Meadow Brown** in the Long Meadow.

Week 12 (17th): Weather was hot and sunny. We recorded 39 butterflies over six species, including the first **Large Skipper** of the season. Off transect route there was a **Red Admiral** at Globe Pond.

Week 13 (25th): Weather was hot and sunny. We recorded our best transect so far with 68 butterflies over nine species. We also found 11 **Cinnabar Moth** caterpillars in Section 2 (Central Meadow) on ragwort.

Weekly butterfly totals	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13	
Large Skipper	0	0	1	2	
Large White	1	0	4	15	
Small White	0	0	13	15	
Green-veined White	0	0	3	3	
Holly Blue	1	0	0	1	
Red Admiral	0	0	0	2	
Comma	1	0	0	3	
Speckled Wood	8	0	14	10	
Meadow Brown	0	1	4	17	
Weekly Totals	11	1	39	68	
JUNE total count	119 of 9 Species				



Red Admiral (Janet Cadera)

JULY:

Week 14: No transect conducted this week due to unavailability of recorders.

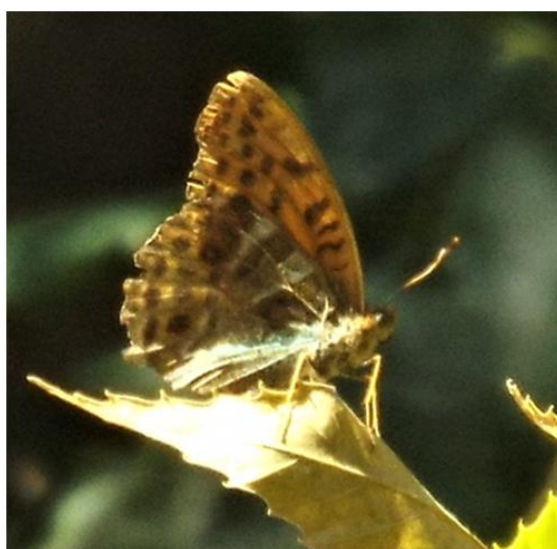
Week 15 (9th): Weather was quite warm for transect and we recorded our best numbers so far, with 108 butterflies over 13 species. This included a **Silver-washed Fritillary** in Section 9 (the Dock wall).

Week 16 (16th): Weather was sunny intervals and warm. We recorded 81 butterflies over nine species. We also saw a **Silver-washed fritillary** near Downtown Pond.

Week 17: No Transect conducted this week due to the wet/overcast weather. On a birding walk through the site on 23rd we saw one **Speckled Wood** (RDW), one **Large White** (Dock wall) and a **Gatekeeper** (Hop Garden).

Notable local sightings: 13th: A **Painted Lady** was seen on Rope Street near Greenland Dock, Rotherhithe. On 28th July a **Purple Hairstreak** was seen by the Lake in Southwark Park.

Weekly butterfly totals	Week 14	Week 15	Week 16	Week 17	
Large Skipper		2	1		
Brimstone		1	0		
Large White		27	29		
Small White		7	8		
Green-veined White	No	5	3	No	
Common Blue	Transect	2	0	Transect	
Holly Blue	No	1	2	Poor	
Red Admiral	Recorders	10	7	Weather	
Comma		4	0		
Speckled Wood		11	11		
Gatekeeper		27	17		
Meadow Brown		10	3		
Weekly Totals	0	108	81	0	
JULY total count	189 of 12 Species				



Silver-washed fritillary (John Cadera)

AUGUST:

Week 18 (July 30th): The weather was changeable overcast and sunny intervals. We saw 16 individuals over six species, including the first **Peacock** in Section 5 (Long Meadow).

Week 19: No transect due to recorders unavailability this week.

Week 20: No transect this week due to weather conditions, either too hot or overcast/raining.

Week 21 (20th): On a walk through Russia Dock Woodlands, one **Speckled Wood** was found. Weather was overcast and windy so no transect this week.

Week 22 (27th): Weather was changeable but got sunny and we recorded most butterflies in Long Meadow (Section 5) and around the Turbine (Section 2). We saw our first **Small Copper** in Long Meadow and our first **Peacock** on the Cowslip Meadow (Section 2).

Notable local sightings: On **9th** a **Clouded Yellow** was reported at Lavender Pond Nature Reserve. On **13th** a **Painted Lady** was seen at Surrey Quays, near Tesco garage.

Weekly butterfly totals	Week 18	Week 19	Week 20	Week 21	Week 22
Large White	6				1
Small White	1				5
Green-veined White	0				1
Small Copper	0	No	No	No	1
Common Blue	0	Transect	Transect	Transect	8
Red Admiral	2	No	Poor	Poor	1
Peacock	1	Recorders	Weather	Weather	1
Speckled Wood	1				9
Meadow Brown	5				0
Weekly Totals	16	0	0	0	27
AUGUST total count	43 of 9 Species				



Peacock (John Cadera)

SEPTEMBER:

Week 23 (2nd): Though weather was mild it was overcast. We recorded nine butterflies over three species.

Week 24: No transect due to unavailability of recorders.

Week 25: No transect due to unavailability of recorders.

Week 26: This is the last week of the transect for 2025 and the weather was warm but overcast. We recorded 14 butterflies over three species.

Weekly butterfly totals	Week 23	Week 24	Week 25	Week 26	
Small White	4	No	No	5	
Green-veined White	2	Transect	Transect	0	
Common Blue	0	No	Poor	2	
Speckled Wood	3	Recorders	Weather	7	
Weekly Totals	9			14	
SEPTEMBER total count	23 of 4 Species				

October:

Nothing to note during October while walking through Stave Hill and Russia Dock Woodland. Weather is changing and temperature dropping.

November:

Notable local sightings: on 1st during a walk through Southwark Park, we saw two **Speckled Wood** and one **Red Admiral** by Ada Salter Garden. Weather was sunny and mild. On 13th we saw a **Holly Blue** in Ada Salter Garden, the weather was mild that day.

SUMMARY

There were no transects eight times during the season.

As with the last two season, there were no **Small** or **Essex Skippers** recorded and very few **Large Skippers**. Butterfly numbers have increased though some were down as with last season. No **Ringlets**, **Small Tortoiseshell** or **Orange Tip** again this season.

The total number of butterfly species recorded for 2025 at Stave Hill Ecology Park was **15**. The most numerous species was **Speckled Wood** totalling **141** sightings over the period.

The best month was **July** with a total of 186 sightings overall.

The most butterflies were in Section 5 (Long Meadow) and Section 2 (Central Meadow).

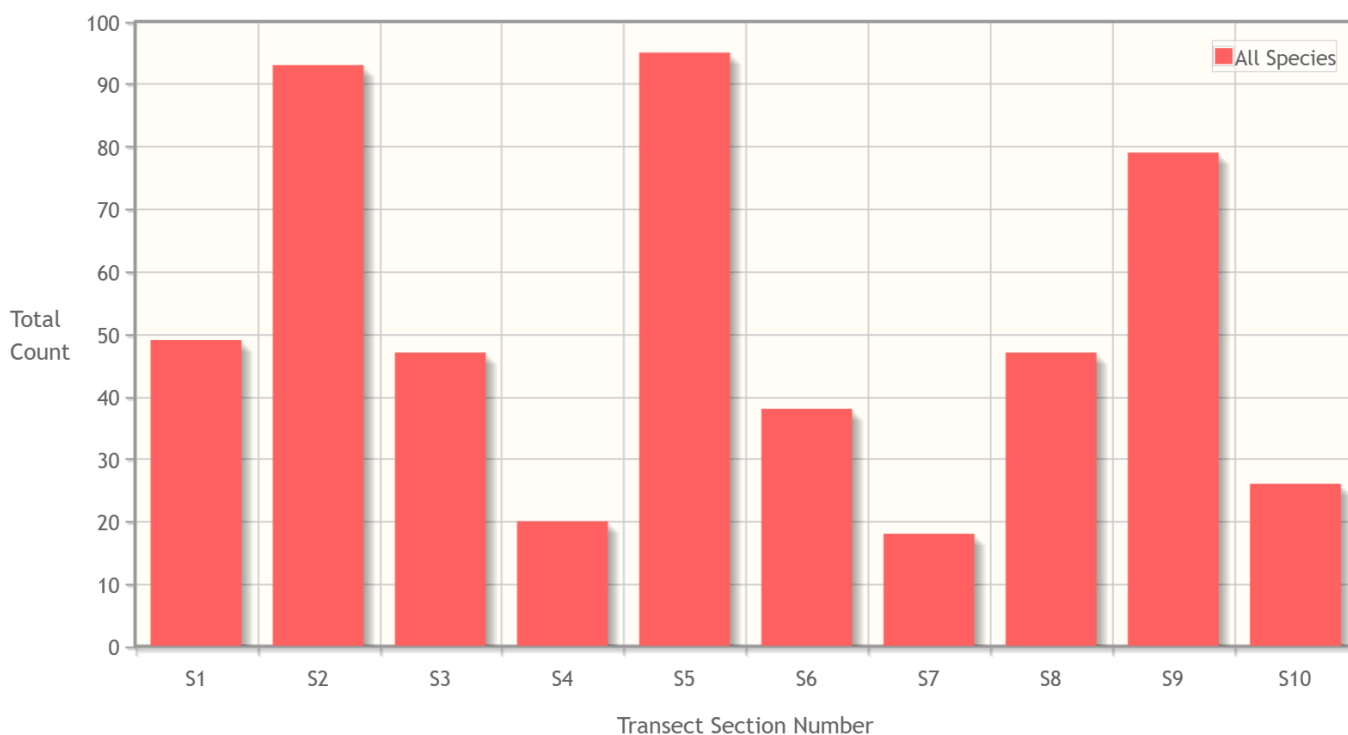
The total number of butterfly species recorded since transects started in 2018 for Stave Hill Ecology Park is **24**.

TOTAL BUTTERFLY COUNTS BY SECTOR IN 2025

(Information taken from UKBMS transect recording website)

The sector with the most sightings was **Sector 5** with **95**, with Section 2 close at 93

Stave Hill Ecology Park, Rotherhithe (TQ361798) : 2025 In-season Weeks (1 > 26)

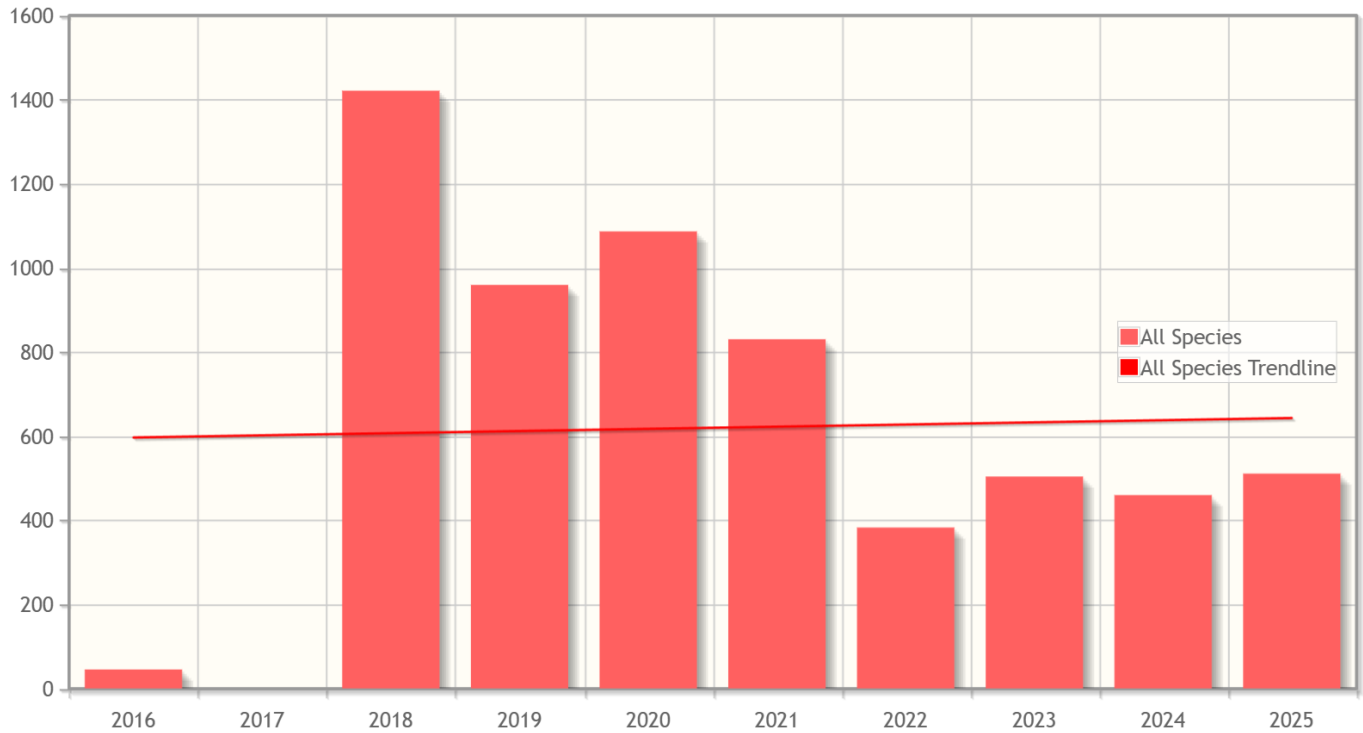


	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7	S8	S9	S10	TOTALS
Brimstone	3	4	2		1	2			1	2	15
Comma	2	6				1					9
Common Blue					16						16
Gatekeeper	4	11	10		10	6	2		1		44
Green-veined white	3	5	3	3	2		3	1	5		25
Holly Blue	2	1	1		5			3	3		15
Large Skipper		1			4				1		6
Large White	13	13	6	3	10	10	2	5	16	6	84
Meadow Brown	3	7	5	2	14				5	5	41
Peacock		1			1						2
Red Admiral	3	10	1		1	1	1	2	2	2	23
Silver-washed Fritillary										1	1
Small Copper					1						1
Small White	8	15	7	1	13	3	2	7	27	7	90
Speckled Wood	8	19	12	12	17	15	8	29	17	4	141
TOTALS	49	93	47	21	95	38	18	47	79	27	514

YEAR ON YEAR BUTTERFLY TRENDS FROM TRANSECTS AT STAVE HILL ECOLOGY PARK, ROTHERHITHE, SE16

ALL SPECIES

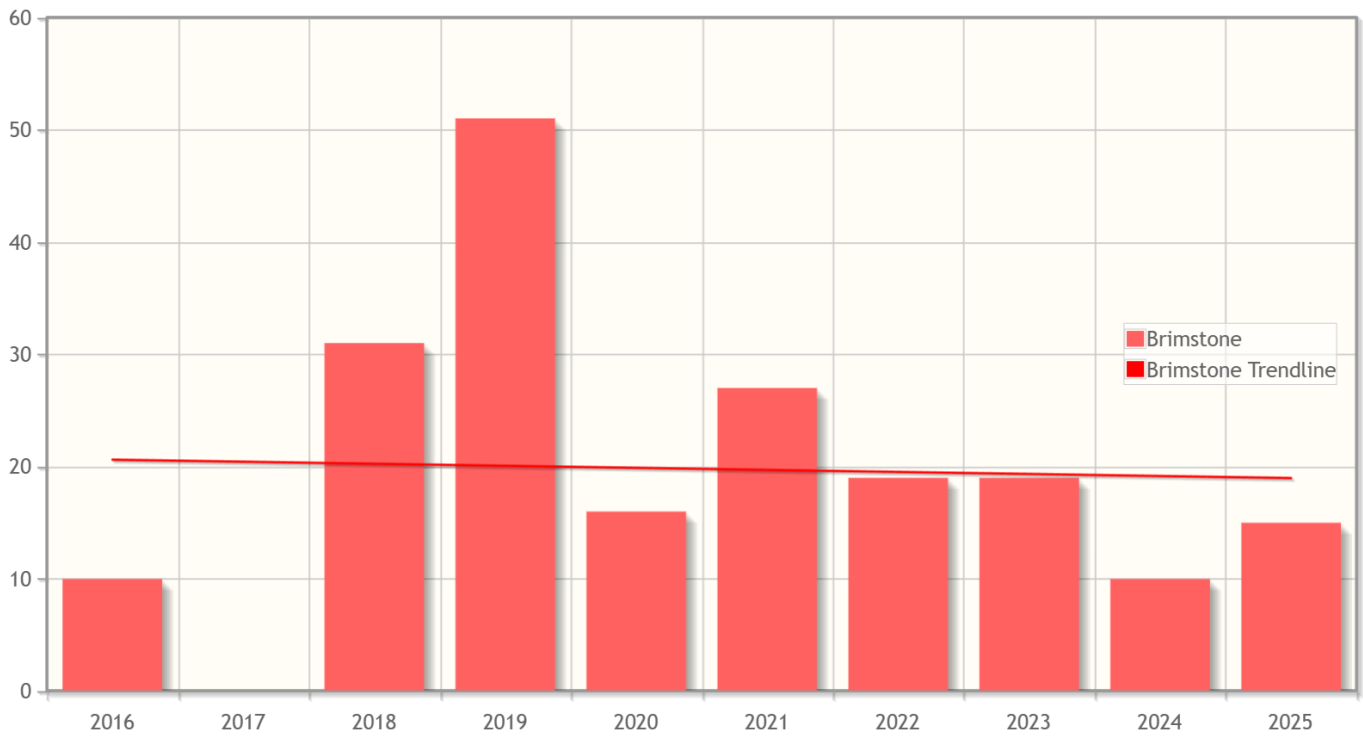
Stave Hill Ecology Park, Rotherhithe (TQ361798)



Painted Lady (John Cadera)

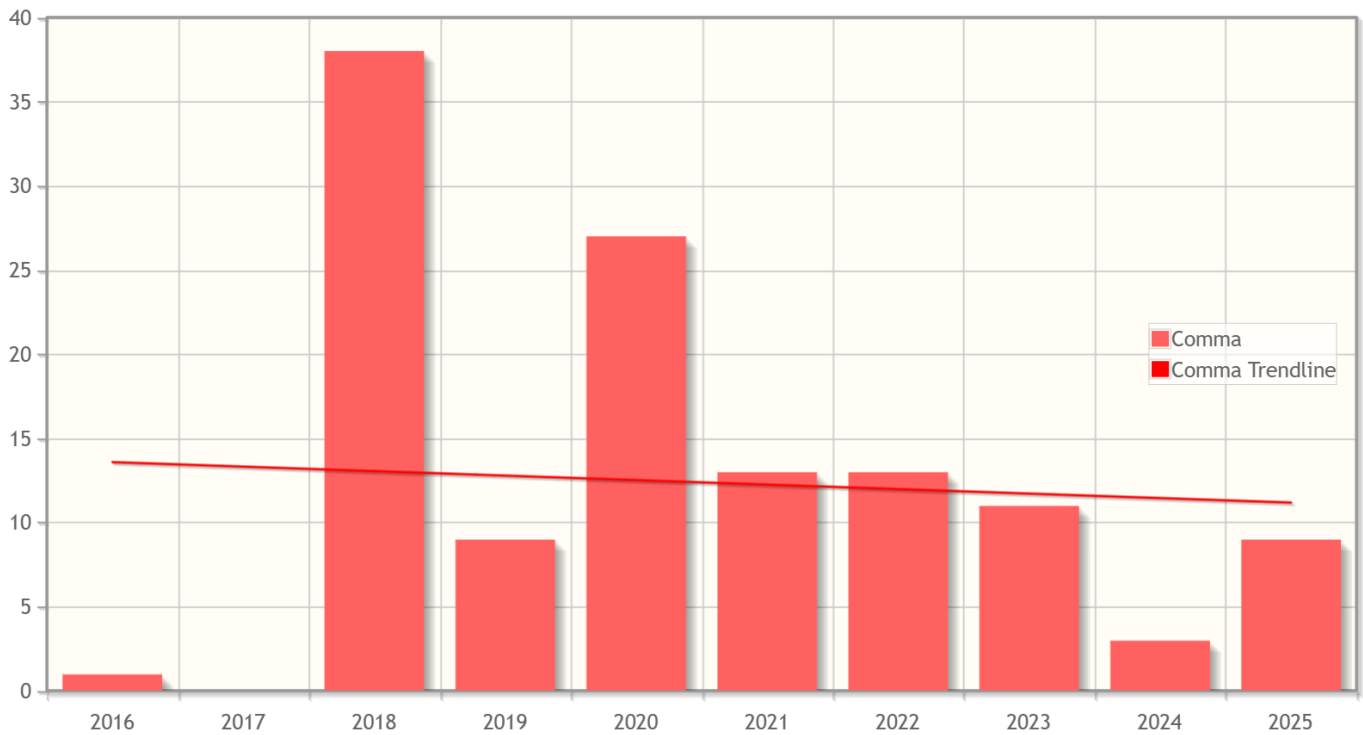
BRIMSTONE

Stave Hill Ecology Park, Rotherhithe (TQ361798)



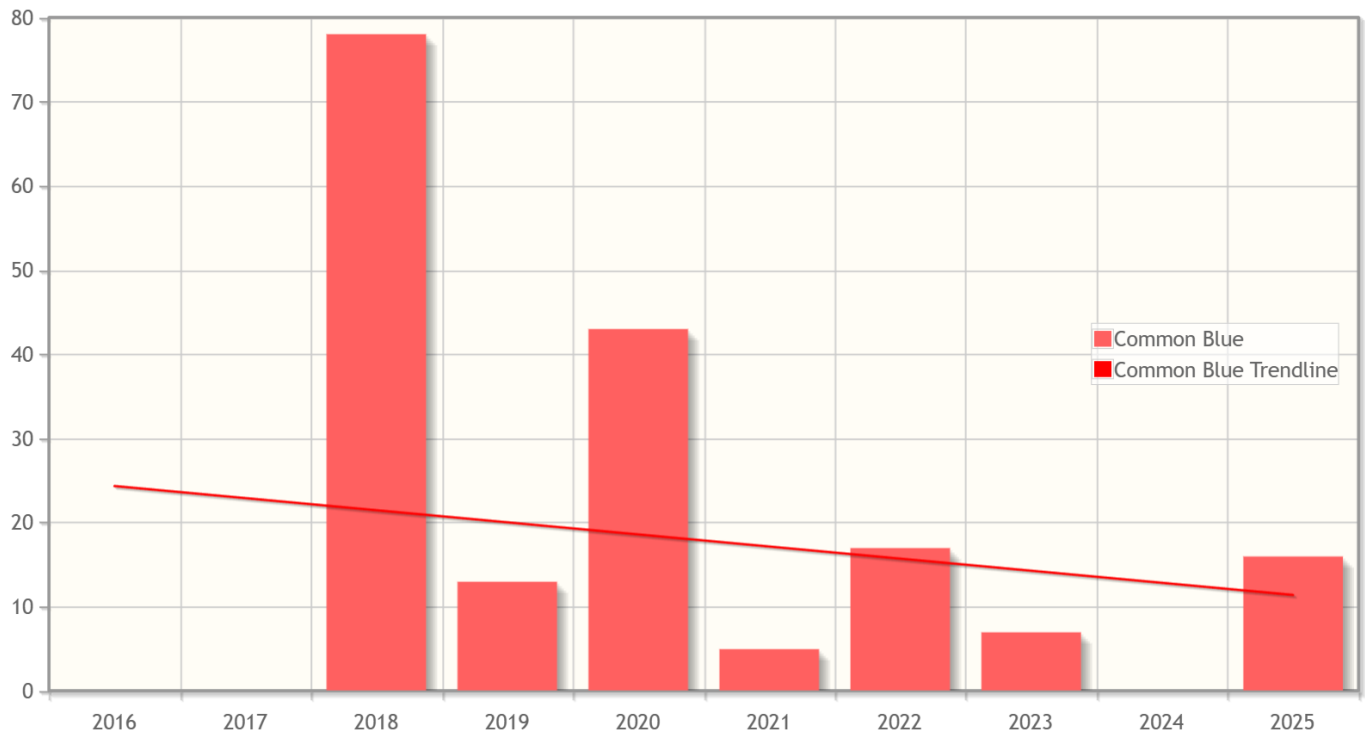
COMMA

Stave Hill Ecology Park, Rotherhithe (TQ361798)



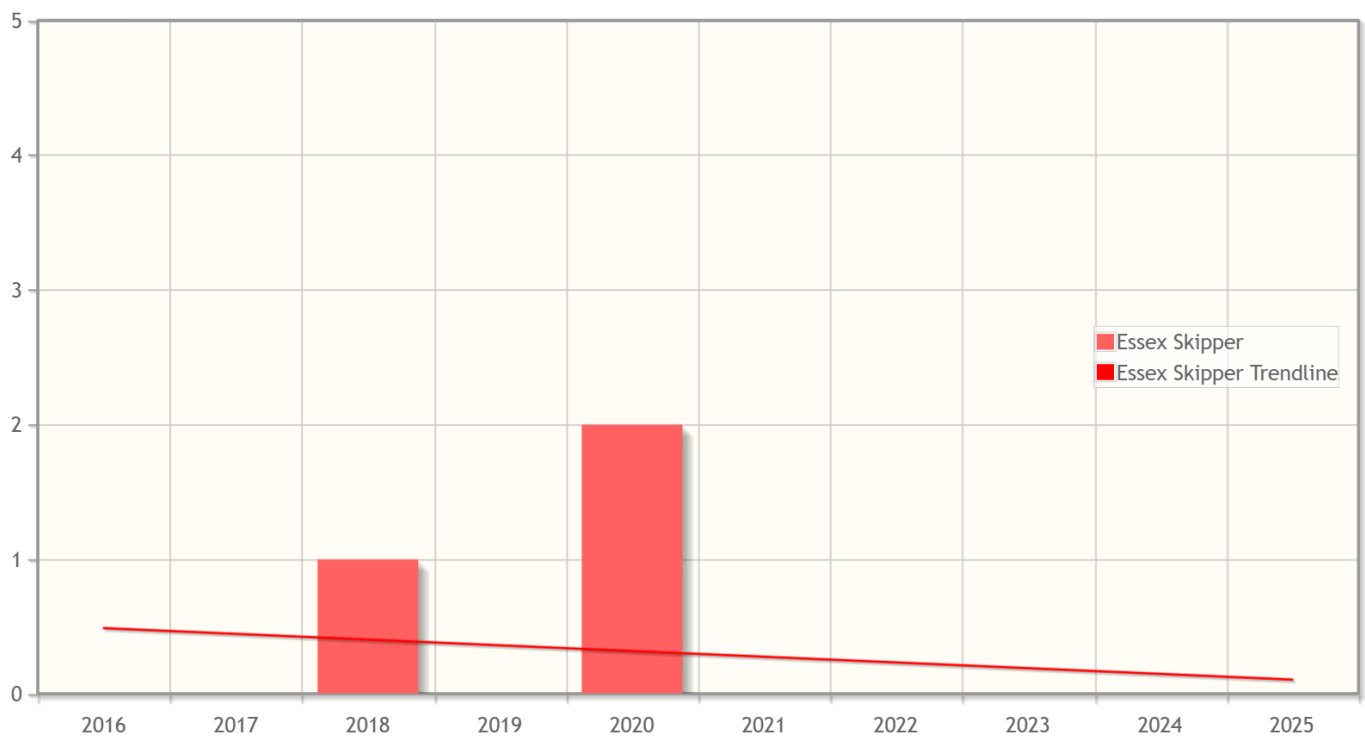
COMMON BLUE

Stave Hill Ecology Park, Rotherhithe (TQ361798)



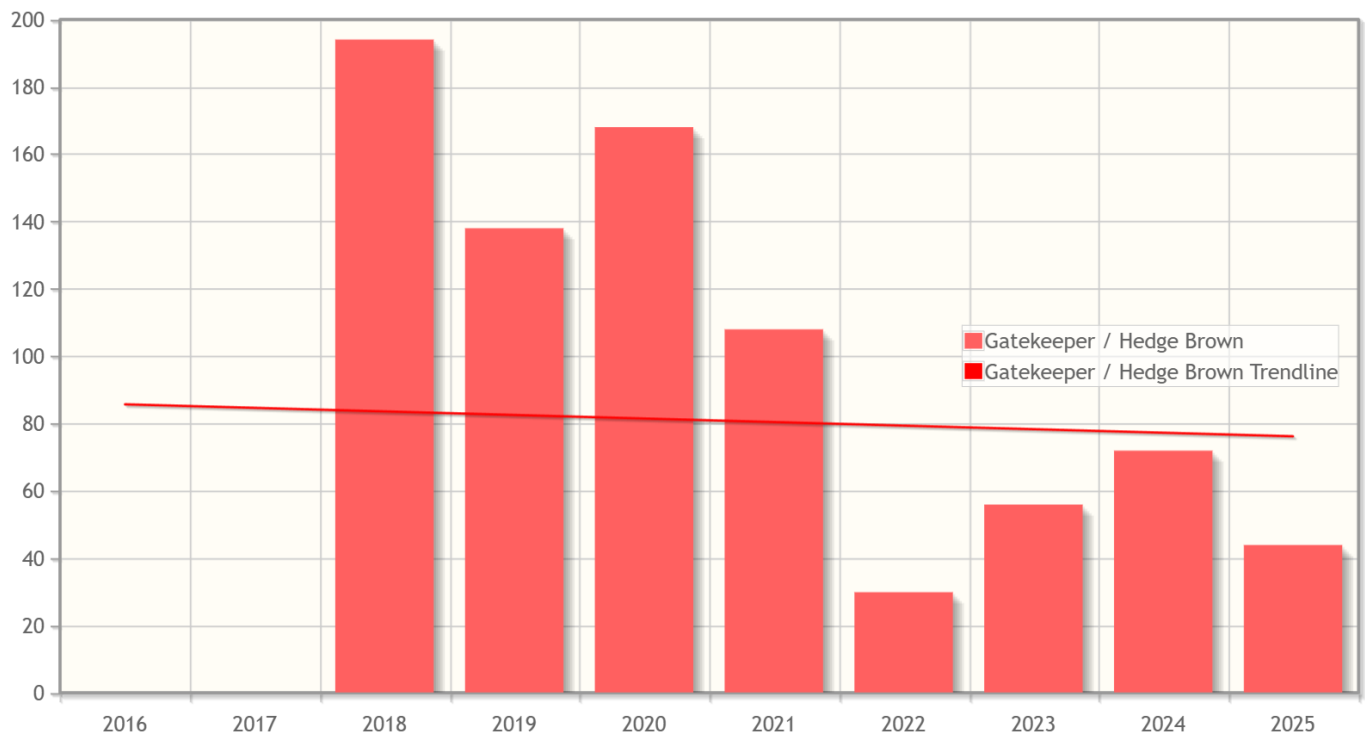
ESSEX SKIPPER

Stave Hill Ecology Park, Rotherhithe (TQ361798)



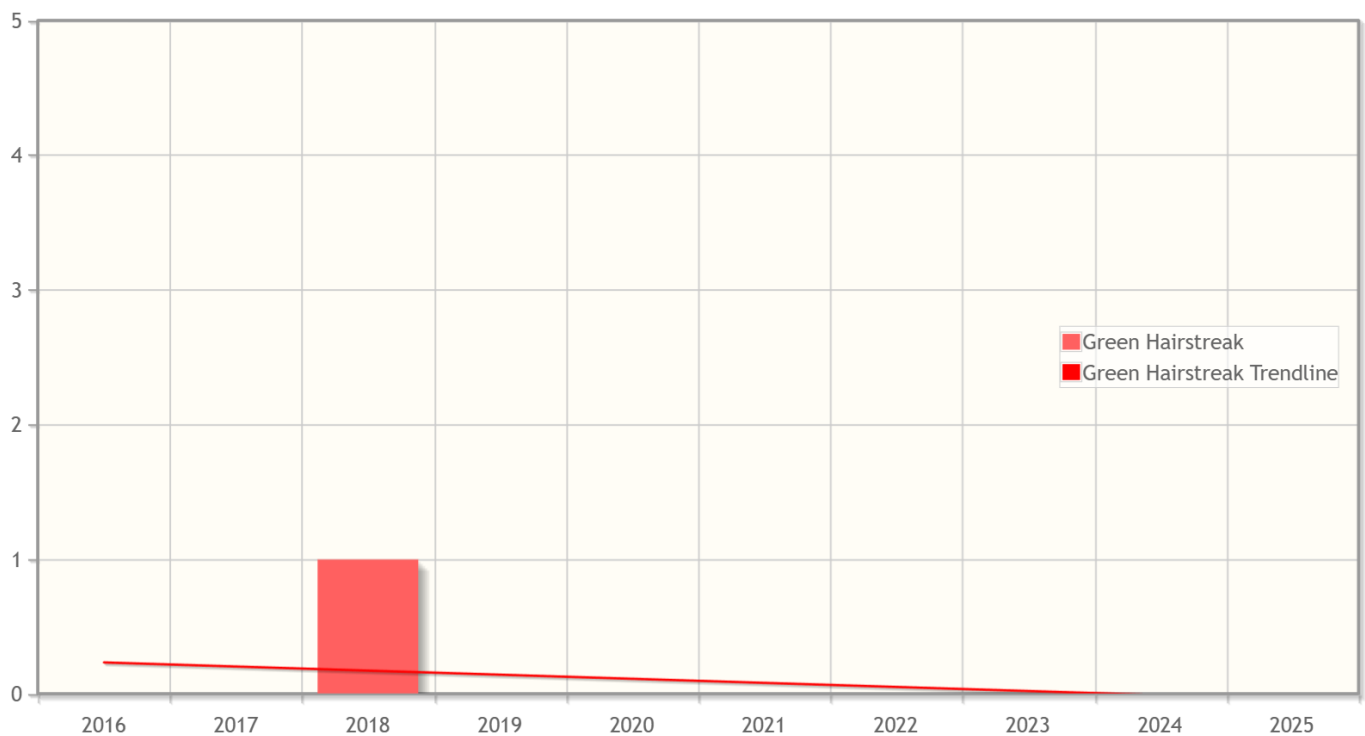
GATEKEEPER/HEDGE BROWN

Stave Hill Ecology Park, Rotherhithe (TQ361798)



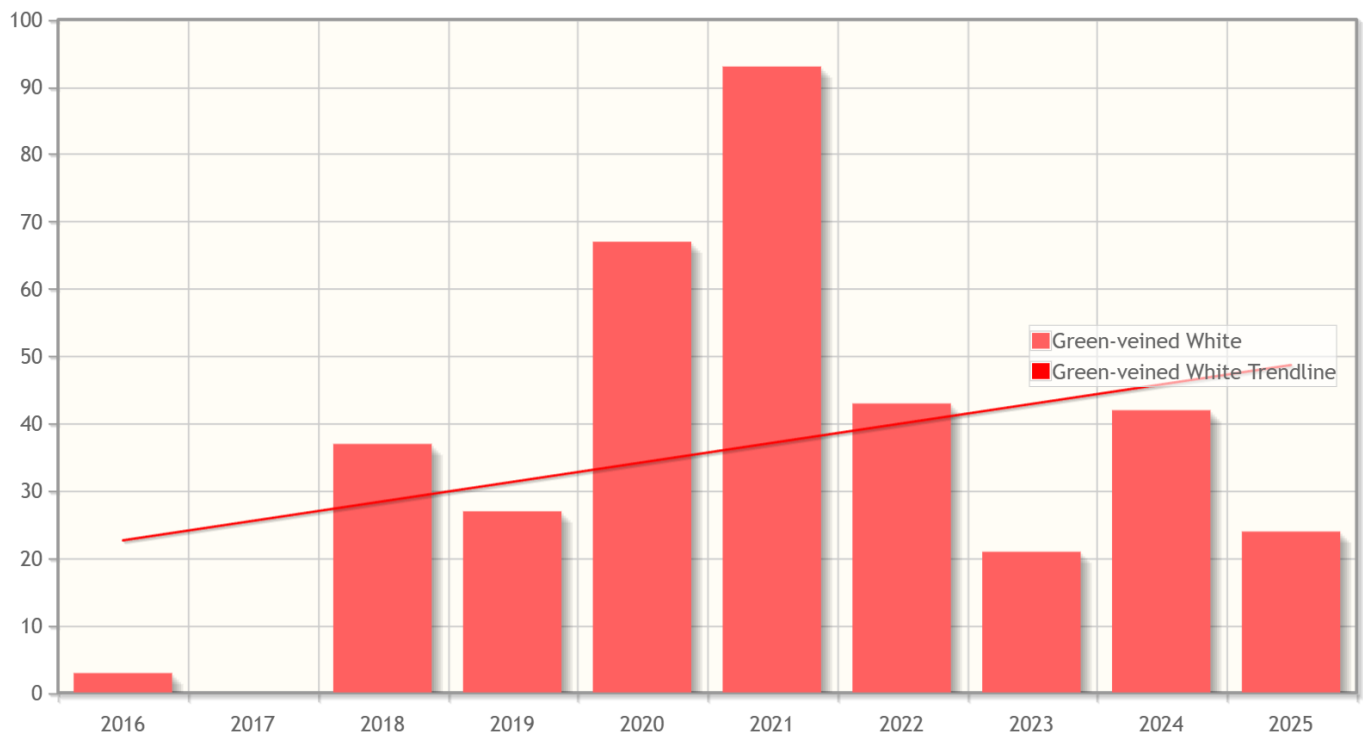
GREEN HAIRSTREAK

Stave Hill Ecology Park, Rotherhithe (TQ361798)



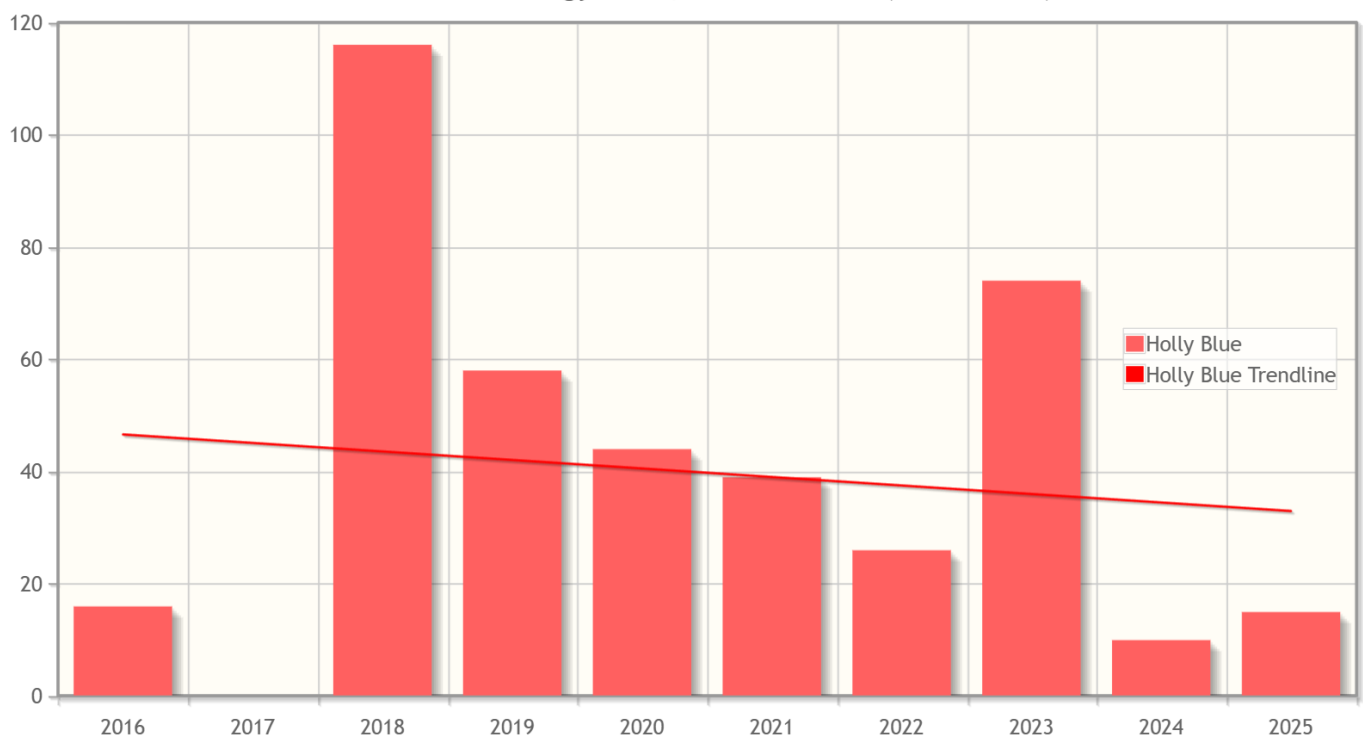
GREEN-VEINED WHITE

Stave Hill Ecology Park, Rotherhithe (TQ361798)



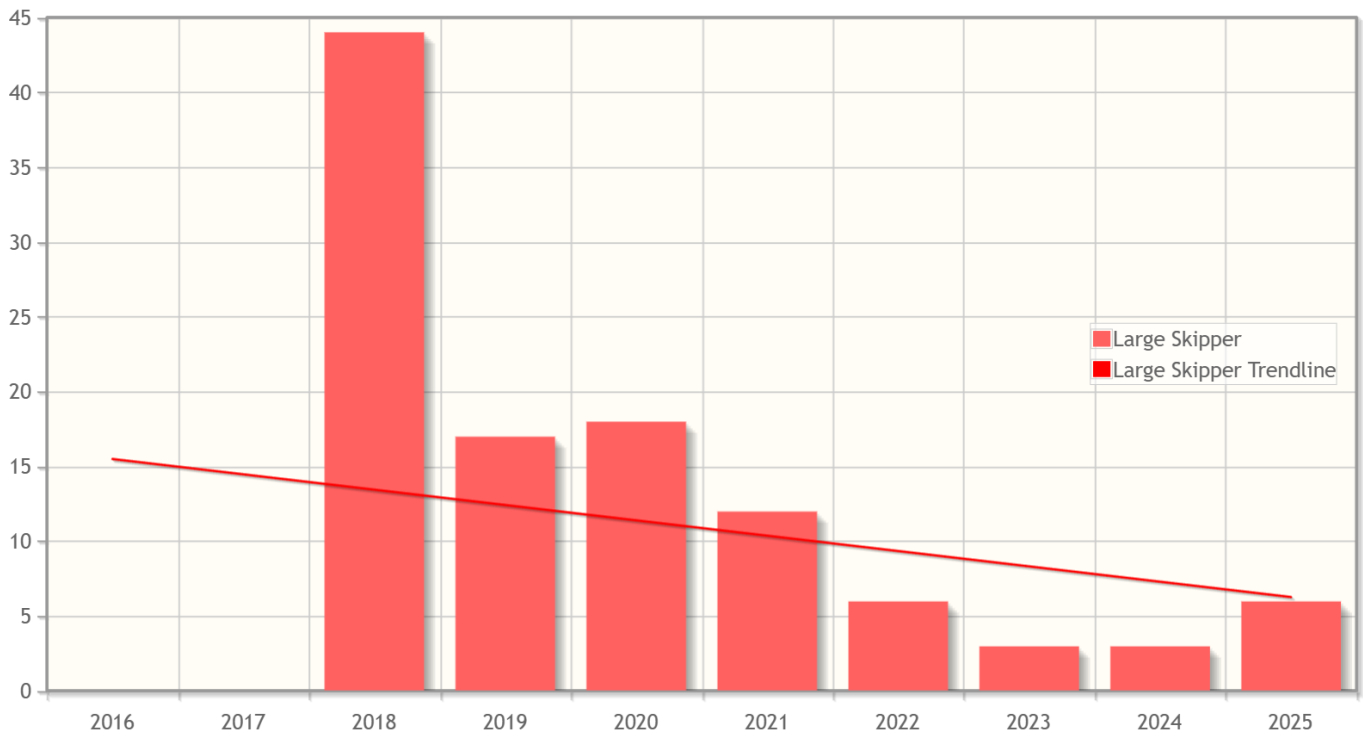
HOLLY BLUE

Stave Hill Ecology Park, Rotherhithe (TQ361798)



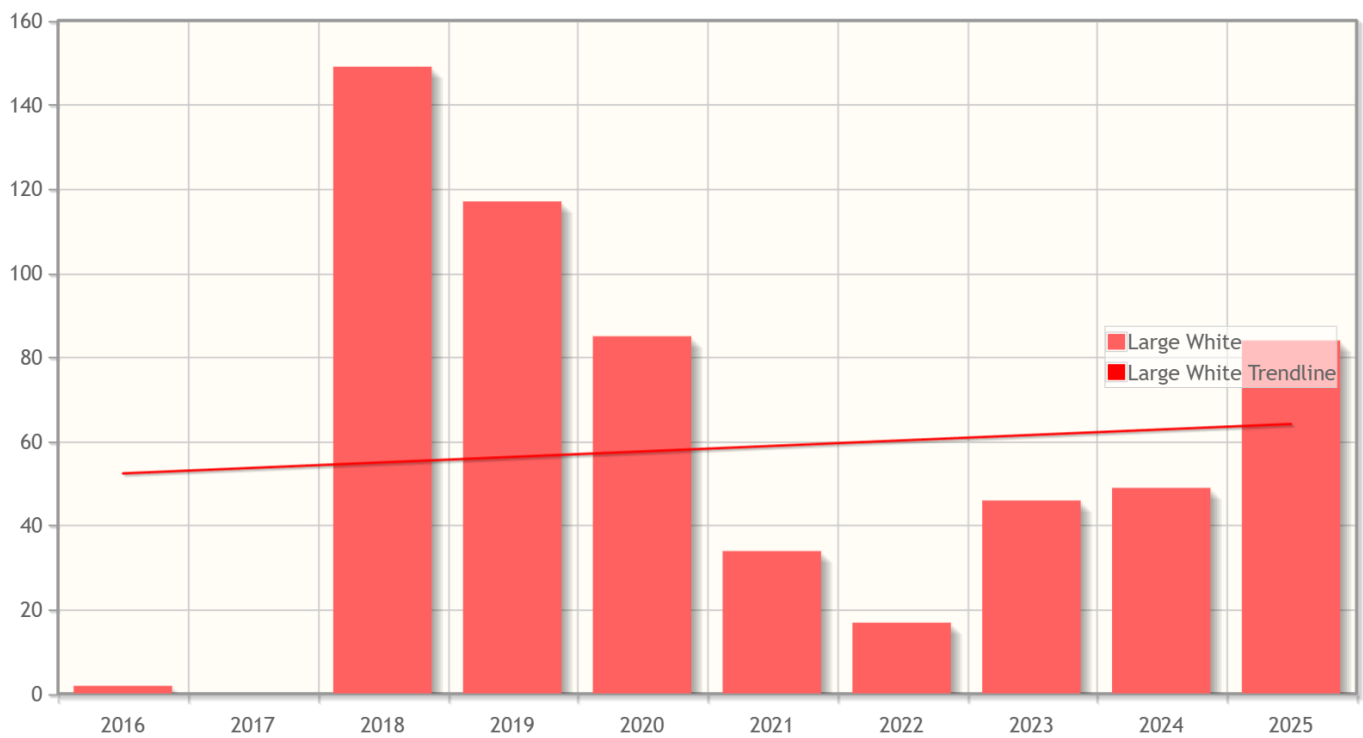
LARGE SKIPPER

Stave Hill Ecology Park, Rotherhithe (TQ361798)



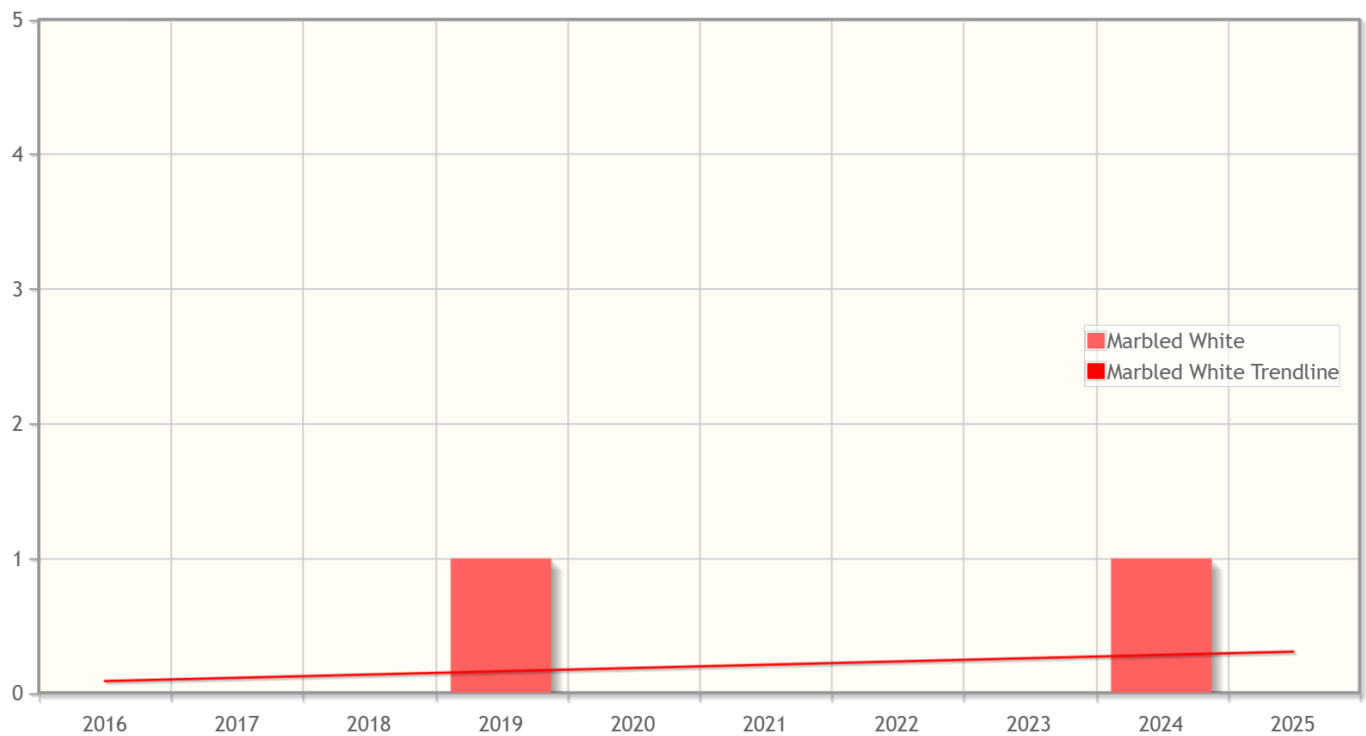
LARGE WHITE

Stave Hill Ecology Park, Rotherhithe (TQ361798)



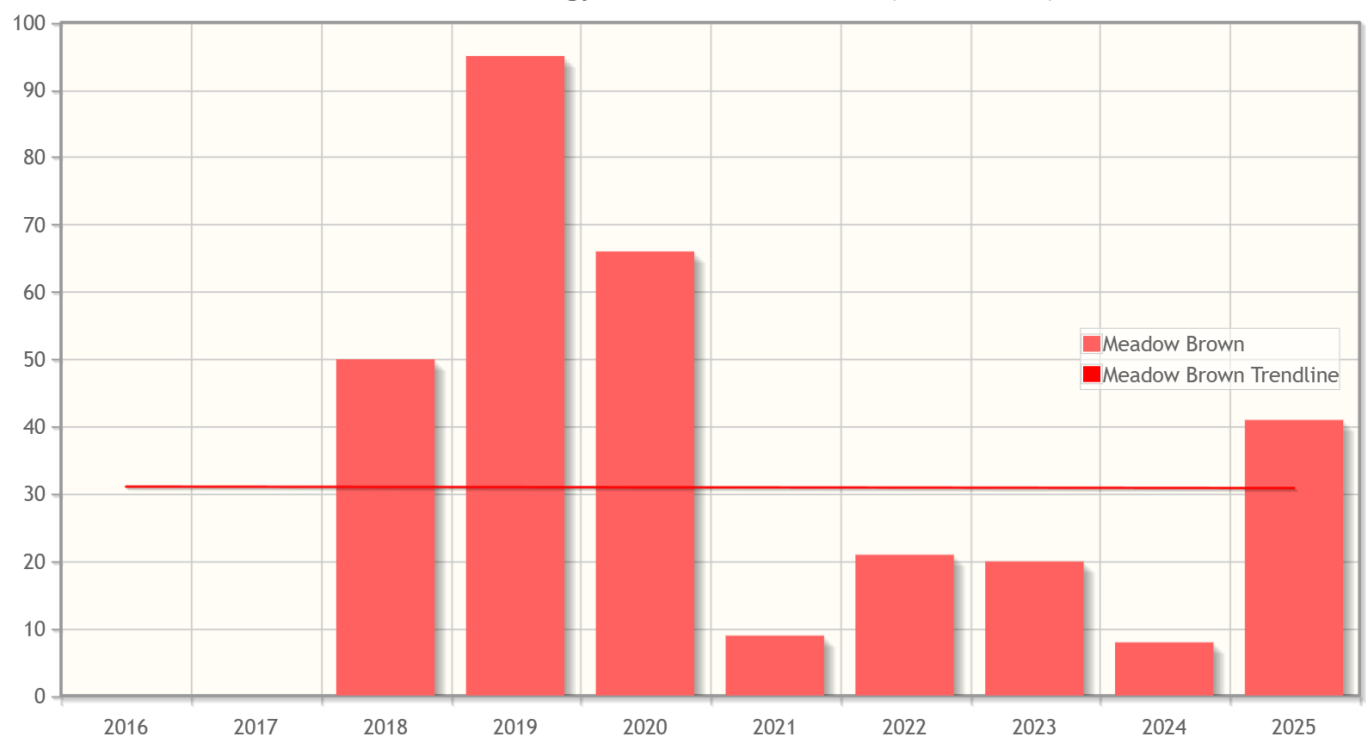
MARBLED WHITE

Stave Hill Ecology Park, Rotherhithe (TQ361798)



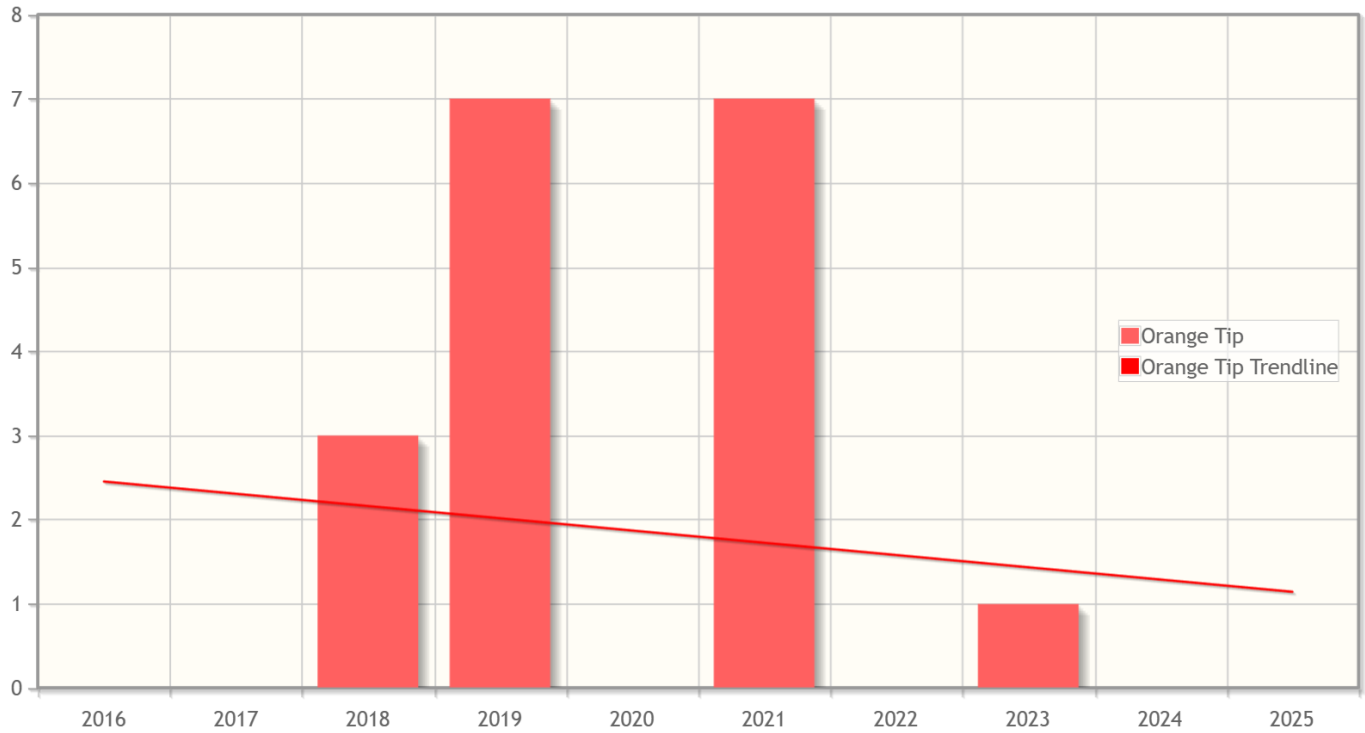
MEADOW BROWN

Stave Hill Ecology Park, Rotherhithe (TQ361798)



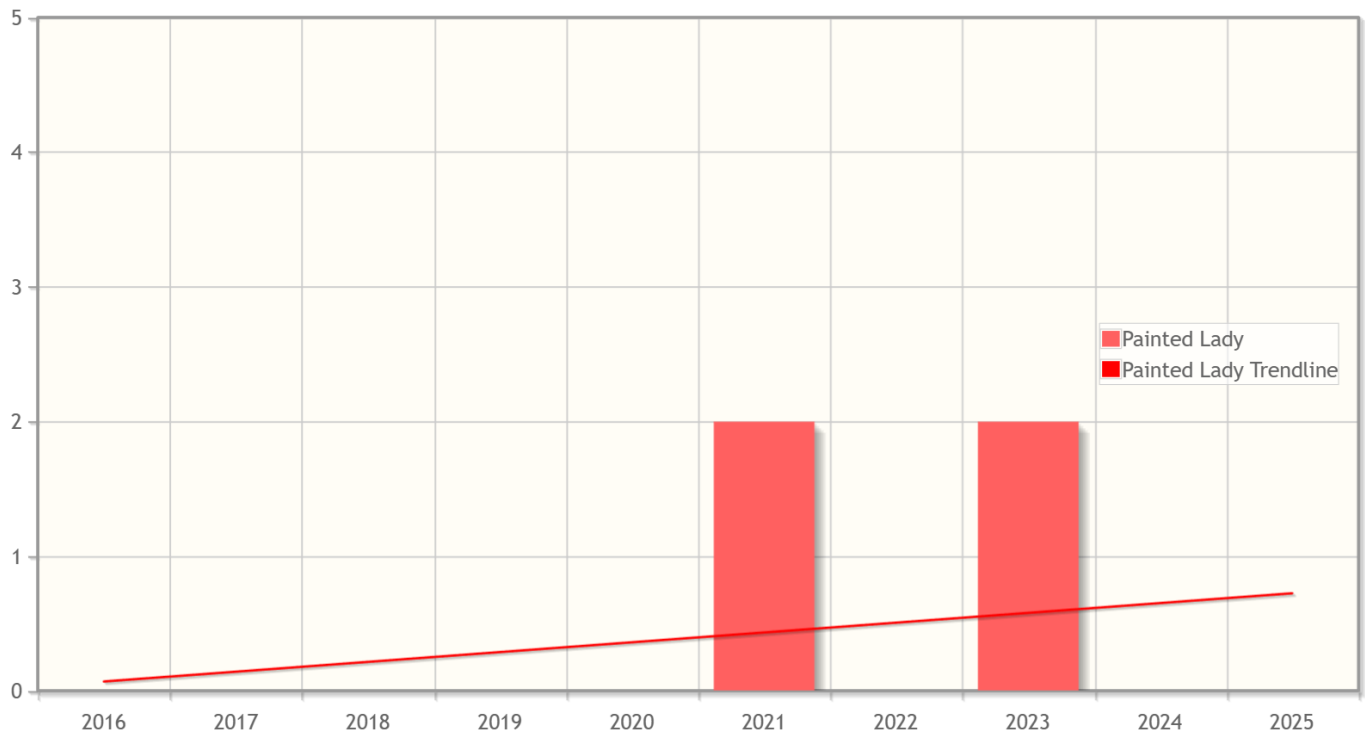
ORANGE TIP

Stave Hill Ecology Park, Rotherhithe (TQ361798)



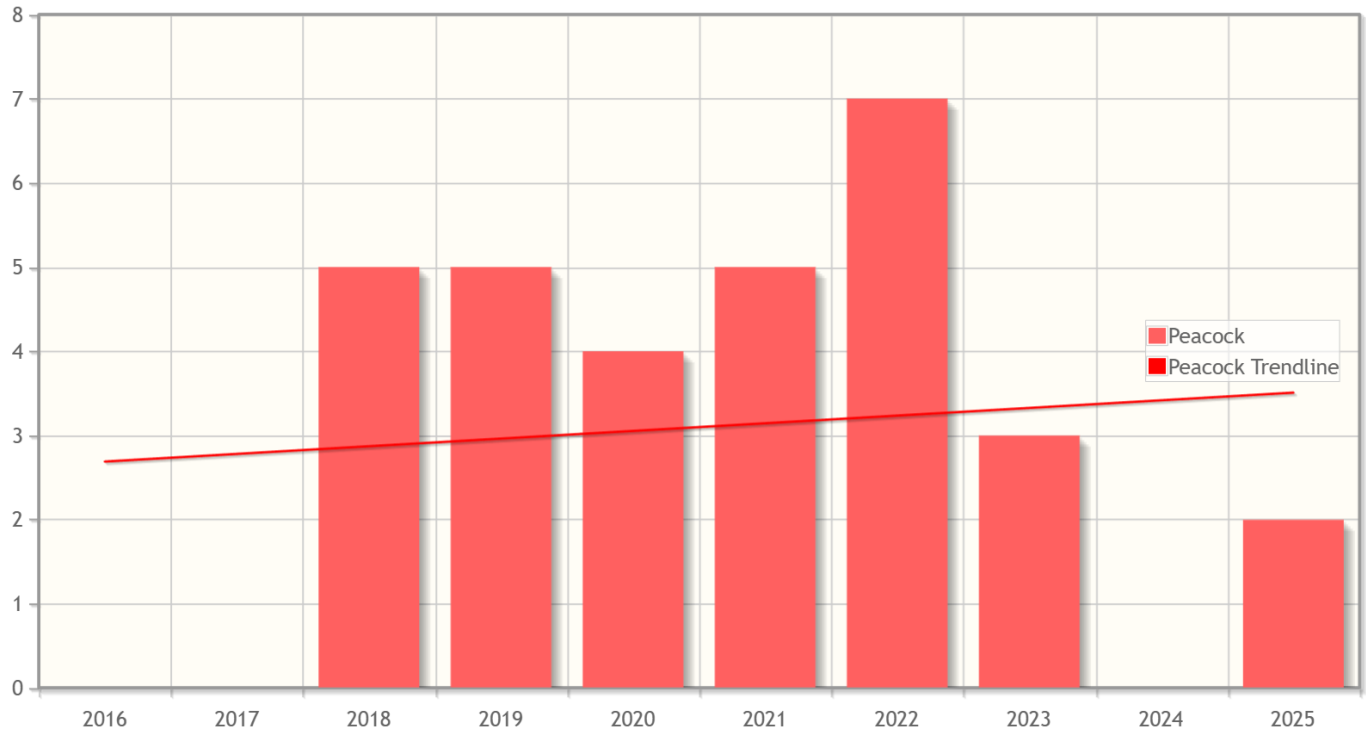
PAINTED LADY

Stave Hill Ecology Park, Rotherhithe (TQ361798)



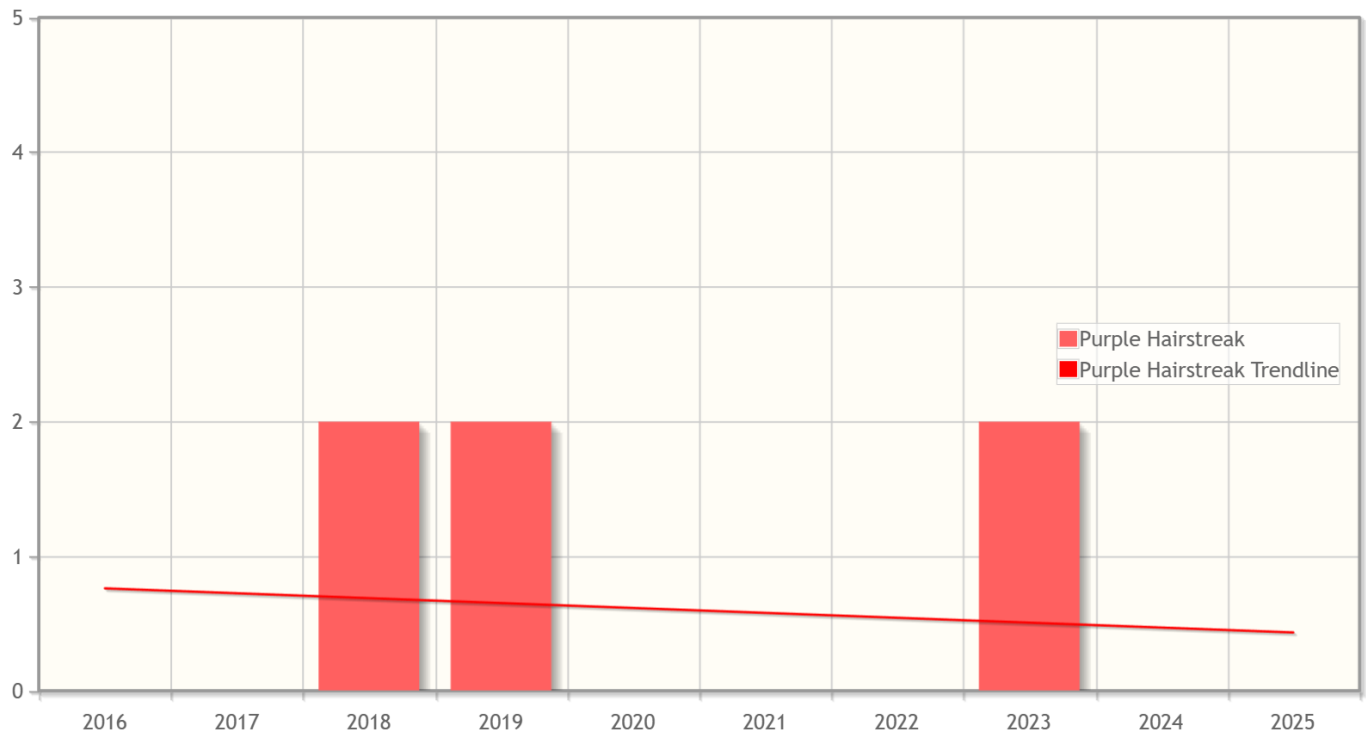
PEACOCK

Stave Hill Ecology Park, Rotherhithe (TQ361798)



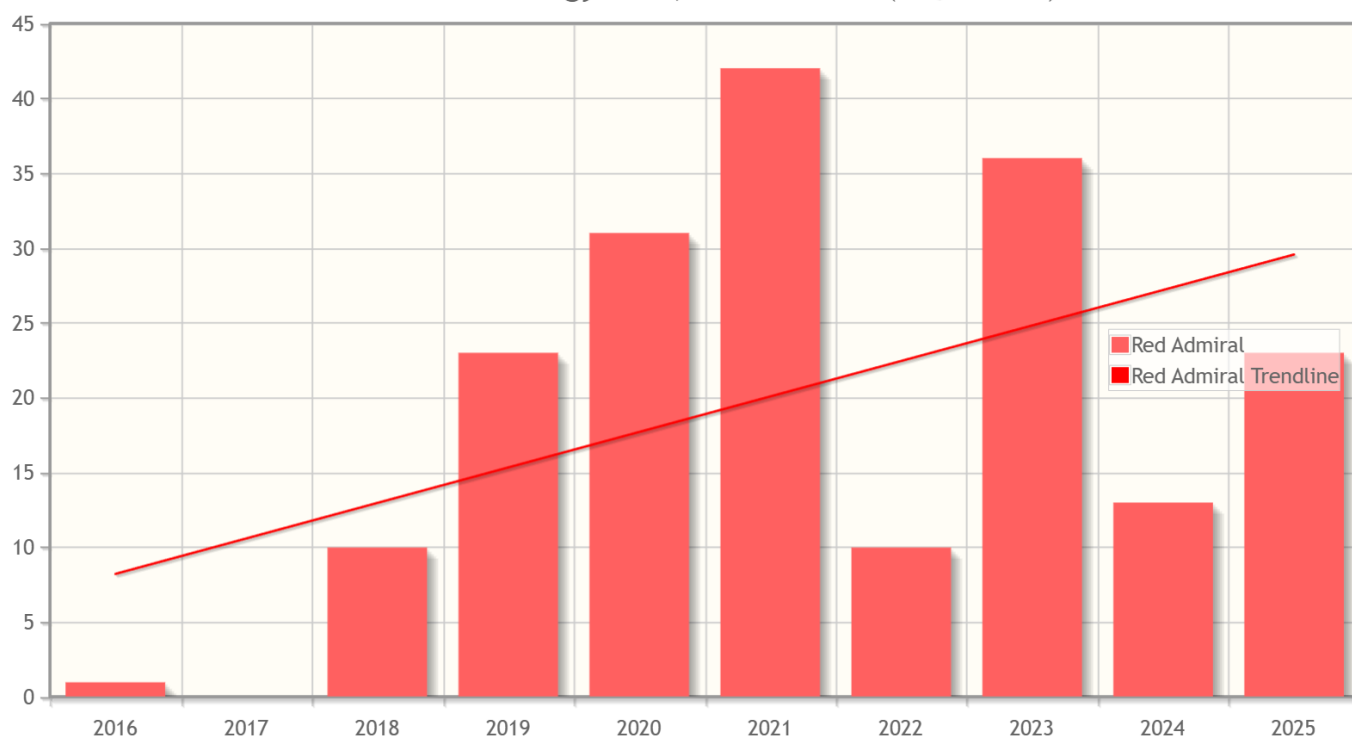
PURPLE HAIRSTREAK

Stave Hill Ecology Park, Rotherhithe (TQ361798)



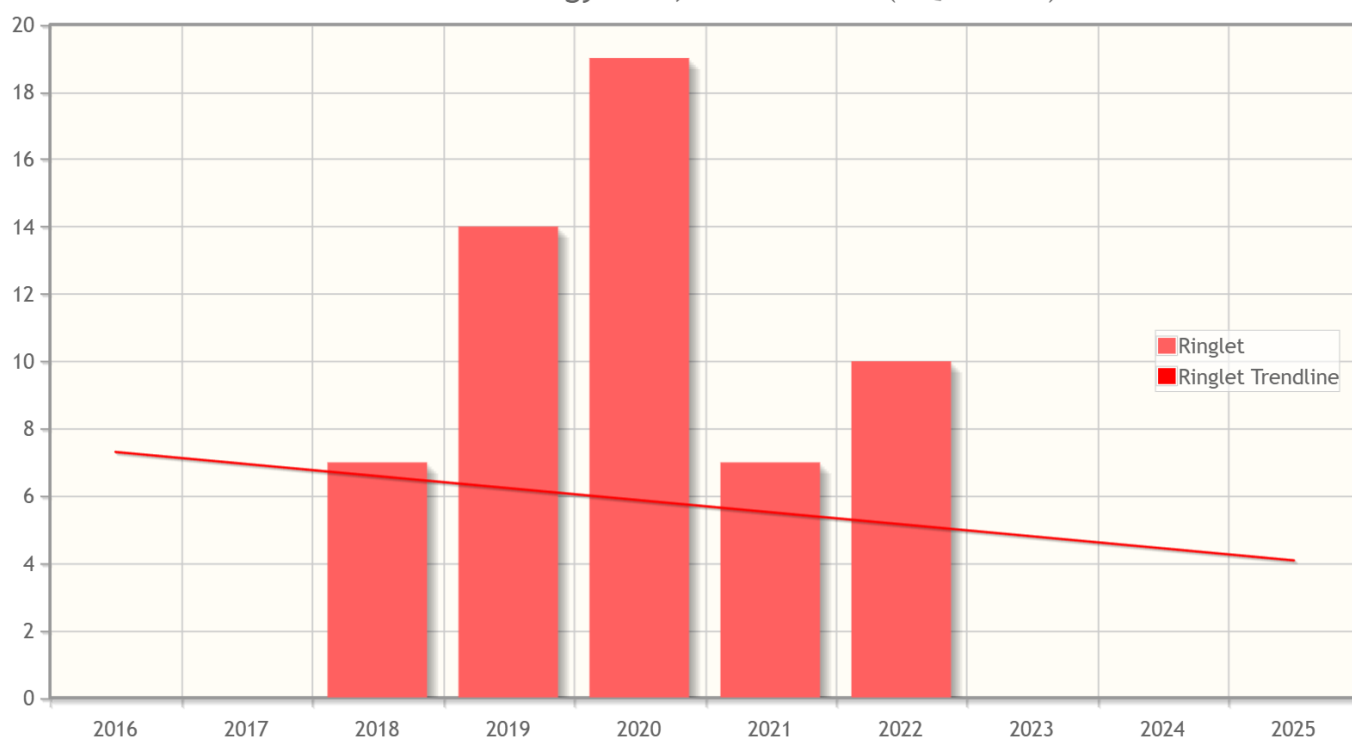
RED ADMIRAL

Stave Hill Ecology Park, Rotherhithe (TQ361798)



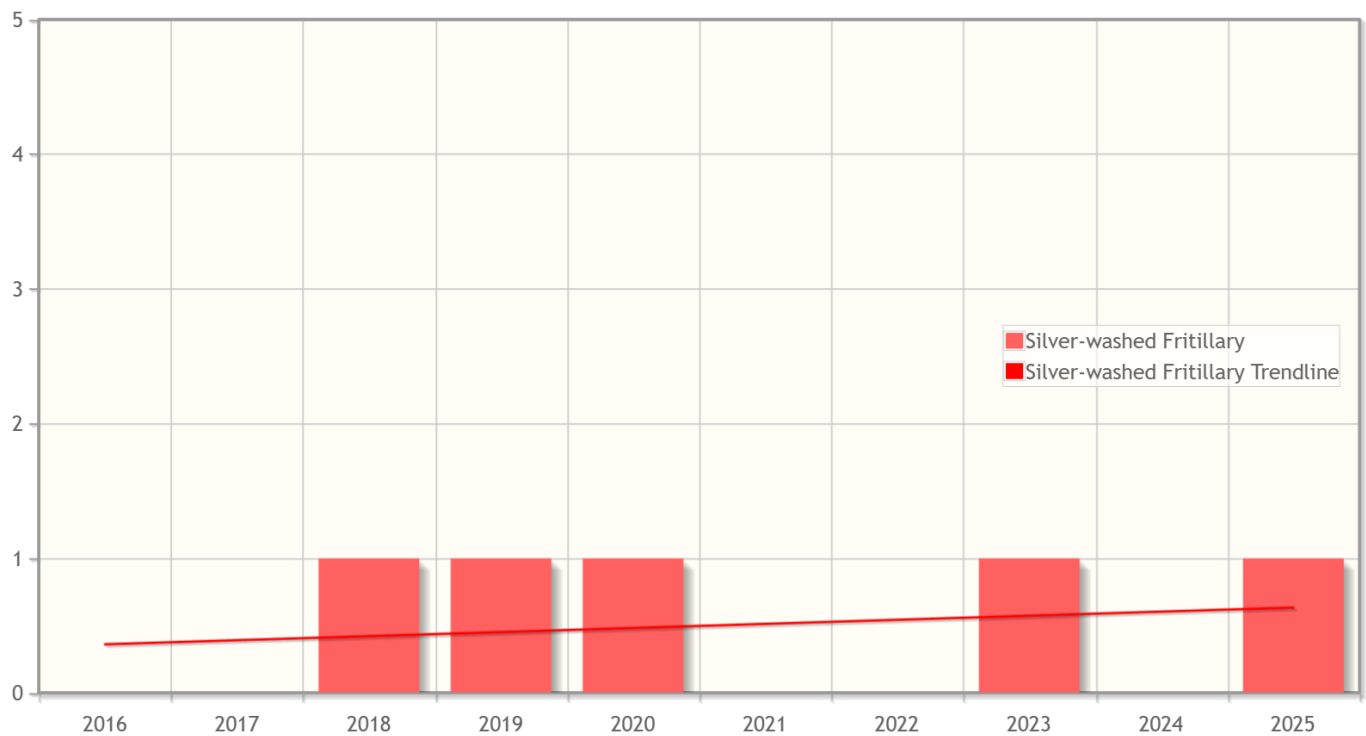
RINGLET

Stave Hill Ecology Park, Rotherhithe (TQ361798)



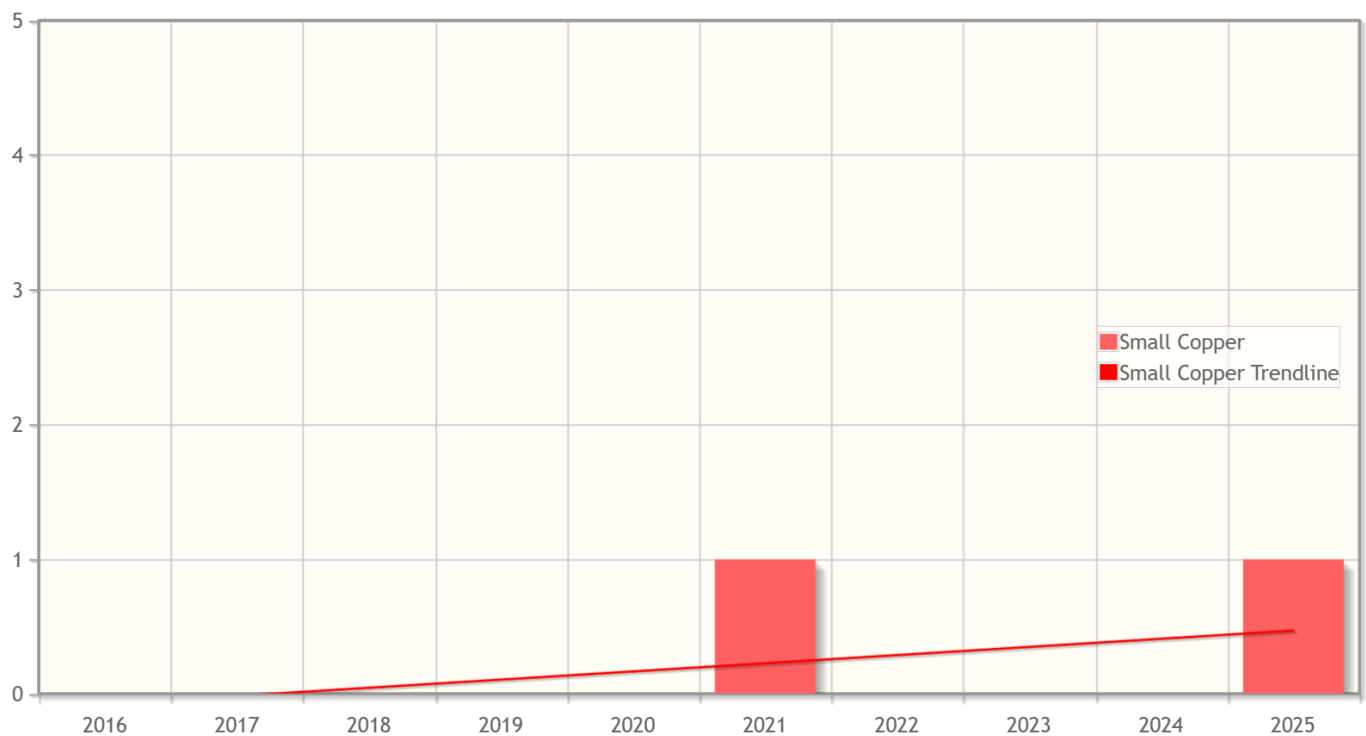
SILVER WASHED FRITILLARY

Stave Hill Ecology Park, Rotherhithe (TQ361798)



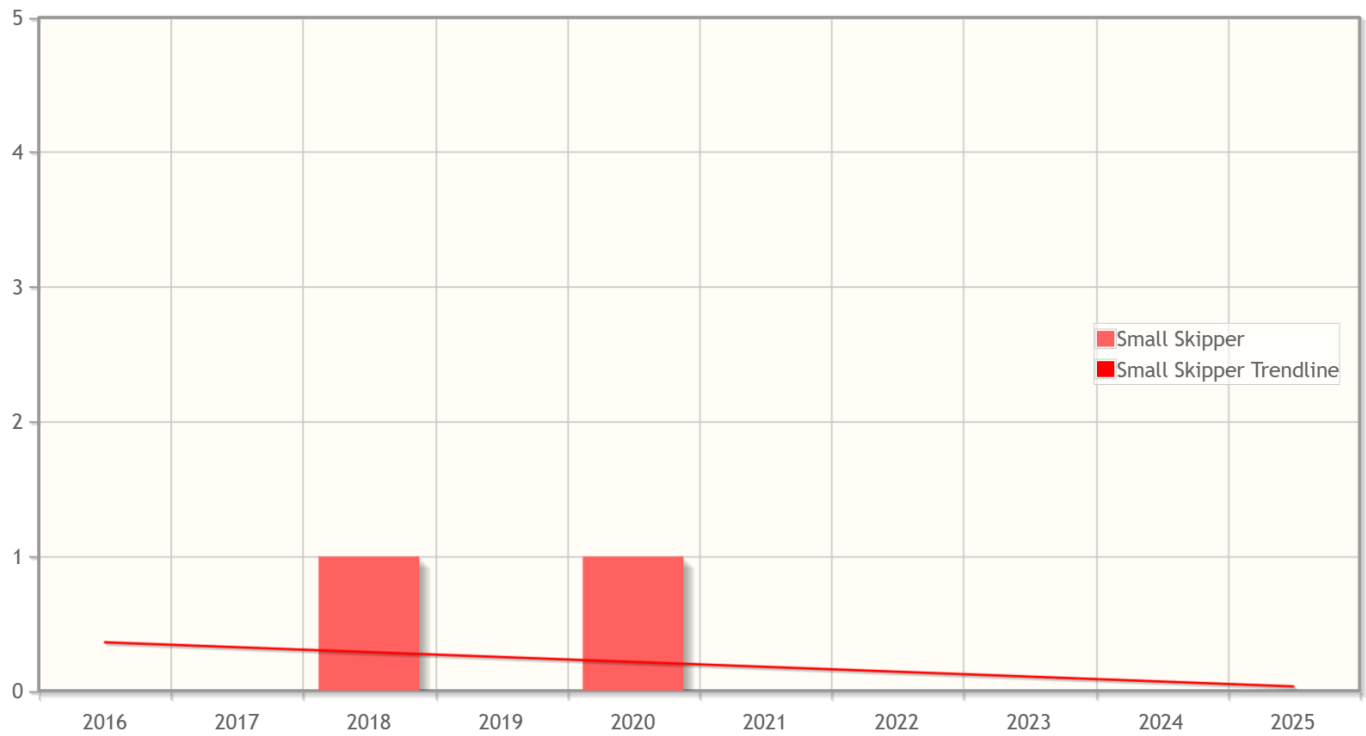
SMALL COPPER

Stave Hill Ecology Park, Rotherhithe (TQ361798)



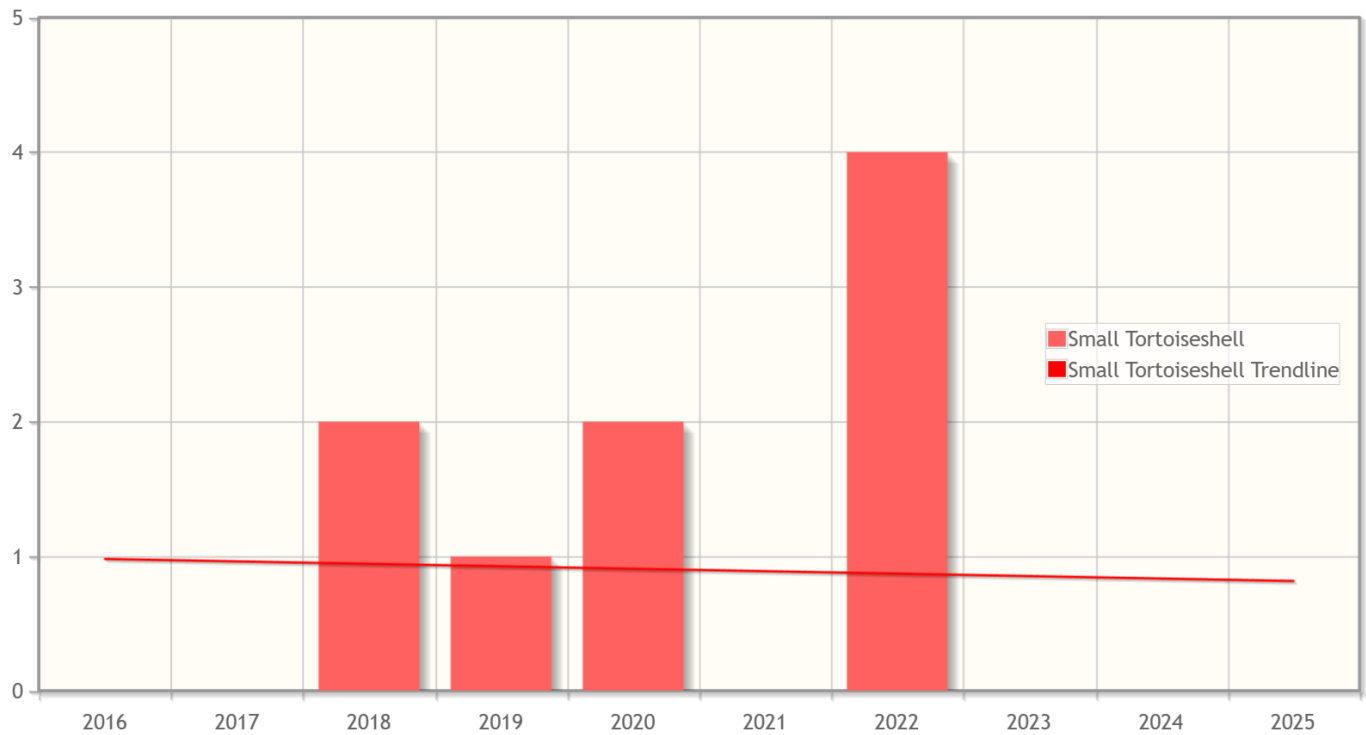
SMALL SKIPPER

Stave Hill Ecology Park, Rotherhithe (TQ361798)



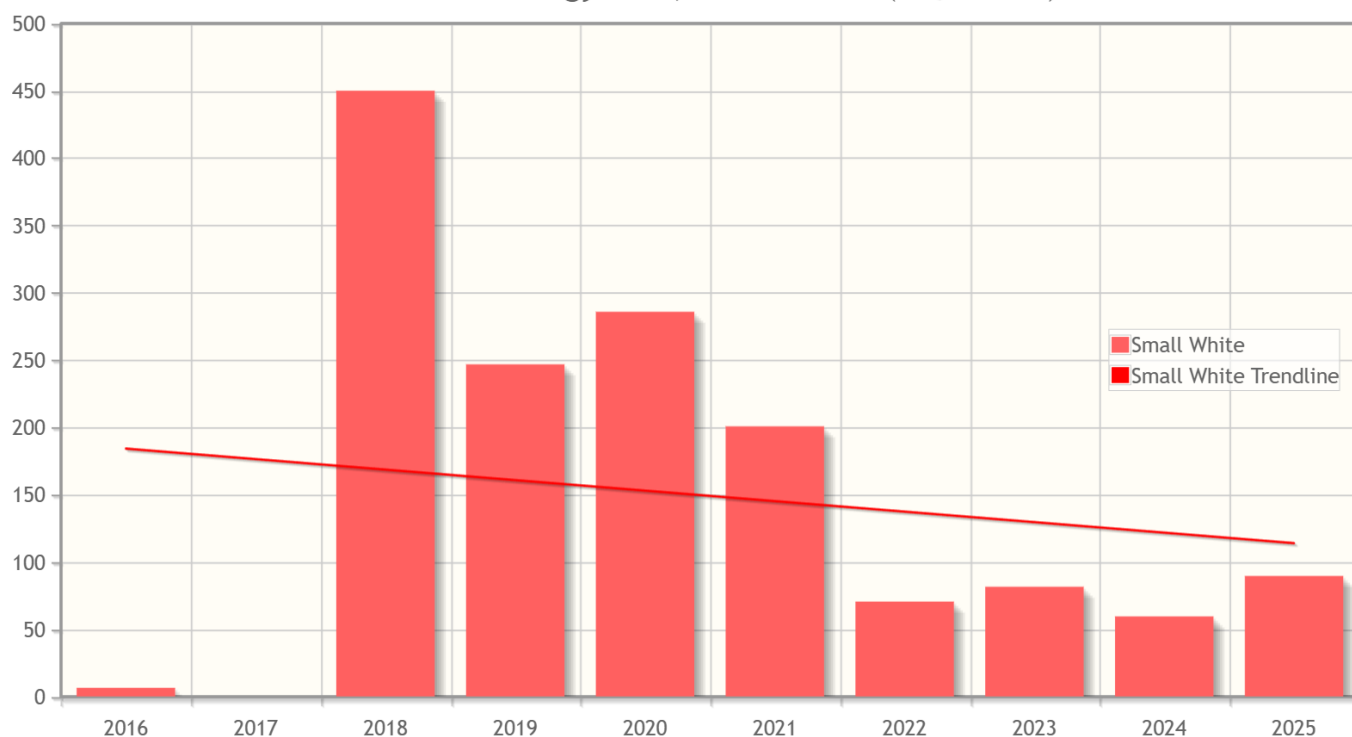
SMALL TORTOISESHELL

Stave Hill Ecology Park, Rotherhithe (TQ361798)



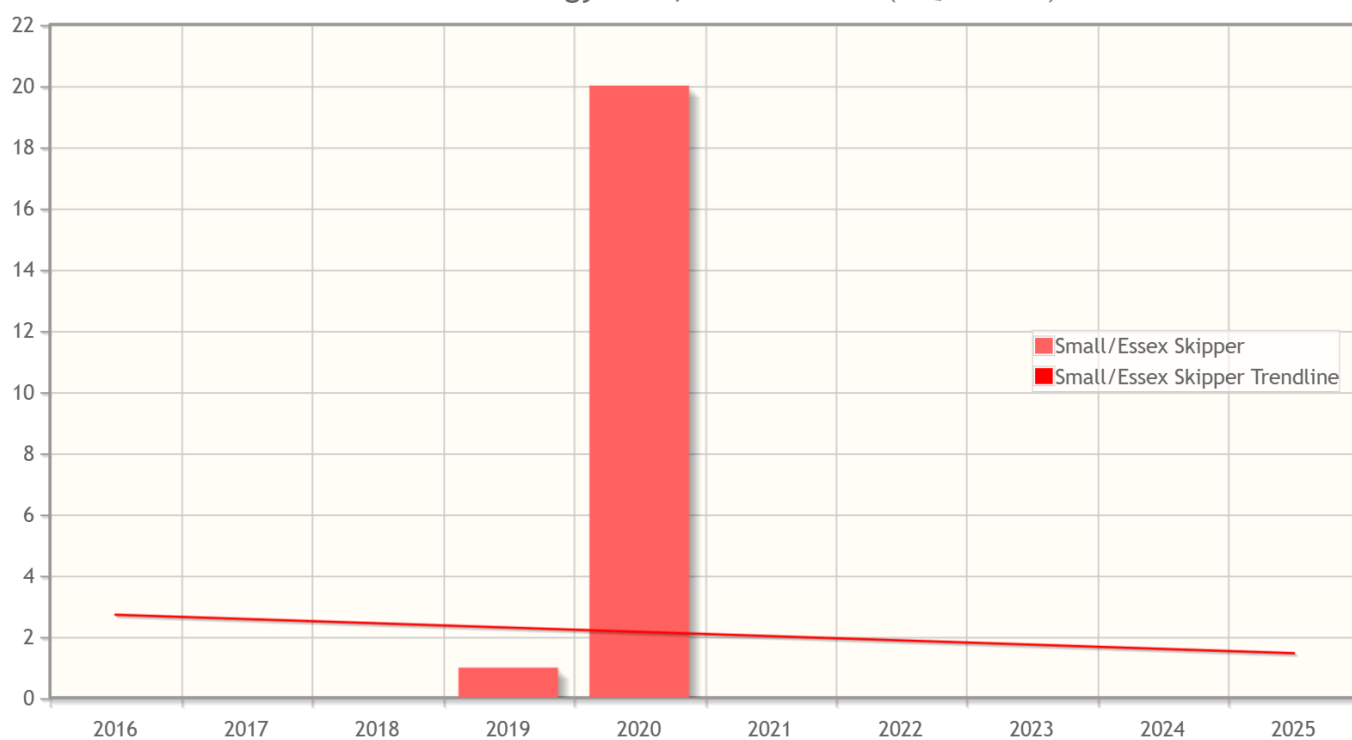
SMALL WHITE

Stave Hill Ecology Park, Rotherhithe (TQ361798)



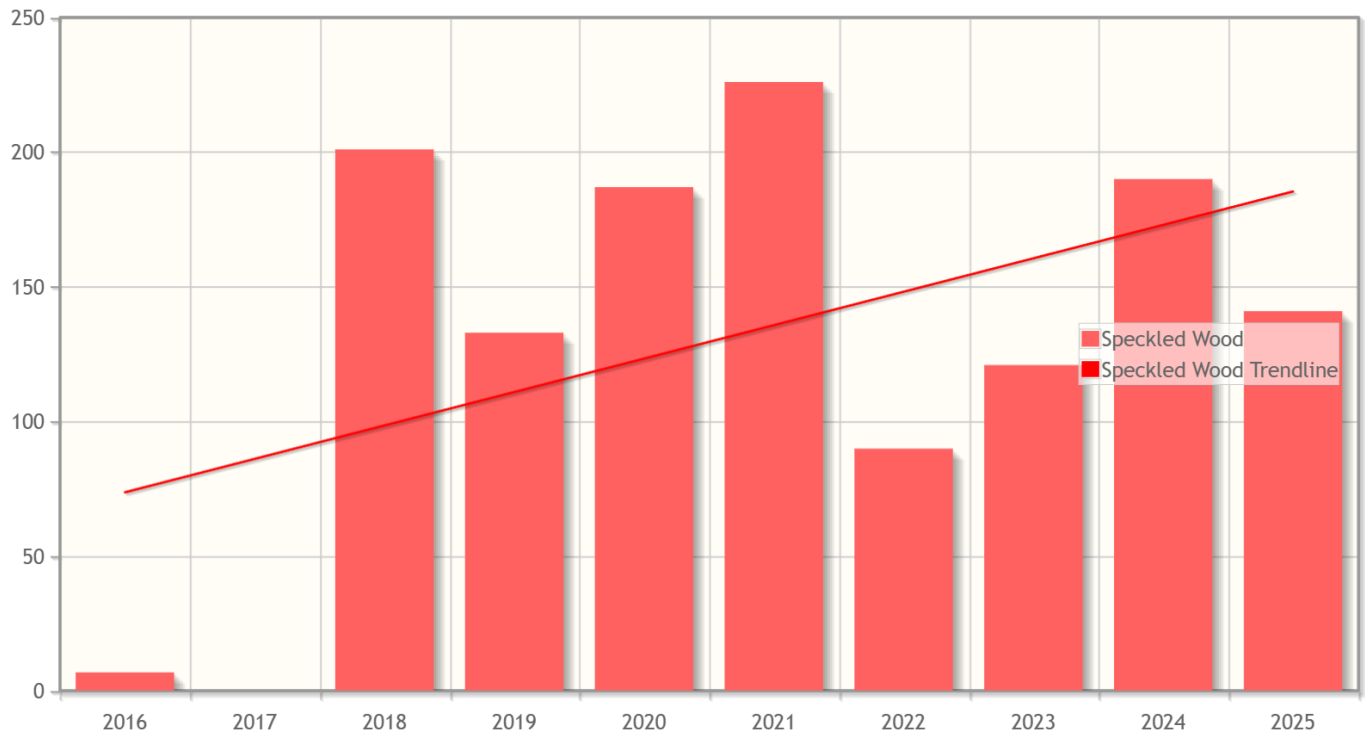
SMALL/ESSEX SKIPPER

Stave Hill Ecology Park, Rotherhithe (TQ361798)



SPECKLED WOOD

Stave Hill Ecology Park, Rotherhithe (TQ361798)



Large Skipper (John Cadera)

SECTION 2
MOTHS REPORT 2025
STAVE HILL ECOLOGY PARK and RUSSIA DOCK WOODLAND
ROTHERHITHE SE16



Mint Moth (John Cadera)

MOTHS REPORT 2025

Stave Hill Ecology Park and Russia Dock Woodland, Rotherhithe SE16

Compiled by Janet Cadera

The area behind Stave Hill Pond (primrose meadow) is now only accessible carefully to look for moths. A moth trap was set up in the Compound three times, one in August and two in October. Recordings in Appendix M1.

We recorded 10 moth species on site this season.

On **30th May** a **Burnet Companion** was found in Long Meadow.

On **25th June**: 11 **Cinnabar Moth** caterpillars were found on Ragwort in Central Meadow.

On **9th July**: a new species – one **Rosy Tabby Moth** found in Central Meadow. All the Cinnabar Moth caterpillars were gone.



Rosy Tabby moth (John Cadera)

Notable local sightings:

10th July: A **Humming-bird Hawkmoth** was seen in Spa Gardens, Bermondsey.

15th July: A **Jersey Tiger moth** was seen at Greenland Dock.

July: A **Gypsy moth** caterpillar found in local garden, Bermondsey.



Gypsy Moth (John Cadera)

On 16th July: A **Jersey Tiger moth** seen on buddleia near the turbine (Section 2).

On 23rd July: A **Jersey Tiger moth** seen in Long Meadow (Section 5).

On 30th July: A **Jersey Tiger** was seen in Section 10.

Moth Trapping (details in Appendix 2)

The moth trap is set up in the Compound overnight and any finds photographed and released next morning.

26th/27th Aug: We recorded six species, including three new moths.

7th/8th Oct: 4 **Large Yellow Underwings** and two different Cadis flies.

14th/15th Oct: 3 **Large Yellow Underwings** and one Turnip moth, which was a new species for the record.

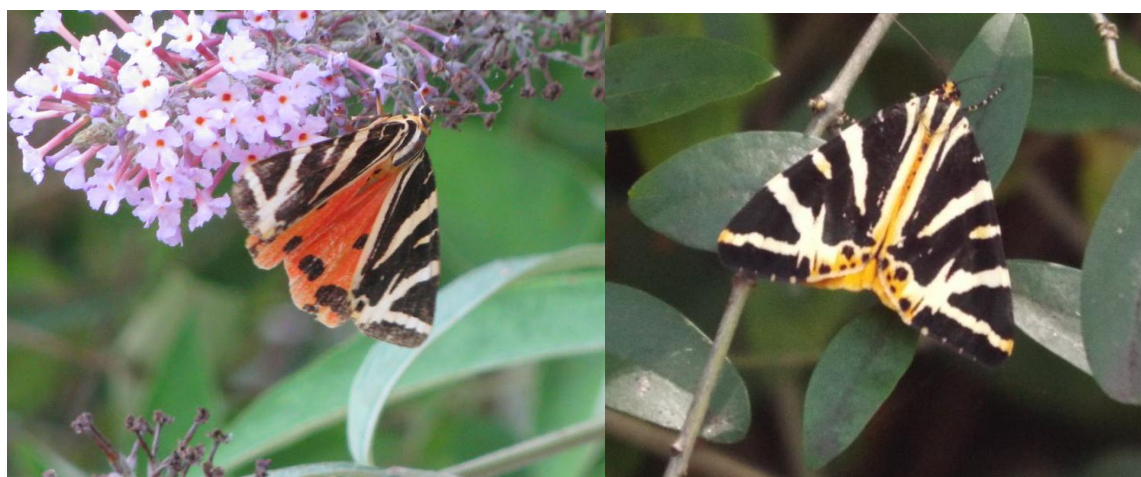
To note:

For the second season we were also missing the **Spindle Ermine moth caterpillars** hanging from the trees.

We logged **5 new** moth species this season.

The total number of moth species recorded since transects started in 2018 for Stave Hill Ecology Park is **39**.

		Long Meadow	Central Meadow	Cowslip Meadow	Stave Hill
Burnet Companion	<i>Euclidia glyphica</i>	1			
Jersey Tiger	<i>Euplagia quadripunctaria</i>	1		1	1
Cinnabar Moth caterpillars	<i>Tyria jacobaeae</i>		11		
Rosy Tabby Moth	<i>Endotricha flammealis</i>		1		



Jersey Tiger: Underwing colour morphs (John Cadera)

MOTHS COLLECTED DURING MOTH TRAP EVENINGS
(Photos: John & Janet Cadera)

26th/27th August 2025

10 Large Yellow Underwing

1 Orange Swift

1 Marsh Grey

1 Yellow Headed Apsen Leaftier

3 Tree Lichen Beauty

1 Ox-tongue Conch

1 Shuttle Shaped Dart



Large Yellow Underwing *Noctua pronuba*



Orange Swift *Triodia sylvina*



Marsh Grey *Eudonia pallida*



Yellow Headed Apsen Leaftier *Epinotia nisella*



Tree-lichen Beauty *Cryphia algae*



Ox-tongue conch *Neocoehylis molliculana*

7th/8th October 2025

4 Large Yellow Underwing

Lots and lots of bees

2 Caddisfly species



Cinnamon Sedge *Limnophilus lunatus*



Caddisfly *Stenophylax* sp



Large Yellow Underwing *Noctua pronuba*

14th/15th October 2025

3 Large Yellow Underwing

1 Turnip Moth



Large Yellow Underwing *Noctua pronuba*



Turnip moth *Agrotis segetum*



Cinnabar Moth larvae (Janet Cadera)

SECTION 3
DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES

REPORT 2025
STAVE HILL ECOLOGY PARK and RUSSIA DOCK WOODLAND
ROTHERHITHE SE16



Willow Emerald (John Cadera)

DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES REPORT 2025

Stave Hill Ecology Park and Russia Dock Woodland, Rotherhithe SE16

Compiled by Janet Cadera

We recorded Dragonfly and Damselfly species during the Butterfly Transects (April-Sept) and walks through the Russia Dock Woodland. This group of insects can be a challenge and to identify them it is best to take as many photographs as possible.

We managed to identify **nine** species over the season. Our most numerous species was **Common Blue Damselfly** and **Common Darter**. We were missing Black-tailed skimmer this season.

On **4th June**: one **Emperor Dragonfly** near Stave Hill Pond (Sector 3 on transect).

On **25th June**:

- **Common Blue Damselfly** – four at Bea Pond, 10 at Downtown Pond.
- **Emperor Dragonfly** – two in Long Meadow, four at Bea Pond, one on Stave Hill, one on Downtown Pond, one on Globe Pond.

On **9th July**: 12 **Common Darter** and one **Emperor Dragonfly** on Bea Pond, one **Black-tailed Skimmer** in Long Meadow. At Downtown Pond: six **Common Blue Damselfly**, one **Common Darter**, one **Emperor Dragonfly** and one **Ruddy Darter**.

On **16th July**: five **Common Blue Damselfly** at Bea Pond. **Emperor Dragonfly**: one in Central Meadow, one in Long Meadow, one at Globe Pond. One **Southern Hawker** at Hop Garden.

Notable local sightings:

28th July a **Willow Emerald** by the Lake at Southwark Park.

On **30th July**, a **Blue-tailed damselfly** and **Common darter** at Bea Pond. An **Emperor Dragonfly** at the Long Meadow.

On **27th Aug**, two **Willow Emerald** in meadow behind Central Meadow (Section 2). One **Common Darter** in Long Meadow (Section 5).

On **24th September**: At Stave Hill Pond one **Common Darter** and two **Migrant Hawker**. At Central Meadow, six **Common Darter**. At Globe Pond, two **Migrant Hawker** and one **Common Darter**. At Downtown Pond, two **Migrant Hawker**. At Bea Pond, one **Common Darter**.

The total number of Odonata species recorded since transects started in 2018 for Stave Hill Ecology Park is **13**.

Week No.	10	13	15	16	18	22	26	TOTALS
Date	4/6	25/6	9/7	16/7	30/7	27/8	24/9	
Emperor Dragonfly	1	9	2	3	1			16
Common Blue Damselfly		14	6	5				25
Common Darter			13		1	1	9	24
Willow Emerald Damselfly						2		2
Southern Hawker				1				1
Black-tailed Skimmer			1					1
Blue-tailed damselfly					1			1
Ruddy Darter			1					1
Migrant Hawker							6	6
TOTALS	1	23	23	9	3	3	15	77



Emperor Dragonfly (Nichole Ferguson)



Common Darter (John Cadera)



MAMMALS

REPORT 2025/26



Grey Squirrel (John Cadera)

Unlike birds, mammals are harder to record, sometimes the only evidence of a species is through signs or roadkill. We have compiled a list of mammals (excluding domestic) recorded in Rotherhithe. Bats are our most well represented mammal group with 7 species recorded. Apart from Hedgehog, no other insectivores have been recorded. While it may seem unlikely that whales and dolphins end up in rivers, we have seen three species in the Thames in the last 20 years. Since Cetaceans recorded upriver pass through our recording area we have included them here. It is worth noting that Cetaceans in rivers are often in poor health to start with, rarely surviving the experience of getting far up the Thames.

Grey Squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*) Widespread

House Mouse (*Mus musculus*) Widespread

Brown Rat (*Rattus norvegicus*) Widespread

Wood Mouse (*Apodemus sylvaticus*) So far we only records are from Stave Hill, old caches of hazel nuts have been found.

Hedgehog (*Erinaceus europaeus*) Previous common and widespread now likely extinct.

Leisler's Bat (*Nyctalus leisleri*) Southwark Park and Stave Hill/Russia Dock Woodland
Noctule (*Nyctalus noctula*) Southwark Park, previously recorded from King's Stairs and Canada Water.
Nathusius's Pipistrelle (*Pipistrellus nathusiusii*) Recorded from 2 sites in Bermondsey.
Common Pipistrelle (*Pipistrellus pipistrellus*) Widespread
Soprano Pipistrelle (*Pipistrellus pygmaeus*) Widespread/localised
Brown Long-eared Bat (*Plecotus auritus*) so far only recorded at Southwark Park.
Daubenton's Bat (*Myotis daubentonii*) Globe Pond and Lavender Pond

Red Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) Widespread

Grey Seal (*Halichoerus grypus*) Regular visitor in the river, has been seen as far as Teddington.

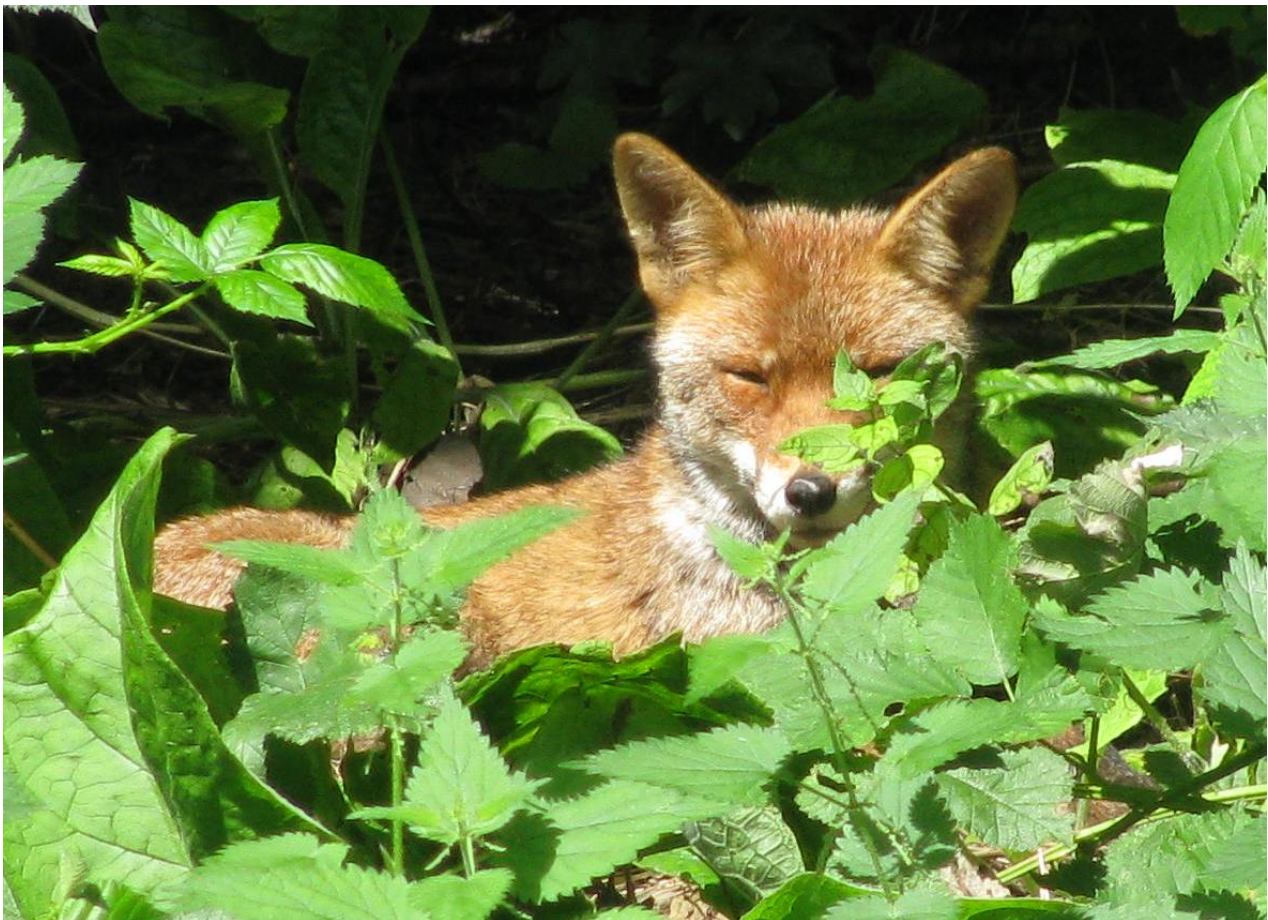
Common Seal (*Phoca vitulina*) Rare, 1 at Hilton during March 2026.

Minke Whale (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*) May 2021, a juvenile got as far as Teddington Lock.

Fin Whale (*Balaenoptera physalus*) While just out of our area, this is worth a mention: "Deptford Fin Whale" a juvenile on October 23, 1842.

Northern Bottle-nosed Whale (*Hyperoodon ampullatus*) January 2006 a juvenile reached Battersea Bridge.

Common Dolphin (*Delphinus delphis*) August 2nd, 2024, 1 managed to get as far as Hammersmith Bridge. Two were found dead at Chelsea and Greenwich.



Red Fox (Janet Cadera)

REPTILES

2025/26

The only Reptiles that we have recorded are 3 non-native aquatic species which are as follows:

Red-eared Terrapin (*Trachemys scripta elegans*) Widespread. We have found up to 8 at Southwark Park, others at Canada Water

False Map Turtle (*Graptemys pseudogeographica*) So far 3 individuals have been found, 2 at Greenland Dock and more recently, 1 at Surrey Water.

Florida Soft-shell (*Apalone ferox*) 1 at Canada Water.



Red-eared Terrapin (Darren Young)



False Map Turtle (John Cadera)

AMPHIBIANS

2025/26

Until recently 3 native species have been recorded throughout the area in suitable habitat.

Smooth Newt (*Lissotriton vulgaris*) Widespread

Common Toad (*Bufo bufo*) Widespread

Marsh Frog (*Pelophylax ridibundus*) Introduced species that has been recently found at Canada Water. This has raised concern about the impact our native amphibians should they spread from Canada Water.

Common Frog (*Rana temporaria*) Widespread



Common Frog & Common Toad (John Cadera)



Smooth Newt (John Cadera)

