

## Birds you might spot on the Hampstead Heath camera feed.

All year-round residents



Coot

Aggressive behaviour and fighting among themselves. Dive for fish and crayfish.



Moorhen

Red-headed chicks.



Mute swan

Flying practice quite dramatic late summer onwards. Often mate for life and a pair on the pond have been present for many years. Quite an aggressive bird and the male doesn't tolerate other large birds/geese on the pond and will chase them off. Also happens with their own young.



Great crested grebe

Diving bird, carries lovely stripey young on back.



Mallard duck

Males have an iridescent green head and bright yellow bill, females are brown.



Grey heron

Seen on islands and feeding on the fringes.



Herring gull

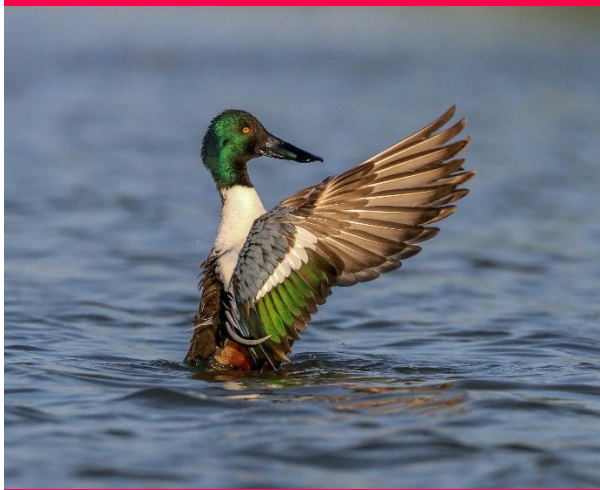
Sometimes seen predated on other birds' chicks and crayfish.



Tufted duck

Small diving duck with a tuft on the back of its head.

## Winter visitors



Shoveler

Feed often in groups by swimming around in circles.

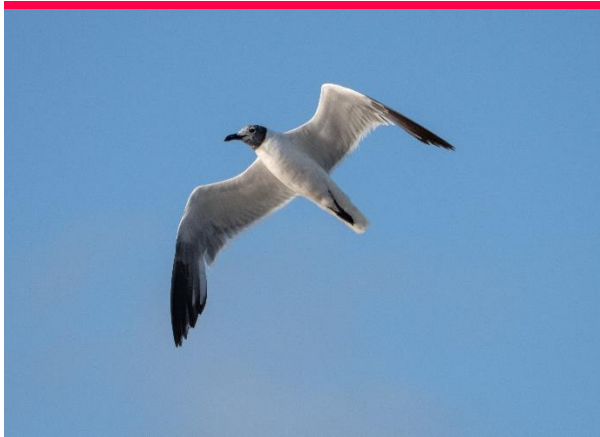
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Gadwall

Grey, speckled dabbling duck with a black rear.



Black-headed gull

Sometimes large numbers overwinter on the pond before leaving to breed in spring.



## Summer visitors



### Swift

May be seen scooping water from pond in flight.

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### Reed warblers

Quite shy and usually confined to reeds at edge of pond.

## Occasional/less frequent visitors

Sometimes these are present for long periods.



Cormorant

Diving bird. Often holds wings out when perched on islands.



Common gull

Smaller version of the herring gull with greenish legs and a yellow bill.



Egyptian geese

Only occasional due to presence of swans.

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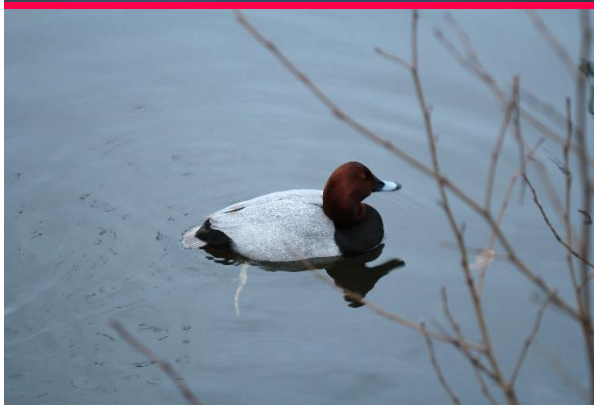
Little grebe

Skulks around the margins, readily diving when disturbed.



Mandarin

Beautifully patterned duck, originally from Far East and now breeds on the Heath.



Pochard

Medium-sized diving duck with a bright reddish-brown head, black breast and tail and pale grey body.



Grey wagtail

Breeds nearby, seen flying and perching around fringes.