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Species	*NERC Act 2006 Section 41 (2014)	RSPB Red List 2009	RSPB Amber List 2009	Status in London 2007	London BAP Species 2007	LBB Priority Spp for recording & reporting	Location	Comments
Barn owl			Yes	rare			South of Biggin Hill	
Bearded Tit			Yes	rare		Yes	Ruxley Gravel Pits	occasional winter visitor
Bittern	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Ruxley Gravel Pits	occasional winter visitor
Black-headed Gull			Yes			Yes	Jubilee Country Park, Goddington Park, Crofton Heath, Priory Gardens, Keston Ponds, Kelsey Park, Ruxley Gravel Pits, Crystal Palace Park	winter visitor
Brambling						Yes	near Well Wood, top of Cudham Lane, Mottingham	seen in gardens during winter
Bullfinch	Yes		Yes	declining	Yes	Yes	woodland edge & scrub eg Darrick Wood, Jubilee Country Park, Crofton Heath, High Elms and hedgerows in rural areas LBB	
Cetti's Warbler				rare		Yes	Ruxley Gravel Pits	occasional winter visitor
Common Gull			Yes			Yes	Crofton Heath, Ruxley Gravel Pits, Jubilee Country Park, Charmwood Farm, Crystal Palace Park	winter visitor
Common Linnet	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	High Elms area (12-15 seen Cudham 2013), fields along River Ravensbourne eg Rookery Estate & Norman Park, Chelsfield, Charmwood Farm	
Common Whitethroat			Yes			Yes	woodland edge & scrub eg Darrick Wood, bred at High Elms/Downe bank 2013 and 2014	
Corn Bunting	Yes			rare	Yes	Yes	Chelsfield area	winter visitor
Cormorant				rare		Yes	Kelsey Park, Ruxley Gravel Pits, Crystal Palace Park	
Cuckoo	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Heard in the Cudham Valley every year to 2014 (inclusive), including High Elms	
Dunnock (= Hedge Accentor)	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Crofton Heath, Ruxley Gravel Pits, Crystal Palace Park, parks & gardens	Breeding in gardens e.g. 2013 Durham Ave., Cathcart Drive
Fieldfare		Yes				Yes	Hedgerows & meadows, eg Jubilee Country Park, Darrick Wood, Crofton Heath, High Elms & Chelsfield, Cudham.	winter visitor
Firecrest			Yes	rare		Yes	Hayes Common, Jubilee Country Park, St. Paul's Cray Common	winter visitor
Gadwall			Yes			Yes	Ruxley Gravel Pits	winter visitor
Goldcrest						Yes	Scadbury, Ruxley area, Darrick & Newstead Woods, Petts Wood, Jubilee Country Park, Hayes & Keston Common, Crofton Heath, High Elms, Chelsfield, South Hill Wood, Crystal Palace Park	Breeding resident, e.g. Kingswood Glen 2010
Green Woodpecker			Yes			Yes	Areas with woodland & adjacent grassland eg High Elms, Darrick & Newstead Woods, Crofton Heath, Jubilee Country Park	fairly common: an indicator of grassland with anthills
Grey Heron				important in London		Yes	Crystal Palace Park. Breeds in Kelsey Park herony	fairly commonly seen around lakes and ponds, sometimes in gardens
Greylag Goose			Yes			Yes	Priory Ponds, Kelsey Park, Keston Ponds, Crystal Palace Park	

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Grey Wagtail			Yes			Yes	Keston Ponds, Kelsey Park, Churchill Gardens, Priory Gardens, St Mary Cray, Crofton Heath	small numbers: a biodiversity indicator of good water quality
Herring Gull	Yes	Yes		rare	Yes	Yes	Crofton Heath, Ruxley Gravel Pits, Kelsey Park, Keston Ponds, Crystal Palace Park	winter visitor
Hobby				rare		Yes	Petts Wood, Cudham Valley, bred at High Elms 2006, bred at Scadbury Park 2010	Important indicator of invertebrate diversity
House Martin			Yes			Yes	south of Jewels Wood, Cudham Valley south, Crofton Heath, Ruxley Gravel Pits and Downe Valley between Jail Lane & Down House. Breeds at junction of Shire Lane & Downe Road	declining, nests recently lost from Bromley South area and Bromley Common
House Sparrow	Yes	Yes		rare, LSAP	Yes	Yes	Gardens and parks with good hedgerows or scrub e.g. Crofton Heath, High Elms, Jubilee Country Park, Darrick & Newstead Woods, High Elms & private gardens	declining
Kestrel			Yes			Yes	Crofton Heath, Crystal Palace Park, Ruxley Gravel Pits, Chelsfield, Keston, Petts Wood. Bred at High Elms up to 2014 (inclusive)	good biodiversity indicator
Kingfisher			Yes			Yes	Ruxley Gravel Pits, River Beck & seen at Keston until 2010	Occasional. An indicator of good water quality & aquatic biodiversity
Lapwing	Yes	Yes		rare	Yes	Yes	Biggin Hill Airport 2005	very occasionally recorded, usually on post breeding dispersal
Lesser Black-backed Gull			Yes	rare		Yes	Ruxley Gravel Pits, Crystal Palace Park	winter visitor
Lesser Redpoll	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Crofton Heath, Jubilee Country Park, Hayes Common	Declining- used to be seen in flocks with siskins Petts Wood
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	Yes	Yes		rare	Yes	Yes	Jubilee Country Park	seen in 2007 Elmstead Woods/Sundridge Park area, pre 2000 was in Petts Wood
Lesser Whitethroat						Yes	Darrick Wood & Jubilee Country Park	in scrub
Little Egret			Yes			Yes	River Cray Orpington & Kyd Brook, Sundridge Park, Crofton Heath	
Little Grebe			Yes			Yes	Kelsey Park, Ruxley Gravel Pits, Keston	
Mallard			Yes			Yes	Lakes & ponds	fairly common
MarshTit	Yes	Yes		rare	Yes	Yes	High Elms & Downe Bank	Has bred in dormouse boxes at both sites
Meadow Pipit			Yes			Yes	Cudham valley, Chelsfield, Great Pucklands (Down House)	occasional winter visitor
Mistle Thrush			Yes			Yes	Crofton Heath, Spring Park, High Elms, Jubilee Country Park, Ruxley Park Golf Course, Crystal Palace Park, Goddington Park & private gardens	
Mute Swan						Yes	Priory Gardens, Crystal Palace Park, Kelsey Park, Ruxley Gravel Pits	

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Nightingale			Yes	rare		Yes	Jubilee Country Park	passage birds for 2 weeks only 2014
Pochard				rare		Yes	Ruxley Gravel Pits, Kelsey Park & Crystal Palace Park	winter visitor
Reed Bunting	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Ruxley Gravel Pits	Breeds at this site: only place known in LBB
Redwing		Yes				Yes	Hedgerows and scrub throughout LBB e.g. Jubilee Country Park, Darrick & Newstead Woods, Crofton Heath, Keston & gardens when winter severe	winter visitor
Rook				rare, declining		Yes	Downe area, Keston Common, Crystal Palace Park	breeding species
Sand Martin			Yes	rare, declining, LSAP		Yes		Used to be at Ruxley Nurseries before the new road built
Shoveler				rare		Yes	Ruxley Gravel Pits & Crystal Palace Park	winter visitor
Skylark	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Undisturbed fields eg Biggin Hill area, Pratts Bottom, Chelsfield, fields along Shire Lane, Mace Farm/Bottom Barn Farm, Cudham. Hazelwood Farm, Chelsfield, fields between Hayes and A21.	
Song Thrush	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Crofton Heath, Jubilee Country Park, High Elms, parks & gardens, Charmwood Farm, Pratts Bottom.	
Spotted Flycatcher	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Garden off Grays Road near Knockholt July 2014	Probably now just passing through. Bred in LBB till late 1980s, bred at High Elms until 2006
Starling	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Crofton Heath (50+ winter 2013), Crystal Palace Park, parks & gardens	decreasing: used to roost in large nos (200+) in winter on gasometer near Tesco Homesdale Road before netting put up about 2011/12. Breeding in Crystal Palace area 2007
Stock Dove			Yes			Yes	Jubilee Country Park, Crystal Palace Park. Winter flocks seen in Scadbury Park. Feed/roost on outer urban farmland areas, e.g. Salt Box valley, Charmwood Farm, Pratts Bottom	3 pairs at Crystal Palace Park 2007
Stonechat				rare		Yes	Bromley Common Golf Course early 2000s, Keston Common (passage bird March 2012 & 2013)	Inconspicuous winter visitor/passage migrant

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Swallow (=Barn Swallow)			Yes			Yes	Rookery Estates: meadows along River Ravensbourne, Crofton Heath, Ruxley Gravel Pits, Jubilee Country Park, Chelsfield, Pratts Bottom	
Swift			Yes	declining		Yes	Crofton Heath, Crystal Palace Park, Bromley South area, Ruxley Gravel Pits & SE9	declining: down to 2 birds over Durham Avenue 2014 (from 12 to 8 to 6)
Tawny Owl				declining		Yes	woodland throughout borough e.g. Jubilee Country Park, Darrick & Newstead Woods, Cudham Valley, High Elms, Salt Box. Breeding confirmed at North End Farm 2013	
Teal			Yes			Yes	Hollydale Lake, Ruxley Gravel Pits	
Tree Pipit		Yes		rare	Yes	Yes		
Tufted Duck			Yes			Yes	Kelsey Park, Keston Ponds, Ruxley & Chislehurst Ponds, Priory Park, Crystal Palace Park	
Turtle Dove	Yes	Yes		rare	Yes	Yes	Downe Bank, pre 2000 breeding species near Hockenden	Probably extinct as a breeding bird in LBB. Passage bird seen flying overhead Crystal Palace Park 2007
Water Rail				rare		Yes	Ruxley Gravel Pits, River Ravensbourne at Shortlands	wintering species
Willow Warbler			Yes			Yes	Jubilee Country Park 2003/4, Keston & Crofton Heath 2010	In early 80s & 90s fairly common in LBB, now very uncommon
Woodcock			Yes	rare		Yes	Downe Bank 2010, Hayes Common 2006	Inconspicuous wintering bird, crepuscular
Yellowhammer	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Down House area, Salt Box, Cudham Valley, Knockholt, Chelsfield, Charmwood farm, Pratts Bottom, roost site on fields off Shire Lane.	Charmwood Farm is a stronghold for breeding yellowhammer

Bird records all post 2010 unless otherwise stated

*Listed as Species of Principal Importance for the Purpose of Conserving Biodiversity in England under the NERC Act 2006, section 41 (May 2014)

Data & Criteria for red and amber lists, from RSPB's 'Birds of Conservation Concern 3' 2009 see www.rspb.org.uk/discoverandenjoynature/discoverandlearn/birdguide/status_explained.aspx

London Status from London Biodiversity Partnership Biodiversity Action Plan website at <http://www.lbp.org.uk/londonpriority.html>

Natural England Section 41 Species List (May 2014)- see <http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/4958719460769792>