

There were four of us for a welcome return visit to Staines Moor.

Our first sighting was a Painted Lady butterfly sunning itself in front of us.
We then watched a (female) Green woodpecker hunting for ants.

Looking up we saw Kite, two Mallards, Crow, Jackdaw and Magpie.
We could also see and hear Sky Larks.

We stopped to listen to a Sedge warbler in a bush and then noticed a Reed bunting showing itself nicely on a reed. Later in the walk we were able to see a Sedge warbler too.

Three swans flew over followed by Black-headed Gull.

As we were watching the Banded Demoiselles we heard a Cuckoo calling and a Buzzard was spotted.

We then stopped to watch a small flock of Linnets on the water's edge.

Moorhens and Coots were busy along this stretch of the river.

In the distance there were Lapwing and a solitary Swift.
A Common tern flew over with a fish and a burst of Cetti's warbler came from a bush.

On our return we spotted Little egret and a Meadow pipit

As we made our way back to the cars a Song thrush flew over and a Dunnock was seen skulking in the undergrowth.

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