**Indoor Talks**

You do not have to be a member of the RSPB, or of the local group, to come to these talks. A charge of £3.50 is made on entry for adults, reduced to £3.00 for RSPB members. There is no charge for schoolchildren.

The talks are held 7.15 – 9.00pm usually on the second Tuesday of the month at Snaresbrook Primary School, which is at the end of Meadow Walk, South Woodford, E18 2EN (see map below).

There is also a programme of coach outings (run by the Havering Group) and guided walks, detailed in a separate leaflet. You can also find out about these from the Group’s website, under ‘Events’. To book a place on a walk, phone 075 8299 6315.

**Local Group Committee**

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We know the group could do more if we had more people helping. If you could lend a hand, we would like to hear from you.

To contact us, or find out more, phone David Littlejohns on 020 8989 4746 or email nelondonrspb@yahoo.co.uk

The group’s website is [www.rspb.org.uk/groups/northeastlondon](http://www.rspb.org.uk/groups/northeastlondon) and 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.

**North East London RSPB Local Group**

**Indoor Talks Programme 2012/3**
2012

Tuesday 13th November
On the Texas Trail
Photographer and birder Dave Hassell takes us to the USA’s top birding state, which boasts a very long bird list of its own, then imports some across the Rio Grande River from Mexico. Ten gallon hats are optional.

Tuesday 11th December No meeting

2013

Tuesday 8th January
What Changes in Valentines Park?
One of the most accessible nature reserves in the borough pretends to be just a municipal park like many of its sort. But don’t let the bandstand and exotic ducks blind you to the high opinion the herons have of the place, but get the truth from Simon Litt. And get the AGM thrown in free.

Tuesday 12th February
RSPB’s Natural Secret
Where would you find 13,000 different species of wildlife? The answer is that the RSPB protects birds in reserves with complex relationships between animals, plants and fungi. Peter Holden is an RSPB legend for his informative and engaging talks.

Tuesday 12th March
Slaughter in Malta
The pitiless trapping and shooting of migrant birds in Malta gives the hunters prized collections of stuffed specimens. Robin Potts describes how the law is still flouted in this corner of the EU and how some courageous people work to get the law enforced.

Different date – third Tuesday of month!
Tuesday 16th April
Weathercocks
Climate change has already had an effect on the behaviour and distribution of birds. Dr Richard Black describes what we know about recent changes and what is likely to happen next – in so far as we can predict!

Tuesday 14th May
Birds and the Taj Mahal
Richard Pople returns, but this time to show us the birds of India, just as diverse and interesting as the people and the buildings. Birdwatching from a rickshaw in chaotic traffic? – anything is possible.

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NE London RSPB Talks
All are at Snaresbrook Primary School 7.15pm

Tuesday 11th June
Redshanks, Rays and Roosevelt
Rolf Williams works for the RSPB, notably at the splendid reserves in the North Kent Marshes. Cliffe Pools, Elmley Marshes and Northward Hill are well worth visiting, as many of you will know.

Tuesday 9th July No meeting
Tuesday 13th August No meeting

Tuesday 10th September
The BBC: A Wildlife Habitat
Ecologist, writer and natural history presenter (notably The One Show) Mike Dilger has become one of the familiar faces of wildlife programmes and has filmed everything from British beavers to booming bitterns. For recreation, he turned his garden into a wildlife sanctuary.

Tuesday 8th October
They Flew to Heathrow
Robert Quest manages the Animal Reception Centre at Heathrow, which is run – like Epping Forest – by the Corporation of the City of London. The most unlikely birds and other animals drop in and it is not always as simple as 20 Cuban flamingoes on their way to Kazakhstan.

Tuesday 12th November
The Birds of Wormwood Scrubs
TV naturalist and Urban Birder David Lindo returns to talk about his home patch. The area invites comparisons with Wanstead Park – birds value an island of natural vegetation in a sea of bricks, concrete and tarmac. Just go there, practise finding birds, and expect the unexpected.

Tuesday 10th December No meeting