The walks are local and last two or three hours, usually on fairly level ground. We don’t aim to cover a great distance - quite a lot of time is spent standing still and looking. Try to avoid bright clothing, which can disturb the birds. Anyone is welcome – leaders will do their best to help beginners with bird identification and any queries – but an adult should accompany any children.

The coach trips start early, returning in the evening. They take you to places further away but known to offer a wide variety of birds and are a great way to boost your bird recognition skills. There is no one leader but plenty of friendly experts who can help with problems. The coach trips are run by Havering RSPB Local Group - we are grateful to them for making them available to us by including a coach stop at Redbridge Tube Station. The coach leaves there at 7am (sharp!), and brings us back there at the end; there are also stops at Gants Hill (7.05am) and Newbury Park Station (7.10am).

The programme of evening talks is on a separate leaflet. You do not have to be a member of the RSPB, or of the local group, to come to them. A charge of £3.50 is made on entry for adults, reduced to £3.00 for RSPB members, but they are free to schoolchildren.

The talks are held at 8.00pm, usually on the second Tuesday of the month, in the Gwinnell Room, St Mary’s Church, 207 High Road, South Woodford, E18 2PA

The group’s website is

www.rspb.org.uk/groups/northeastlondon

so this is where you can find details of what we have done, what we are doing and what we plan for the future. There are notes on some of the best places to see birds in our area and links to other websites you might well find useful. It is a lot to type, so do bookmark it or use the QR code.
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Guided Walk Leader: Mike Condon

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Coach Trip – book by 22 Oct

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Fairlop Water
Guided Walk Leader: Neil Twyford

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Rutland Water Egleton Rutland
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Booking
This is essential to allocate coach seats or to control numbers on walks – book early!
For walks, ring mobile 075 8299 6315.
For coach trips, contact Ed Neller, 29 Broadhurst Walk, Rainham, Essex, RM13 7HH (Email: thewriter27@hotmail.com, Tel: 017 0855 8399). The trips are usually on the last Saturday of the month.
For either, we need your contact details so we can tell you of any late changes. And likewise, please tell us quickly if you have booked and can’t come.

Cost
The walks cost £2 for members of the RSPB and £3 for non-members.
The coach trips cost £17. Payment, by cheque or online, with booking – you cannot now pay by cash on the coach. If you cancel long before the trip, it may be possible to resell the seat or transfer your payment to another trip.
Those who are not members of the RSPB, or do not have their membership card, will usually also be charged for entry to any RSPB reserve.

Things you need
For all outings we advise strong waterproof footwear and warm waterproof clothing and – obviously – binoculars.
For coach trips, also bring 1) a change of footwear or boot-covers for the homeward journey to avoid dirtying the coach and 2) a packed lunch.