



## **Birds at Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park**

At least 60 species of bird are recorded in Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park, or flying over it, each year and the total site list for the last few decades is 89 species.

The woodland supports up to 30 breeding species, notable amongst these are Green and Great Spotted Woodpecker, Sparrowhawk, Blackcap, Chiffchaff and the occasional Song Thrush and Common Whitethroat.

The park has an exceptional reputation for overwintering Firecrests, which have been seen almost every year for the past decade, and attract a number of visiting birders.

Robert Watts and Paul Barham are the main recorders of birds in Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park. Robert Watts is a bird recorder for the London Natural History Society. His records start in 2010 and are submitted to the Society annually. Paul Barham has lived in the area all his life and his records go back to the 1980s.

The Friends have installed over 100 bird boxes in the Park, along with two bird feeding stations.

Bird Ringing is carried out by consultant ornithologist Bill Haines as a public demonstration and educational event usually twice a year: please join the mailing list to be informed of the next event.

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