

**The Walks** are mostly local, seldom on steep hills, and we spend a lot of time standing still and looking. Leaders will do their best to help with bird identification and any queries. An adult should come with any children. Remember suitable footwear, warm waterproof clothing and binoculars if you have them. Occasionally a walk has to be cancelled because of very bad weather. The walks cost £2 for members of the RSPB or Wren Group and £3 for non-members. We need to know in advance who to expect, so use our **email** or ring the mobile on **075 8299 6315** to book a place.

**The Talks** are held, usually on the second Tuesday in the month, in the Gwinnell Room of St Mary's Church, 207 High Road, South Woodford, E18 2PA. (See map) This is on the upper floor but is wheelchair accessible (disabled access by lift). Doors open 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Coffee or tea available in an interval, close about 10pm. Admission: £4.00 RSPB or Wren Group members, £4.50 non-members; no charge for under 18s

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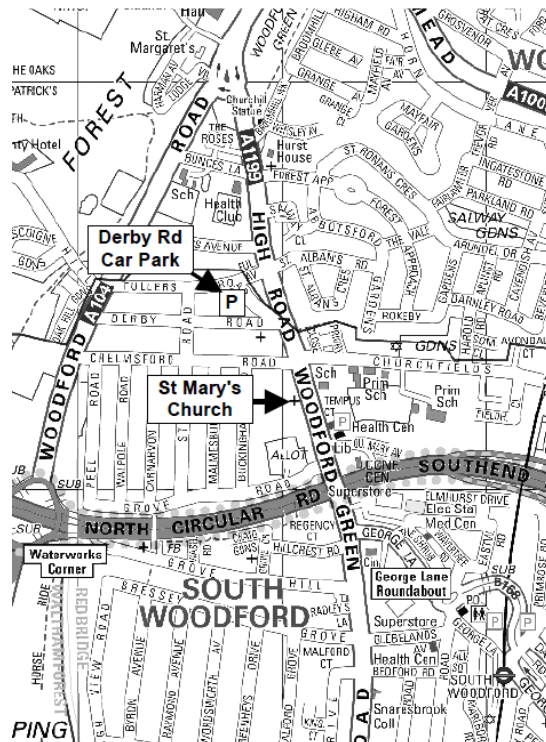
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**Come and meet friendly, like-minded people in your RSPB Local Group, while learning more about birds and wildlife. Open to everyone - members of the RSPB or not, any age, expert birdwatchers and absolute beginners.**

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# North East London Local Group

## Programme 2020

**Tuesday 14 January at 8pm**

*AGM followed by*

**Talk: Wildlife of London: Protecting and Promoting Biodiversity**

Dr Iain Boulton, London Ecology Officer

*A better environment for wildlife is just the thing for Homo sapiens*

**Sunday 19 January at 9am**

**Walk: King George V Reservoir**

*We get special access to this haven for gulls and winter ducks – always a popular walk*

**Tuesday 11 February at 8pm**

**Talk: Gulls – What a Load of Rubbish!**

Paul Roper, London Gull Group

*Marmite birds, but well worth a bit of effort to identify and understand*

**Saturday 15 February at 9am**

**Walk: Cheshunt Gravel Pits / Hall Marsh**

*An SSSI in the Lea Valley made up of 10 former gravel pits*

**Tuesday 10 March at 8pm**

**Talk: Birds of Southern Sri Lanka**

Jonathan Forgham

*Unique species tend to develop on islands, so expect the unexpected*

**Sunday 15 March at 9am**

**Walk: Pole Hill / Yates Meadow**

*A quiet corner of Epping Forest with scenic views from Yardley Hill*

**Tuesday 14 April at 8pm**

**Talk: Kenya: 'Pineapple Peril' for Paelearctic Migrants and African Woodland Species** – Ann Scott

*Kenya's coastal forest is fast disappearing to grow pineapples for Western mouths, but it can be preserved instead*

**Saturday 18 April at 9am**

**Walk: Copped Hall & nearby Buffer Lands**

*The mixture of agriculture and woodland ensures a varied population of birds*

**Sunday 3 May at 4.30am** – yes, really!

**Walk: Chingford Plain/Connaught Water for the Dawn Chorus**

*Try to keep your eyes open while your ears get a special treat*

**Tuesday 12 May at 8pm**

**Talk: What's in Your Garden?**

Richard Pople

*Not just the birds, but what about butterflies and moths?*

**Tuesday 9 June at 8pm**

**Talk: Bears & Big Cats – Wildlife of the Russian Far East**

Ben Chapple

*Ben will take us to Siberian tiger country, where 500 or so are left in the frozen forests*

**Sunday 14 June at 6pm**

**Evening Walk: Fishers Green**

*One of the prime birding spots in the Lea Valley, just enjoying a £500,000 upgrade*

We take a Summer break in July and August

**Tuesday at 8 September at 8pm**

**Talk: Hungary for Birds**

Simon Ginnaw

*Search from woodlands to the wide spaces of the steppes to find nine species of woodpecker and the Great Bustards*

**Saturday 12 September at 8.30am**

**Walk: Wanstead Flats/Park**

*The wildlife varies from wildfowl on the lakes to Nordic walkers on the paths*

**Tuesday 13 October at 8pm**

**Talk: Rolf Goes Wild**

Rolf Williams

*Rolf makes a point of working with the sort of animals you might wish to avoid*

**Saturday 17 October at 9am**

**Walk: Cornmill Meadows**

*A semi-natural mosaic of ditches, rivers and pools sometimes with ruff and black-tailed godwit on passage in autumn*

**Tuesday 10 November at 8pm**

*AGM followed by*

**Talk: The Plight of the Bumblebee**

Dr Nikki Gammans, The Bumblebee Trust  
*Since 2009, Nikki has been involved in the difficult but successful reintroduction to the UK of the Short-haired Bumblebee*

**Sunday 15 November at 9am**

**Walk: Sewardstone Marsh**

*A varied area with a wide repertoire of birds – wigeon and teal in winter but waders on migration also pass through in autumn*

**Tuesday 8 December at 8pm**

*Social, but some thought-provoking matters might creep in as a relief*

**Saturday 12 December at 8.30am**

**Walk: Fairlop Waters Country Park**

*Probably the best wildlife site in Redbridge and best for birds when the crowds have hibernated elsewhere*