

**Name:****Marsh tit***Parus palustris***UK status:**

UK SCC. Rapid recent decline. BoCC Red List.

**London status:**

Endangered localised breeding resident.

**Protected status:**

- W&CA S.1(1-3); general protection from intentional killing, injury and catching, possession, and nest destruction.
- Bern Convention, Appendix II

**Relevant London HAPs:**

Woodland; Open landscapes with ancient trees; Rivers and Streams

**Citation:**

The marsh tit has suffered a countrywide, recent and rapid population decline alongside a number of other small resident woodland birds. The reasons are not at all clear, although habitat neglect and/or mismanagement are suspected to be largely responsible. In London, marsh tits are presently close to extinction. Only some of the larger woodland blocks still support small numbers of breeding pairs. These include Sixty-Acre Wood in RB Kingston, Joeland's Wood in LB Bromley, Whitewebbs Wood/Forty Hall in LB Enfield, and Epping and Hainault Forests in the northeast. Managing authorities; Enfield Borough Council, Crown Estates, Corporation of London



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**Conservation priorities:**

- Undertake targeted survey in all London Boroughs
- Monitor all suspected breeding pairs
- Maintenance of standing dead wood in all habitats

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