

RINGING REPORT

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Ringing in London is carried out by a range of groups, partnerships and individuals. Accurate figures rely on all ringers returning ringing data to a central point for analysis to enable a comprehensive report to be written. Due to the complexity, size and transient nature of ringing in the LNHS recording area (the London Area) it is still unclear if all the ringing activity has been covered in any one year. Attempting to make any scientific comparisons on ringing data between years can therefore be rather meaningless and is not addressed in this report. Numbers of many species ringed vary year on year due to a range of factors such as ringer effort, and coverage or weather conditions which can have a marked effect on catching success and final totals for any year. For these reasons, many changes in species figures in this type of report are not a reflection on population levels but more often ringer activity or submission of records. A good reflection of population levels is through Constant Effort Sites (CES), and a number are running in the London Area; the data is pooled nationally and can be found on the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) website:

www.bto.org/volunteer-surveys/ringing/surveys/ces

The BTO also provides online data for ringing in the UK, set out on a County basis which unfortunately is not a true reflection of ringing activities within the London Area. It only covers Greater London, which for 2013 shows a total of only 4,901 birds ringed against the total of 13,826 birds ringed which has been submitted for the London Area. Detailed information on birds ringed and recovered can be found for Greater London and surrounding counties at:

www.bto.org/volunteer-surveys/ringing/publications/online-ringing-reports;

however, for counties outside Greater London, the data contains all birds ringed in the county, so many will also be much higher than the proportion of birds ringed within the London Area.

With this in mind, the most interesting information would appear to be the totals of each species ringed; and the finding situations of birds recovered away from London, or caught in London but having been ringed elsewhere (controls). As with previous reports, this one will deal primarily with this raw data, and readers should use caution if making any comparisons with changes in year-on-year totals.

The total number of birds ringed in London in 2013 which have been submitted amounts to 13,826. Thanks to the way in which data has been submitted by various ringers, it has been possible to separate full-grown birds and nestlings (pulli) as given in Table 1.

Numbers of wildfowl ringed have now remained stable over the last three years. Wader totals appear to have taken a drop in 2013 but notable were seven Jack Snipe, 14 Common Snipe and 16 Green Sandpipers. Birds of prey are ringed in small numbers and of note are the five Peregrine Falcon nestlings. Although activity by the North Thames Gull Group continued at Rainham in 2013, gull numbers are reduced - particularly Lesser Black-backed and Yellow-legged Gull - in line with the lack of food

waste now coming into Rainham. Hirundine numbers remain low. Three Waxwings were of note. Singles of Redstart and Black Redstart were ringed and two each of Stonechat and Wheatear were ringed. Thrushes remain constant, whilst Cetti's Warbler numbers are back on the increase after a dip in 2012 and probably demonstrate that population fluctuation in the London Area. A single Wood Warbler and Yellow-browed Warbler for the second year running and a single Firecrest are of note. Redpoll catching opportunity was not as good as in 2012 and numbers of this species were down in 2013. Full details of all species submitted are given in Table 1 .

Table 1. Species totals of birds reported as ringed in the London Area during 2013

FG = full-grown; pul = nestling (pullus)

Species	FG	pul	2013	2012	2011	Species	FG	pul	2013	2012	2011
	2013	2013	total	total	total		2013	2013	total	total	total
Mute Swan	254	13	267	136	108	Black-headed Gull	301	145	446	400	702
Greylag Goose	5	7	12	5	2	Common Gull	9	0	9	53	6
Canada Goose	98	56	154	228	54	Lsr Black-bkd Gull	2	0	2	39	201
Egyptian Goose	12	5	17	31	1	Yellow-legged Gull	0	0	0	2	27
Mandarin Duck	1	1	2	5	2	Herring Gull	274	0	274	351	834
Gadwall	8	24	32	24	9	Caspian Gull	2	0	2	0	3
Teal	28	0	28	50	3	Gt Black-bkd Gull	2	0	2	5	46
Mallard	27	23	50	80	15	Common Tern	0	24	24	24	51
Shoveler	1	0	1	0	0	Stock Dove	2	10	12	7	16
Pochard	0	5	5	6	2	Woodpigeon	32	19	51	32	23
Tufted Duck	9	35	44	29	8	Collared Dove	5	0	5	15	7
Cormorant	1	0	1	10	4	Ring-nkd Parakeet	69	0	69	301	239
Little Egret	0	11	11	15	0	Cuckoo	1	0	1	0	1
Grey Heron	1	15	16	18	33	Barn Owl	0	2	2	11	9
Little Grebe	6	0	6	8	2	Little Owl	2	3	5	6	2
Great Crested Grebe	0	0	0	3	0	Tawny Owl	0	1	1	6	4
Sparrowhawk	7	0	7	13	14	Swift	1	0	1	305	0
Buzzard	0	0	0	0	2	Kingfisher	21	0	21	21	47
Kestrel	1	5	6	9	22	Green Woodpecker	12	0	12	26	37
Peregrine Falcon	0	5	5	8	0	Gt Spd Woodpecker	43	0	43	67	57
Water Rail	5	0	5	3	0	Lsr Spd Woodpecker	0	0	0	1	0
Moorhen	36	1	37	24	14	Sand Martin	14	12	26	1	95
Coot	46	3	49	38	47	Swallow	30	0	30	51	114
Little Ringed Plover	1	0	1	0	5	House Martin	211	0	211	73	14
Lapwing	0	0	0	1	7	Tree Pipit	0	0	0	0	1
Woodcock	0	0	0	2	0	Meadow Pipit	119	0	119	57	220
Dunlin	0	0	0	0	84	Grey Wagtail	12	0	12	8	20
Jack Snipe	7	0	7	0	0	Pied Wagtail	25	0	25	1	2
Snipe	14	0	14	0	1	Waxwing	3	0	3	0	1
Redshank	0	0	0	0	7	Wren	304		304	286	354
Green Sandpiper	16	0	16	0	3	Dunnock	346	1	347	326	512
Common Sandpiper	5	0	5	5	1	Robin	416	8	424	473	637

Species	FG	pul	2013	2012	2011	Species	FG	pul	2013	2012	2011
	2013	2013	total	total	total		2013	2013	total	total	total
Nightingale	0	0	0	1	1	Blue Tit	1000	939	1939	2102	2228
Black Redstart	1	0	1	0	1	Great Tit	600	668	1268	1215	1362
Redstart	1	0	1	3	4	Coal Tit	34	0	34	49	45
Whinchat	0	0	0	0	1	Marsh Tit	1	4	5	2	1
Stonechat	2	0	2	0	0	Nuthatch	11	0	11	28	22
Wheatear	2	0	2	1	0	Treecreeper	18	0	18	22	31
Blackbird	354	6	360	466	403	Great Grey Shrike	0	0	0	1	0
Fieldfare	10	0	10	12	2	Jay	20	0	20	58	31
Song Thrush	147	8	155	160	162	Magpie	22	15	37	36	30
Redwing	77	0	77	63	42	Jackdaw	5	0	5	9	8
Mistle Thrush	0	0	0	6	0	Carrion Crow*	4	3	7	6	3
Cetti's Warbler	32	4	36	16	57	Starling	293	0	293	273	86
Grasshopper Warbler	1	0	1	1	7	House Sparrow	104	2	106	100	39
Sedge Warbler	544	39	583	298	579	Tree Sparrow	8	27	35	342	0
Reed Warbler	842	46	888	624	1129	Chaffinch	241	4	245	342	295
Blackcap	1001	4	1005	1066	2478	Brambling	2	0	2	2	3
Garden Warbler	101	8	109	78	344	Greenfinch	402	5	407	465	834
Lesser Whitethroat	44	0	44	15	93	Goldfinch	483	0	483	643	662
Whitethroat	381	29	410	213	1272	Siskin	191	0	191	64	132
Wood Warbler	1	0	1	0	1	Linnet	15	0	15	16	75
Chiffchaff	834	5	839	645	1385	Common Redpoll	7	0	7	1	1
Willow Warbler	179	0	179	127	237	Redpoll Sp	9	0	9	0	3
Yel-browed Warbler	1	0	1	1	0	Lesser Redpoll	182	0	182	378	525
Goldcrest	109	0	109	338	161	Bullfinch	27	0	27	33	50
Firecrest	1	0	1	5	2	Yellowhammer	28	0	28	8	0
Spotted Flycatcher	0	0	0	0	2	Reed Bunting	102	5	107	76	154
Bearded Tit	0	0	0	3	0	Total	11571	2255	13826	14375	20109
Long-tailed Tit	250	0	250	263	394	*or Hooded Crow					

Recoveries and Controls

There have been a number of interesting recoveries reported during the year; a selection of these are listed below. Maps have been provided this year for Reed Warbler, Sedge Warbler and Chiffchaff, and for Siskin and Lesser Redpoll on page xxx, to show some of the species with good numbers of recoveries in 2013.

Some records of particular interest this year are given on pages xxx to xxx. The full list of recoveries is posted on the LNHS website.

The first line shows the ring number, the age (and sex) when ringed, and the date and site of original ringing; the second line the status, date and site of subsequent recovery or recapture including the distance (1km = 0.625 miles) and number of days between original ringing and final recovery. Dates are in the format dd/mm/yy.

Key to symbols used:

ad	Adult	M	Male	VV	Ring or colour marks
F	Female	pu	Pullus/Nestling		read in the field
J	Juvenile	R	Caught and released by a ringer	X	Found dead
				+	Shot or killed by man

EURING Codes for the age of the bird when ringed.	2	Current calendar year or any age older
0 Not aged	3	In First calendar year
1 Pullus/Nestling	4	Second calendar year or older
1J In first calendar year and close to nest	5	In second calendar year

Greylag Goose

5246179	4	14/06/09	Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve, Kent
	VV	26/01/13	Scotney Court, East Sussex; 62km SE; 1,322 days
5247311	3	15/06/08	Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve, Kent
	VV	18/02/13	Pett Level, East Sussex; 56km SE; 1,709 days

Teal

EW68 917	5	11/01/09	Rye Meads, Herts
	+	21/12/12	Blaxhall, Suffolk; 109km ENE; 1,440 days

Tufted Duck

FH27 848	1	20/08/10	Rye Meads, Herts
	+	28/12/12	Groto, Rödsjär Islands, Västra Götaland, Sweden
		(hunted)	995km NE; 861 days

Cormorant

5262651	1	24/06/12	Puffin Island, Anglesey
	+	15/01/13	Hampton Court Park, Middx; 330km SE; 202 days
5231081	1	19/06/04	Denny Island, Bristol Channel: 51°31'N 2°48'W (Gwent)
		Unknown 01/12/12	Between Richmond, Surrey and Isleworth, Middx;
		(ring only)	174km E; 3,087 days
ETM S6941	1	03/07/11	Saaremaa, Vesitukimaa, Estonia
	VV	06/11/12	Greenland Docks, Rotherhithe, In Lond/Surrey;
			1,583km WSW; 492 days
	VV	19/09/13	East India Dock Basin, River Thames, Middx;
			1,580km WSW; 809 days

Oystercatcher

FRP EA639632	3	05/04/11	Réserve Naturelle de Moëze-Oléron, Moëze, France
	VV	07/04/13	London Wetland Centre, Surrey; 624km N; 733 days

Redshank

DB69878	4	30/09/07	Levington Creek, River Orwell, Suffolk
	VV	29/09/10	Otterham Creek, Kent; 83km SSW; 1,095 days
DB69885	3	30/09/07	Levington Creek, River Orwel, Suffolk
	VV	09/04/12	London Wetland Centre, Surrey; 119km WSW;
			1,653 days
DB69878	4	30/09/07	Levington Creek, River Orwel, Suffolk
	VV	22/04/12	London Wetland Centre, Surrey; 119km WSW; 1,666 days

Black-headed Gull

Bruxelles	1	23/05/11	Antwerpen, Belgium
8T2 6817	X	11/11/12	Rye Meads, Herts; 309km WNW, 538 days (in empty storm-water tank)
Arnhem	6	12/06/12	Veluwemeer, Harderwijk, Gelderland, Netherlands
3725 637	VV	10/11/12 & 25/11/12	Rye Meads, Herts; 390km W, 166 days
EK88280	3	10/11/84	St James's Park, In Lond/Middx
	VV	05/03/13	St James's Park, In Lond/Middx; 0km; 10,342 days
NOS.K0192	4	01/07/12	Engervannet, Akershus, Norway
	VV	08/02/13 & 16/02/13; 27/02/13; 01/03/13; 12/03/13	Ruislip Lido, Middx; 1147 km, SW; 254 days
	VV	30/03/13 & 02/04/13; 06/04/13; 12/04/13	Frognerparken, Nedre Dam, Akershus, Norway
	VV	09/04/13	Sandvikselva, Bærum, Akershus, Norway
	VV	20/04/13	Smestaddammen, Akershus, Norway
	VV	29/04/13 & 30/04/13	Østensjøvannet, Akershus, Norway
	VV	20/07/13	Kadettangen, Bærum, Akershus, Norway ; 384 days
DEH IA050016	4F	28/05/97	Böhmke und Werder, Germany
	R	21/01/13	Crossness, Thamesmead, Kent; 973km WSW; 5,717 days
SFH ST174143	6	31/05/97	Joensuu, Finland
	R	21/01/13	Crossness, Thamesmead, Kent; 2,163km SW; 5,714 days
EX70917	6	15/12/12	Rainham Tip, Essex
	VV	29/06/13	Utenos Reg Savart, Utena, Lithuania ; 1,740km ENE; 196 days
SKB H14113	1	10/06/06	Piešťany, Slovakia
	6	07/11/12	Regent's Park, In Lond; 1,323km WNW; 2,342 days

Common Gull

EL35116	6	22/02/11	River Brent, Greenford, Middx
	X	20/06/13	Hedehusene, Denmark ; 946km ENE; 849 days
NOS 5186040	3	25/09/11	Byparken, Bergen, Norway
	VV	07/02/13	Kensington Gardens, In Lond; 1,044km SSW; 501 days

Lesser Black-backed Gull

FR59726	ad	29/08/09	Rainham Tip, Essex
	X	12/03/13	Kharouba, Mostaganem, Algeria ; 1,728km S; 1,291 days
FA39635	ad	11/12/10	Rainham Tip, Essex
	X	18/06/13	Borkum, Germany ; 499km ENE; 920 days
GG61210	ad	31/03/07	Rainham Tip, Essex
	V	30/06/13	Teinevika, Leirvik, Stord, Norway ; 979km NNE; 2,283 days
CIJ D5854	ad	11/06/11	Chouet Landfill, Guernsey, Channel Islands
	VV	04/01/12	Beddington Farmlands, Surrey; 249km NE; 207 days

Lesser Black-backed Gull (contd)

DKC 4L1376	1	05/07/08	Klægbanke, Skjern, Denmark
	VV	06/02/13	Dartford, Kent; 732km SW; 1,677 days
	VV	25/09/13	Crayford, Kent; 733km SW; 1,908 days
NLA 5410005	1	24/06/02	Moerdijk, Netherlands
	R	16/11/13	Rainham Tip, Essex; 305km W; 4,163 days

Yellow-legged Gull

DEW N105314	1	06/06/13	Posthof, Frankfurt, Germany
	R	16/11/13	Rainham Tip, Essex; 615km WNW; 163 days

Herring Gull

GC86437	ad	24/05/12	Wellington Park, Montrose, Tayside
	VV	30/01/13	Beddington Farmlands, Surrey; 613km SSE; 251 days
GR58863	3	03/11/12	Rainham Tip, Essex
	VV	25/10/13	Hirtshals, Denmark ; 927km NE; 356 days
CIJ E19627	ad	21/05/12	Chouet Landfill, Guernsey, Channel Islands
	VV	18/06/13	Rainham Tip, Essex; 296km NE; 393 days
POL M34089	ad	06/09/11	Quiaios, Coimbra, Portugal
	X	04/02/13	Bidder Street, West Ham, Essex; 1,428km NNE; 517 days

Caspian Gull

PLG DN29193	1	24/05/13	Kozielno, Paczków, Poland
	VV	23/09/13	Beddington Farmlands, Surrey; 1,204km W; 122 days

Common Tern

XR18809	1	06/07/00	Bedfont Lakes CP, Middx
L	V	17/05/11	East India Dock Basin, Middx; 34km ENE; 3,967 days
	V	23/06/13	Greenwich Peninsula Ecology Park, Greenwich, Kent; 33km E; 4,735 days

Barn Owl

GC41832	1	20/07/11	Kings Farm, South Godstone, Surrey
	R	13/07/13	Faygate, West Sussex; 18km SW; 724 days
GC01827	adF	04/06/07	Applesham Farm, North Lancing, Sussex
	X	04/04/13	West Wickham, Bromley, Kent; 62km NNE; 2,131 days
GR12922	1	15/06/11	near Gonalston, Nottinghamshire
	X	08/05/13	Lee Valley Park, Enfield, Middx; 166km SSE; 693 days

Grey Wagtail

R694 682	1	21/05/11	Lemsford, Hertfordshire
	R	09/02/13	Rye Meads, Herts; 17km ESE; 630 days
R694 692	1	02/07/11	Lemsford, Hertfordshire
	R	09/02/13	Rye Meads, Herts; 17km ESE; 588 days

Waxwing

NV56100	adF	01/12/12	Newtown, Powys
	VV	19/12/12	Royston, Hertfordshire; 230km ESE; 18 days
	X	27/04/13	Upton, Newham, Essex; 253km ESE; 147 days
			(hit building)

Redwing

RT14327	3	06/11/09	Sandwich Bay Estate, Kent
	X	23/02/13	Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey; 118km W; 1,205 days

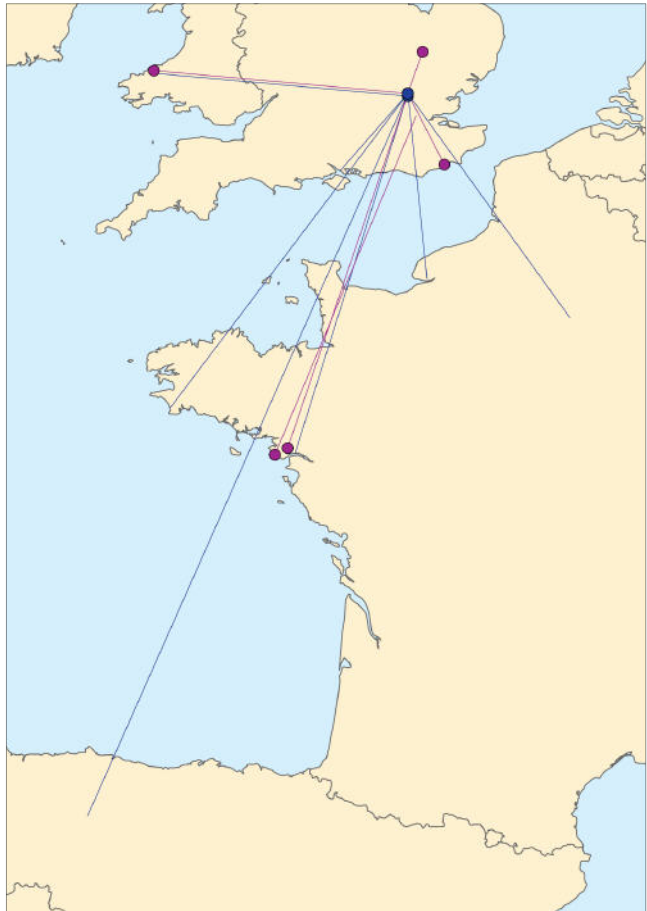
Cetti's Warbler

L408 874	2F	20/11/10	Woolston Eyes, Warrington, Cheshire
	R	21/10/12 & 03/11/12	Rye Meads, Herts; 249km SE; 714 days

Sedge Warbler See map

**Sedge Warbler
movements to
and from the
London Area**

- London Area ringing location of bird recovered elsewhere
- Ringing location of bird recovered in the London Area



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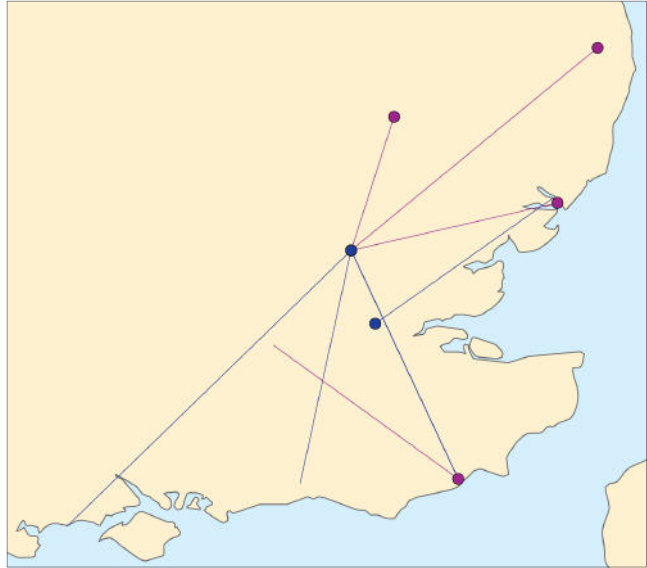
Reed Warbler [See map](#)

Blackcap

NLA AT00706	3M	09/10/09	Polderweg, Netherlands
	X	06/01/13	Isleworth, Middx; 409km WSW; 1,185 days

Reed Warbler movements to and from the London Area

- London Area ringing location of bird recovered elsewhere
- Ringing location of bird recovered in the London Area



Chiffchaff movements to the London Area

- Ringing location



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Whitethroat

X879141	3	21/08/09	Crossness, Thamesmead, Kent
	X	05/04/11	Alençon, France; 341km S; 592 days

Chiffchaff See map

Goldcrest

ENB369	4M	06/10/12	Portland Bill, Dorset
	X	09/02/13	Franks Park, Belvedere, Kent; 212km ENE; 126 days

Bearded Tit

L511928	4F	10/11/12	Rye Meads, Herts
	V	11/12/12	The Serpentine, Hyde Park, In Lond; 32km SSW; 31 days
	R	17/08/13	Belton Marshes, Norfolk; 144km NE; 280 days

Long-tailed Tit

CND 067	2	27/09/09	Rye Meads, Herts
	X	16/04/13	Chettisham, nr Ely, Cambs; 75km NNE; 1,297 days

Chaffinch

DKC AX81026	4F	28/04/12	Tved, Hantsholm, Denmark
	X	28/01/13	Greenwich, Kent; 842km SW; 275 days

Goldfinch

D134270	4F	06/11/12	Queen Mary Reservoir, Middx
	R	01/05/13	Calf of Man, Isle of Man; 413km NW; 176 days

Siskin See map

**Siskin movements
from the
London Area**

- London Area ringing location of bird recovered elsewhere



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Lesser Redpoll movements to and from the London Area

- London Area ringing location of bird recovered elsewhere
- Ringing location of bird recovered in the London Area



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[Lesser Redpoll](#)

[See map](#)

Reporting a ringed bird

The BTO relies on people reporting ringed birds, so if you find a bird wearing a ring or have read metal or colour ring details in the field, please report these to:

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or online at www.ring.ac

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