

TOOTING COMMON PLANT, PLANT GALL & LEAFMINE RECORDS

Systematic list, last updated 8/8/2023

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For abbreviations, etc., see end of document.

List of Pteridophytes (ferns and fern allies), Gymnosperms (conifers) and Phanerogams (flowering plants) mostly following Clive Stace, *New Flora of the British Isles*, ed. 4 (2019). Other groups listed alphabetically.

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EQUISETACEAE (Horsetail Family)

Equisetum arvense, field horsetail. Listed in 'Non-flowering Plants (Cryptogams) of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); Bedford Field, damp, rough area beside railway line, May 2010-13, and elsewhere, August 2012-18; cones, former Menage Area, April 2020.

DENNSTAEDTIACEAE (Bracken Family)

Pteridium aquilinum, bracken. Bramble patch behind Bedford Hill bus stop, c. 5 fronds, November 2011-18, apparently increasing 2018; stable 2020; not found 2021-23.

ASPLENIACEAE (Spleenwort Family)

Asplenium adiatum-nigrum, black spleenwort. On brickwork associated with the northeast side of Bleak Lane railway bridge (behind large bramble patch), c.12 plants, January 2020-22.

A. ruta-muraria, wall rue. On wall of building at junction of Elmbourne and Hillbury Rds; many small plants, April 2021-22.

A. scolopendrium (formerly *Phyllitis scolopendrium*), hart's-tongue. 210 Bedford Hill, garden wall, one small plant, December 2009, not found December 2010; small plant on north side of Dragmire Lane railway bridge, June 2011; one small plant on south side of bridge, and several small plants on bridge just outside Common boundary, November 2011-19; two young plants on bridge within the Common boundary, June 2014, many plants of various ages, March 2018, bridge cleaned and plants destroyed, June 2018. On brickwork associated with the northeast side of Bleak Lane railway bridge, January 2020.

DRYOPTERIDACEAE (Buckler fern Family)

Dryopteris filix-mas, male fern, towards south end of woodland area on east side of the Lake, two mature plants, November 2019, not found October 2022.

Dryopteris sp/p., a buckler fern. Bedford Woods, several plants, December 2009, and at back of Changing Block at junction of junction of Tooting Bec Rd with Dr Johnson Ave, one plant, December 2010-12, and three plants in Streatham Woods, May 2014; one small plant high up on north side of Bleak Lane railway bridge, July 2014; small plants in rough damp woodland near Drewstead Rd entrance to Common.

POLYPODIACEAE (Polypody Family)

Polypodium sp., a polypody. Streatham Woods, extensive patch on soil, March 2010-12; according to Rodger Evans, April 2010, this has been here for at least 30 years; searched for, but not found, November 2020-April 2022. Also planted, with other fern spp., beside the railings around the fossil tree on the north side of the Lake, April 2019-21; no ferns surviving, May 2022.

GINKGOACEAE (Ginkgo Family)

Ginkgo biloba, ginkgo. Near the Lodge, one small tree, first noticed July 2019, but obviously planted some years ago – 2022.

PINACEAE (Pine Family)

Pinus sylvestris, Scots pine. Listed in ‘Trees of Tooting Common, 1933’ mss ([LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); ‘Tooting] C[ommon] N.E. (Yachting Pond)’ [later Ecology Pond, then Reed-bed, and currently Amphibia Pools area], [J.E. Lousley, ‘Trees of Streatham’ mss, 1937 (LA IV/66/1/11 (a-e); two trees, presumably planted, to the east of the northern end of the path running from the Bedford Hill crossing to the Lido, June 2018-22 (and undoubtedly earlier); recently planted tree near other pines near Amphibia Pools area (formerly Reed-bed), August 2023.

Pinus sp., a pine. Near Reed-bed, planted, December 2004-2022.

[Also a few other small isolated coniferous trees, apparently planted out former Christmas trees].

Pinus sp., a pine. Sapling/small tree on island in Lake, September 2020.

Picea abies, Norway spruce. Towards south end of Streatham Woods, one small tree, ? planted out Christmas tree, April 2020-22.

TAXACEAE (Yew Family)

Taxus baccata, yew. Listed in ‘Trees of Tooting Common, 1933’ mss ([LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); ‘near Clairview Rd’, J.E. Lousley, ‘Trees of Streatham’ mss, 1937 (LA IV/66/1/11 (a-e); many small, self-sown trees, especially in Streatham Woods, 2003-23; one tree with fruits, Bedford Woods, October 2020; one tree with fruits elsewhere, October 2021; one tree in Bedford Woods with a few small fruits, November 2022.

Gall: *Taxomyia taxi* on tree in Bedford Woods.

NYMPHAEACEAE (Waterlily Family)

Nymphaea sp., planted (?) in recently excavated Amphibian Pool in Reed-bed, one plant, April 2014; not seen May 2014, presumably removed. [In c. 1980 anglers planted *Nymphaea* spp. in the Lake; they did not survive].

LAURACEAE (Bay Family)

Laurus nobilis, bay. Spreading through fence from garden in Culverden Rd, December 2009; sapling in Graveney Woods, April 2010; several young plants in shrubby area near Amphibian Pools, March 2015-22; one self-sown plant at north-east corner of Bedford Woods, March 2018; self-sown plants elsewhere, January 2019-22; many self-sown plants, or suckers, in rough area at back of Abbotswood Rd, 2020-22.

Gall: *Cecidophyopsis malpighianus*, a mite, on tree at back of Abbotswood Rd, March 2022.

CERATOPHYLLACEAE (Hornwort Family)

Ceratophyllum demersum, rigid hornwort. Said to have been planted in Amphibian Pools

area 2014.

PAPAVERACEAE (Poppy Family)

? *Papaver atlanticum*, Atlas Poppy. Triangle several young plants in fenced-off areas temporarily sown with grass following work by Thames Water at north end of what was Chestnut Ave, July 2020.

P. cambricum, Welsh poppy. Triangle Field, at base of railway fence near Bedford Hill end of path, a solitary flowering plant, May 2012-16; two plants, July 2018; not seen since.

P. dubium, long-headed poppy. Edge of Menage Area, two or three plants, July 2012; one large plant 2016, several plants 2017.

P. rhoeas, common poppy. TQ293725. Near south-west corner of Bedford Field, small area in grassland, disturbed by vehicles in 2003, one or two tiny plants, 2004, and elsewhere, June 2010; one or two plants in fenced-off areas temporarily sown with grass following work by Thames Water at north end of what was Chestnut Ave, August 2020; one plant in reseeded area beside path leading from Dr Johnson Ave to the café, May 2022.

P. setiferum, oriental poppy. Triangle Field, outside Drews Cottages garden fence, presumably planted, May 2019.

P. somniferum, opium poppy, red-flowered form. TQ293725. Near south-west corner of Bedford Field, small area in grassland, disturbed by vehicles in 2003, one or two tiny plants, 2004; one small, mauve-flowered plant in disturbed ground beside Garrads Rd, and elsewhere, June 2010-14; some seedlings, presumably sown, under *Tilia cordata* planted towards the north end of what was Chestnut Avenue, April 2019, removed June 2019; fresh seedlings appearing March 2020; and elsewhere, May 2021.

Chelidonium majus, greater celandine, near Dr Johnson Av car park, 2004-23.

Pseudofumaria lutea, yellow corydalis. Wall of the Lodge, several small plants, February 2012-15; beside path leading from Abbotswood Rd to Woodfield, January 2019; on plant in woodland between Drewstead Rd entrance and Drews Cottages, April 2020; one immature plant on wall of building at junction of Elmbourne and Hillbury Rds; many small plants, February 2022.

Fumaria sp., fumitory. Disturbed ground near railway bridge, northwest corner of Triangle Field, 2008; also one immature, non-flowering plant at edge of shrubby area between Amphibian Pools and Tooting Bec Rd, February 2015, feebly flowering, January 2019.

BERBERIDACEAE (Barberry Family)

Berberis thunbergii, Thunberg's barberry. Fenced-off woodland on east side of Lake, one shrub, April 2014-19 (is this the same shrub as the one below?).

B. sp., a barberry. Fenced-off woodland on east side of the Lake, one shrub, June 2011. Probably *B. vulgaris*, but looking atypical due to growing in shady conditions.

Mahonia aquifolium, Oregon grape. Streatham Woods, seedlings, March 2010-23, at least one quite large, flowering plant, April 2015.

Mahonia sp., mature shrub behind the former Boxing Club at corner of Triangle Field, October 2017 and undoubtedly earlier -21, and elsewhere 2019.

Nadina domestica, heavenly bamboo. Amongst garden debris thrown over fence from Abbotswood Rd, one small, firmly rooted plant, January 2022.

RANUNCULACEAE (Buttercup Family)

Caltha palustris, marsh marigold. Amphibian Pool nearest Tooting Bec Rd, planted 2014 (probably in a too dry situation away from the pool to survive), April 2015; not seen since; on floating rafts in Lake, May 2018-23, flowering 1 November 2019, 16 October 2020, 15 September 2021.

Helleborus foetidus, stinking hellebore. Streatham Woods, Rodger Evans, spring 2008-9; not found since.

H. sp., a hellebore. Triangle Field, growing amongst garden debris thrown over fence from Abbotswood Rd, February 2019.

Eranthis hyemalis, winter aconite. Recorded by Peter White, March 2005; not seen since, searched for January 2019 but not found.

Nigella damascena, love-in-a-mist. Triangle Field, beside fence of Abbotswood Rd back garden; several seedlings, March 2019; one plant at entrance to 1 Drews Cottages, June 2020.

Anemone blanda, Balkan anemone. Streatham Woods, one patch c. 50 cm across, March 2015-20, apparently spreading; apparently decreasing being crowded out by *Hedera*, 2021; stable 2022.

A. nemorosa, wood anemone. TQ294723. Clearing in Bedford Woods. 2003-18 (only one or two flowers produced in 2018), leaves but no flowers 2020, not found 2021; Streatham Woods, April 2012; said by Leonie Cooper, January 2015, to be also in Graveney Woods, seen there April 2015, thriving and expanding due to removal of brambles April 2019-20, not found 2023.

Clematis montana, Himalayan clematis. Growing on wire fence between school playing-field and Triangle Field, May 2018-21; apparently dead, May 2023.

C. vitalba, traveller's-joy. 2003-14; on north side of Triangle Play Area and on fence around the area, July 2018-21. Leafmine: *Phytomyza* sp.

Ranunculus acris, meadow buttercup. Abundant in grassy areas. 2003-23, flowering November 2022.

R. bulbosus, bulbous buttercup. May 2004-23; flowering 14 April 2020.

R. flammula, lesser spearwort. Said to have been planted in Amphibian Pools area 2014.

R. fluitans, river water-crowfoot. Said to have been planted in Amphibian Pools area 2015, not seen.

R. lingua, greater spearwort. 'Tooting Bec Common, new [created 1990] pond in southeast part [i.e. Winter Pond], introduced', Elizabeth Norman, 2000; TQ296718, Winter Pond; presumably introduced, June 2004-22.

R. repens, creeping buttercup. Listed in 'Flowers of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); common, 2003-2020; many flowers in mowed area of Bedford Hill with 6 + petals, July 2014; one large clump with double, 10-petalled flowers, May 2020.

R. scleratus, celery-leaved crowfoot. TQ294721. Beside Ecology Pond (now Reed-bed) 2003 and June 2014, (now Amphibian Pools) 2015; Triangle Field, single plant in weedy area beside recently renovated play area, July 2012 and June 2014; and elsewhere, July 2014-18.

Ficaria verna (formerly *Ranunculus ficaria*), lesser celandine. Listed in 'Flowers of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); 2003-23; flowering 15 January 2016, 13 January 2022, c.6 January 2023; all plants examined in April 2019 had tubers in their leaf-axils.

Fungus: *Entyloma ficariae*, April 2019-20, 23.

Aquilegia vulgaris cv., columbine. Seeding from garden of Furzedown Lodge, September 2013; small plant at edge of Triangle Play Area, May 2018; one plant beside path leading from Abbotswood Rd to Woodfield, January 2019, and elsewhere, May 2019-22.

PLATANACEAE (Plane Family)

Platanus x hybrida, London plane. Listed in 'Trees of Tooting Common, 1933' mss ([LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); planted, mainly beside roads. 2003-21; self-sown small sapling at edge of Tennis Courts, July 2014; several seedlings in former Menage Area, August 2018-22.

Leafmine: *Phyllonorycter platani*, July 2014. Also a powdery mildew, *Erysiphe platani*, on leaves, June 2014-19.

P. occidentalis, western plane. 'The most recent extensive planting was carried out by the

L.C.C. in 1893, when 200 trees were put in [including] 7 western planes (*Plantanus occidentalis*), none of which I can now find', 'The Natural History of the Streatham Commons mss (Lambeth Archives, IV/66/1/4,5,6).

GROSSULARIACEAE (Gooseberry Family)

Ribes ?rubrum, red currant. Streatham Woods, one plant, May 2014.

Ribes sanguineum, flowering currant. Fenced off area on north side of Cavendish Rd railway bridge, June 2011-12; destroyed when area cleared 2013.

Ribes uva-crispa, gooseberry. Tooting Bec Common, J.H.T. [Prof. Sir Jethro Justinian Harris Teal], May 1892 [SLBI, formerly in Dulwich College Herbarium, H @ H].

ALTINGIACEAE (Sweet Gum Family)

Liquidambar styraciflua, sweet gum. One tree planted in Triangle Play Area, June 2014-20; also several trees planted on east side of path running from Thrale Rd to Tooting Bec Rd, July 2019.

SAXIFRAGACEAE (Saxifrage Family)

Bergenia crassifolia, elephant-ears. Corner of Triangle Field at end of The Spinney; ? recently thrown out rhizome. March 2011; still there, but apparently not fully rooted, February 2012; not seen since.

B. sp., an elephant's ears. Triangle Field, with thrown out garden debris near fence at back of Abbotswood Rd, one small, October 2020.

Saxifraga tridactylites, rue-leaved saxifrage. Hillbury Rd, top of the Lodge garden wall, one small plant, March 2023.

Tellima grandiflora, fringe-cups. TQ297719. Streatham Woods, woodland, Rodger Evans & Roy Vickery, 2008; said by RE to be spreading, June 2010; not seen since.

CRASSULACEAE (Stonecrop Family)

Sedum acre, biting stonecrop. North side of Tooting Bec Rd, scattered at edge of pavement between Dr Johnson Ave and Lido, December 2010; searched for but not found since.

S. album, white stonecrop. Beside track behind Culverden Rd, recently thrown out from a back garden in Culverden Rd, January 2019; also growing through fence in front of yard area at south side of the Lido, July 2019-22.

S. ? kinnachii, lesser Mexican-stonecrop. Graveney Woods, two clumps near fence around Athletics Track, February 2021; not found 2022.

Phedimus ?hybridus (*Sedum hybridum*), Siberian stonecrop. At base of fence at south side of Lido, October 2021.

P. spurium (formerly *Sedum spurium*), Caucasian stonecrop. Growing through fence at south side of Lido, with *S. album*, April 2019-21 (is this the same plant as that recorded above as *Phedimus ?hybridus*).

Hylotelephium spectabile (formerly *Sedum spectabile*), butterfly stonecrop. Triangle Field, growing amongst garden debris thrown over fence from Abbotswood Rd, April 2019-20.

HALORAGACEAE (Water milfoil Family)

Myriophyllum spicatum, spiked water-milfoil. [R. Clarke recorded on Tooting Bec Common] '*Polygonum amphibium*, *Alopecurus geniculatus*, *Myriophyllum spicatum* and *Chamaemelum nobile*' [London Naturalist 45: 18, 1966]; said to have been planted in Amphibian Pools area 2015 but not seen.

VITACEAE (Grape vine Family)

Parthenocissus inserta, false Virginia-creeper. Scrambling out of Culverden Rd gardens and climbing on Dragmire Lane railway bridge, August 2009-13, and elsewhere, 2018-21.

P. tricuspidata, Boston ivy, on fence of 95 Drewstead Rd, November 2020, well established and probably here for many years.

FABACEAE (Pea Family)

Robinia pseudacacia, false acacia. 'The most recent extensive planting was carried out by the L.C.C. in 1893, when 200 trees were put in [including] 21 Robinias ... in three different varieties (the common *R. pseudacacia*, vars. *bessoniana* & *semperflorens*), but all I know on the Common look alike', 'The Natural History of the Streatham Commons' mss (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); 'T[ooting] C[ommon] triangle between rlys' J.E. Lousley, 'Trees of Streatham' mss, 1937 (LA IV/66/1/11 (a-e)); planted mature trees, also some vigorous seedlings in woodland behind the cafe and elsewhere, January 2009-21.

Galega officinalis, goat's rue. TQ292721. Defunct reed-bed water purification area near south edge of Lake, 2003-18, where some plants white-flowered, July 2012; and elsewhere, June 2010, apparently spreading, June 2011-14; less common 2016-17; scarce 2019; not found 2020; white-flowered form in defunct red-bed area, September 2021-22.

Lotus corniculatus, bird's-foot trefoil. July 2005-18; Athletics Track, May 2020; beside Furzedown Drive near its junction with Thrale Rd, May 2021; Bedford Field, near north end of Bedford Woods, June 2021 (and earlier), and elsewhere, May 2023.

Lotus corniculatus var. *sativus*, a variety of bird's-foot trefoil. 'TQ291721, near pond with island [i.e. Ecology Pond, later Reed-bed, now Amphibian Ponds]', Elizabeth Norman, 1996.

Lotus pedunculatus, greater bird's-foot trefoil. TQ294721. Ecology Pond, July 2004-22, and elsewhere; said to have been planted in Amphibian Pools area 2014.

Vicia cracca, tufted vetch. TQ293725. Unmown grassland near south-west corner of Bedford Field, 2007-2023, spreading 2017; one plant near Winter Pond, July 2010; and elsewhere. 2013-19.

Vicia sativa, common vetch. Scattered in grassy areas. July 2009-23.

Vicia sepium, bush vetch. Lido Field, at border of clump of trees towards northern end of Field, May 2012.

Ervilia hirsuta, (formerly *Vicia hirsuta*), hairy tare. Unmown grassland near south-west corner of Bedford Hill, June 2010-17.

Ervum tetraspermum, (formerly *Vicia tetrasperma*), smooth tare. Unmown grassland at edge of Bedford Field, scarce, June 2014-18.

Lathyrus latifolius, broad-leaved everlasting-pea. Listed in 'Flowers of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); Reed-bed (formerly Ecology Pond), on former Island, June 2010-23; north edge of Bedford Woods (spreading from adjacent railway embankment), June 2010-16, not seen 2018, persisting but not flowering June 2020, photographed flowering by Mike Langdon, July 2021.

Lathyrus nissolia, grass vetchling. TQ293725. Near south-west corner of Bedford Field, small area in grassland, disturbed by vehicles in 2003, persistent and spreading, 2004-19; abundant and vigorously spreading until 2012, scarce in 2013, thriving 2014 (flowering 10 September); spreading 2017; not found 2020 when area suffered a great deal of trampling, scarce (only one plant?) 2021; only one plant found 2022, c. 8 plants 2023; first flowers noted 4 June 2010, 28 May 2011, 5 June 2012, 14 June 2013, 3 June 2014, 27 May 2018, 31 May 2019, 2 July 2021; 10 June 2022, 5 June 2023; abundant and vigorously spreading until 2012, scarce in 2013, thriving 2014 (flowering 10 September); spreading 2017; also small patch near clump of large lime trees near south end of Lake, June 2010

Lathyrus odoratus, sweetpea. TQ293725. Near south-west corner of Bedford Field, small area in grassland, disturbed by vehicles in 2003, one stunted plant, 2004. Not persisting.

Lathyrus pratensis, meadow vetching. Southwest corner of Bedford Field (same area as *Lathyrus nissolia* & *Vicia cracca*), one large patch, June 2010-18, and elsewhere, July 2012-15, 2022.

Ononis spinosa, spiny restharrow. 'Tooting Common, C.E. B[ritton, 1872-1944]', C.E. Salmon, *Flora of Surrey*, 1931: 228.

Melilotus sp., a melilot. Beside Winter Pond, June 2011.

Medicago arabica, spotted medick. TQ292721. Grassy area at edge of defunct reed-bed water purification area near south edge of Lake, June 2010, and elsewhere, June 2012-21, edge of Graveney Woods, beside Church Lane, April 2020.

Medicago lupulina, black medick. 2003-2022; flowering 2 January 2022.

Medicago sativa ssp. *varia*, sand lucerne. Grassland near Reed-bed (now Amphibia Pools), August 2010-22; flowers visited by *Zygaena filipendulae*, six-spot burnet moth, July 2014.

Trifolium arvense, hare's-foot clover. Former menage area, August 2021; fewer and smaller plants, July 2022; many small plants, June 2023.

T. campestre, hop trefoil. 'Road (among the gravel) on Tooting Common, July 1876', Arthur Bennett, **BM**; uncut grassland at south end of Triangle Field, July 2012; Lido Field, July 2019, May 2023.

T. dubium, lesser trefoil. Grassy area near Winter Pond and elsewhere, June 2012-23, and no doubt earlier.

T. fragiferum, strawberry clover. TQ294724, Bedford Field, large patch, much visited by honey-bees, 2003 [specimen in **BM**: 'Tooting Common, north of Bedford Hill, in frequently mown grass at north end of rugby pitch', A.R. Vickery, 894, 24 August 2003] persisting and spreading, 2010-18, rapidly spreading 2019; also patch between planted strips of shrubs, south of the cafe, 2009-18, 2021-2, and elsewhere, 2013-19.

T. hybridum, aslike clover. August 2004, August 2009.

T. medium, zigzag clover. Triangle Field, persistent, ?slowly spreading patch, c.1996-2019, suffering from drought and trampling, 2020, persisting 2021, thriving 2022, vigorously spreading 2023; and elsewhere, June 2010-18; 'Tooting Common, coll. W.F. Saunders (1834-1901) [Aberystwyth University Herbarium, H@H]; 'Tooting common near', William Whitwell, 5 September 1891, see *Birmingham Botany Collections – The Herbarium of William Whitwell*, ed. P. Watson & M. Ali, 2014: 41 (on line); 'Mr Clarke found ... by the railway on Tooting Bec Common zigzag clover and bloody cranesbill' [*London Naturalist* 42: 10, 1963].

T. pratense, red clover. 2003-23; one plant with white flowers near Winter Pond, May 2015.

T. repens, white clover. T. Cox, undated but in the herbarium of Charles Ottley Groom - later Groom-Napier and self-styled Prince of Mantua and Montferrat (1839-94), now in Bolton Museum herbarium (H @ H); listed as 'Dutch clover' in 'Flowers of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); abundant 2003-20.

T. striatum, knotted clover, on east side of changing-block at junction of Dr Johnson Ave with Tooting Bec Rd, several plants, June 2012-14; on bank behind Athletics Track building, May 2020-21.

T. subterraneum, subterranean clover. Left-hand side of entrance to Athletics Track, dense sward inside railings, and a bit outside, May 2021, conf. Mike Crewe & Brian Laney; area trimmed during the following week; May 2023.

Lupinus sp., lupin. Casual, July 2004, not persisting.

Laburnum anagyroides, laburnum. Planted, 2003; woodland behind the cafe; presumably from gardens in Hillbury Rd, young tree, October 2012-20; one tree at edge of Woodfield, 2018-2022, and elsewhere, April 2019-21.

Cytisus scoparius, broom. ‘Bath enclosure’, J.E. Lousley, ‘Trees of Streatham’ mss, 1937 (LA IV/66/1/11 (a-e)); north side of Tooting Bec Road, west of Lido car-park and elsewhere, presumably planted, October 2009, and elsewhere, December 2010-22; one small, presumably self-sown, plant at base of wall of Balham Boxing Club and Community Centre Building, August 2014; seedling in Menage Area, December 2016-22. Plants on north side of Tooting Bec Rd producing some flowers in November 2010 and December 2020-January 2023; many flowers, March 2022.

Gall: *Aceria genistae*, July 2004, 2011-13, January 2023.

Ulex europaeus, gorse. ‘Each father of a Tooting family had the right to cut 100 bundles a year. Apparently this right was sometimes abused for [Frederick] Arnold [in his *History of Streatham*, 1886] informs us that in 1668 the privilege was suspended for three [years],’ ‘The Natural History of the Streatham Commons’ mss (Lambeth Archives, IV/66/1/4,5,6); 16 October 1921, ‘An area which had been enclosed ... for re-grassing showed very little grass but many gorse plants, owing to the heat and lack of rain. The 5th & 6th were the hottest October days on record – 84°F’ Sidney Dark mss (LA IV/66/14,5,6); one or two possibly native, non-flowering bushes in Bedford Woods, 2010-21; also many planted bushes, occasionally double-flowered forms 2010-22.

Shieldbug: *Piezodorus lituratus*, gorse shieldbug, March 2020.

U. minor, dwarf gorse. H. Groves, September 1876 [University of Birmingham herbarium, H @ H]; ‘heath’, W. Whitwell, September 1885 [Shrewsbury School herbarium, H @ H]; ‘Streatham, 6 October 1918’. Tooting Common. It became extinct there after 1923 - it was never abundant on this this Common’, C.I. Paton, **BM**.

Wisteria sp., wisteria, extending well beyond 36 Clairview Rd garden fence, October 2019-22, spreading, August 2023.

Gleditsia triacanthos, honey locust. ‘The most recent extensive planting was carried out by the L.C.C. in 1893, when 200 trees were put in [including] ... one honey locust, a native of the Eastern United States, which seems to me, to have no claim or right of any sort on an English common’, ‘The Natural History of the Streatham Commons’ mss (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); Bedford and Triangle Fields, planted, 2003-20; 3 trees beside railway line in Triangle Field, one at southwest corner of Bedford Field.

Gall: *Dasineura gleditchiae* (midge), June 2004, June 2018-20, mentioned by Tommy Root in *London Naturalist* 99: 28 (2020).

Acacia dealbata, silver wattle, in bramble thicket beside 36 Clairview Rd garden fence, apparently rooted sapling, October 2019; removed when brambles cut back, winter 2019-20.

ROSACEAE (Rose Family)

Spiraea sp., a bridewort. North-west corner of Woodfield, May 2015.

Kerria japonica, kerria, double-flowered form. Extending from garden in Culverden Rd, also in front of Drews Cottages, where planted, April 2012-22.

Prunus avium, wild cherry. TQ296724. Bedford Woods, several mature and young trees, 2003-23, flowering 27 March 2012; also one or two young trees, ?planted, in Streatham Woods, December 2011; young plants in Streatham Woods July 2016, and at edge of Graveney Woods June 2020.

Young plants (?or suckers) in Bedford Woods infested with *Myzus cerasi*, cherry black aphid, July 2012-14. Leafmine: *Lyonetia clerkella* (moth), August 2012, July 2019, July 2022.

P. cerasifera, cherry plum. Scattered, March 2012-23; one shrub at south edge of Bedford Woods flowering 17 November 2019 and with few flowers 1 January 2020, December 2020, and 17 January 2022, one flower 3 February 2023; one in Triangle Play Area with many flowers and a few fruits, 22 September 2022.

P. cerasifera var. *pissardii*, purple-leaved plum. North edge of Streatham Woods, near Bedford Hill, one mature tree, May 2012, and elsewhere, April 2014-21; trees near junction of Dr Johnson Ave and Tooting Bec Rd flowering 23 January 2016; tree at north side of Streatham Woods in full bloom 7 February 2020.

P. domestica ssp. *domestica*, plum. Dragmire Lane railway bridge, clump bearing purple fruit, August 2010-22.

P. laurocerasus, cherry laurel. Small shrubs in Graveney Woods, Streatham Woods, and elsewhere, December 2010-22. One shrub of cv. 'Otto Luyken', near Dr Johnson Avenue, presumably planted, April 2020-23, but undoubtedly growing there for several years.

P. lusitanica, Portugal laurel. Bedford Woods, several shrubs, December 2009-21, and elsewhere, 2014-23; biggest shrub in Bedford Woods severely cut back, winter 2022.

P. padus, bird cherry. TQ292724. Tooting Bec Common, J.H.T. [Prof. Sir Jethro Justinian Harris Teal], May 1892 [SLBI, formerly in Dulwich College Herbarium, H @ H]; Bedford Field, a couple, apparently dying [some still thriving, April 2010-18], ?planted clumps; also near junction of Tooting Bec Rd with Garrad's Rd, Ambleside Ave & Tooting Bec Gdns, April 2010-15. Gall: *Taphrina* sp., May 2010-20; after several years when fruit production was rare due to *Taphrina* infestation, many fruits were formed in 2011; Triangle Field, in railway line fence, on obviously self-sown tree, April 2015; also self-sown in Streatham Woods, April 2018; some flowers on plant near southwest corner of Bedford Field 28 August 2021; flowering 'south of the redgra pitch on the Triangle', September 2022 [Mike Langdon].

P. persica, peach. One small seedling in clump of trees to north of Changing Block, October 2021; one seedling beside path at back of Culverden Rd, June 2022; one seedling beside railway track near northwest corner of Triangle Field, September 2022.

P. spinosa, blackthorn. Listed in 'Trees of Tooting Common, 1933' mss ([LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6]); planted in several places, 2010, and no doubt earlier -21, flowering 24 March 2018, 8 March 2019, 6 March 2020; shrubs at north side of Triangle Field flowering 18 November 2020.

Gall: *Taphrina pruni*, pocket plum, May 2010-20; many on bushes near west side of Lakeside Play Area, April 2023.

Chaenomeles speciosa, Chinese quince. Northern corner of Bedford Field, two (?) small shrubs, apparently self-sown, April 2014-23.

Pyrus communis, pear. 'Tooting Common, William Whitwell, May 1896, see 1895, see *Birmingham Botany Collections – The Herbarium of William Whitwell*, ed. P. Watson & M. Ali, 2014: 50 (on line).

P. pyraster, wild pear. Planted. April 2010-20; one small, apparently self-sown, plant in Lido Field, August 2018; small tree, presumably planted on north side of Amphibia Pools area, October 2021.

Fungus: *Gymnosporangium sabinae*, pear rust, August 2012-21, scarce 2022.

Malus pumila, apple. Listed in 'Trees of Tooting Common, 1933' mss ([LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6]); margin of Graveney Woods, near Church Rd, one, much branched, tree, December 2010, and elsewhere, June 2011-17.

Fungus: *Podosphaera leucotricha*, apple powdery mildew, on tree on northeast side of Tooting Bec Rd railway bridge April 2014; and elsewhere, April 2020.

Leafmine: *Lyonetia clerkella* (moth), August 2012, September 2022.

M. x purpurea, purple crab. Tree belt east of Menage Area, one tree, presumably planted, April 2014, and no doubt earlier – 2020; also one tree at edge of Graveney Woods, beside Furzedown Rd, June 2012-2023.

M. ?sylvestris, crab apple. Fallen small yellow fruits, Bedford Woods, March 2014 [tree located, does not appear to be true *M. sylvestris*; petioles and pedicels hairy, August 2015]; two trees, April 2019-21.

M. sp., an ornamental crab. Planted many years ago, April 2010.

M. sp., an apple. Edge of Triangle Play Area, one small unhealthy-looking planted tree.
Aphid: *Eriosoma lanigerum*, woolly aphid, July 2014.

? *M.* sp. One tree with large white flowers at edge of Amphibia Pools area, first noticed May 2018.

Sorbus aria agg., a white beam. Graveney Woods, many saplings and small trees; also a few larger, fruiting ?planted, trees at the edge of the woodland, July 2010.

S. aucuparia, rowan. ? Planted, 2003-23; also some self-sown small trees and saplings, July 2010-23.
Gall: *Eriophyes pyri* (mite), May 2021.

S. intermedia, Swedish whitebeam. 'TQ296720, Tooting Bec Common, a small sapling', Elizabeth Norman, det. K.W. Page, Tooting Bec Common, 2000.

Amelanchier lamarckii, June berry. One bush in *Ulmus* woodland on east side of Triangle Field, October 2009-20; two bushes in same area, July 2014-22; more than two bushes 2023.

Photinia davidiana, stranvaesia, variegated form. One small shrub, undoubtedly planted, Triangle Field, at edge of clump of shrubs, by railway line near Drews Cottages, April 2014, not found July 2014; one recently planted shrub at edge of Graveney Woods, near junction of Thrale Rd with Furzedown Rd, March 2020, not surviving.

Cotoneaster sp., a cotoneaster. Streatham Woods, one bush near railway line, July 2009.

Cotoneaster sp., a cotoneaster. Fenced-off woodland on east side of the Lake, October 2010.

Cotoneaster sp., a cotoneaster. At edge of planted woodland belt near café, June 2011 (and earlier).

Pyracantha coccinea, firethorn. 'Tooting Bec Common, southeast part, chalk grassland' [i.e. grassland around Winter Pond], Elizabeth Norman, 2000.

Pyracantha ?rogersiana, Asian firethorn, yellow-fruited form. Shrubby area at south side of Lake, August 2014 (?-2023).

Pyracantha sp., a firethorn. Streatham Woods, many young, self sown plants, March 2010; also small plants in fenced off woodland to east of Lake, July 2014.

Crataegus ? douglasii, black hawthorn. North end of Streatham Woods, one small tree, May 2013.

C. ?laevigata, Midland hawthorn, small tree at base of *Platanus* beside Bedford Hill, Bedford Field; fruit with two seeds and larger than those of local *C. monogyna*, December 2016.

C. laevigata cv. Wood on south side of Bedford Hill, one tree, May 2010, and elsewhere, 2012-14. 'Red-flowered hawthorn' listed in 'Trees of Tooting Common mss (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6).

C. laevigata cv. 'Rosea Flore Pleno'. Several trees planted beside path running from Bedford Hill pedestrian crossing to the Lido, June 2018.

C. x lavaleei, Lavallée's cockspur thorn. Beside path leading from Bedford Hill to the Lido, July 2019, det. Alan Harrington.

C. monogyna, hawthorn. Listed in 'Trees of Tooting Common, 1933' mss ([LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); abundant, 2003-21; first blossoms on tree at edge of Streatham Woods, near Bedford Hill railway bridge, 22 April 2010; tree not observed 2011; flowering 5 April 2012; about two flowers open 25 April 2013; some flowers open 2 April 2014 (plant not examined earlier); flowering 16 April 2015 (previously examined 12 April, when not flowering); with many flowers c. 2 April 2017; with many flowers 21 April 2018 (also flowers on at least one other tree); with many flowers 5 April 2019; with two or three flowers 17 March 2020; one flower 1 April 2021. One tree at edge of Streatham Woods near railway line still with a few flowers 3 July 2013, one – possibly the same – tree flowering 22 January 2021. Some trees with pink flowers, Graveney Woods, May 2020. Tree 'in Lido Field along path going from Bedford Hill to the Lido, on your right' flowering 21 March 2022, Tove Bellingham; one shrub near northeast corner of Lido with many flowers 27 March 2022.

Note received in 1981 from Mrs K Markin, who lived at the Fire Station in Mitcham Lane from 1901-8: 'One other happy memory I have was going to Tooting Bec Common. The lovely sight to see there was all the mushroom-shaped may trees in full bloom, red, pink and white.'

Galls: *Blennocampa phyllocolpa*, September 2018; *Dasineura crataegi*, September 2018-19, October 2021, providing shelter for earwigs (?*Forficula auricularia*), September 2018, *Eriophyes crataegi*, on plant in hedge beside track at back of Cavendish Rd, May 2022; *Phyllocoptes goniothorax*, September 2018-19.

C. ?monogyna cv. 'Aurea', a hawthorn. One small tree with rather large yellow fruits each containing much flesh but only one small seed, near Athletics Track, beside path running parallel to West Drive, October 2010-2018; many orange-coloured fruits, December 2022.

C. persimilis, broad-leaved cockspur thorn. Planted, often (?usually) grafted onto *C. monogyna* stock, which thrives sometimes stifling the scion, 2003-14; one apparently self-sown shrub at edge of planted woodland belt near café, September 2013, another on the south side of Bedford Woods, June 2014.

C. punctata, dotted hawthorn. 'Tooting Graveney Common (a group by Dr Johnson's Avenue)', Owen Johnson *et al.*, Greater London as an arboretum – a guide to its rare trees, *London Naturalist* 82: 36, 2003; three trees, August 2018-20; all looking unhealthy, one possibly dying, May 2021; only two left alive, April 2023.

C. succulenta, round-fruited cockspur-thorn. TQ296720. 'Tooting Bec Common, old tree originally planted, spectacular in fruit', Elizabeth Norman, det. K.W. Page, 2000.

C. cv. West of path leading from Church Lane to Furzedown Drive, one tree with white, double flowers, May 2020.

Filipendula ulmaria, meadowsweet. Recently planted beside Amphibian Pools, September 2014; one small plant, June 2019, 2021.

[*Rubus acutipetalus*. [Watson, 1952: 85]].

[*R. adenolobus*. [Watson, 1952: 92]].

[*R. alterniflorus*. 'Wimbledon and Tooting Commons' [Watson, 1952: 80]].

R. armeniacus, large clump at back of Birchwood Rd, July 2019.

R. armipotens. 'Tooting Common', 29 August 1885, coll. W. Whitwell, **BM**; 27 August 1897, coll. W. Moyle Rogers; August 1929, coll. R.W. Robbins, both **SLBI**.

R. bakerianus. 'Tooting Common' coll. W. Moyle Rogers, 27 August 1897, **BM**; 8 August 1929, coll. R.W. Robbins, **SLBI**.

R. caesius, dewberry. Bedford Field, beside railway line fence near railway bridge, August 2011, and elsewhere, 2013-20.

R. cardiophyllus. 'Tooting Common', 8 August 1929, coll. R.W. Robbins, **SLBI**.

[*R. carpiniifolius*. 'Streatham, Tooting and Mitcham Commons [Watson, 1952: 77].

R. cissburiensis. 'Tooting Common', 2 September 1897, coll. W. Moyle Rogers, **BM**.

R. cockburnianus, white-stemmed bramble. 'TQ287720, Tooting Bec Common, near pond with island [i.e. Ecology Pond, now Reed-bed], established, spreading', Elizabeth Norman, 1996; north side of Reed-bed [i.e. Norman's locality], presumably planted, December 2010-19; stable, but not 'spreading' 2014' poorly May 2020, dead August 2020.

R. dentatifolius. 'Tooting Common', August 1903, collected by C.E. Britton, **SLBI**; Tooting Common, C.E. Britton, C.E. Salmon, *Flora of Surrey*, 1931: 275; 'a bush of this western species appeared fleetingly c.1930 on Tooting Bec C[ommon] (C. A[very 19]33: **SLBI**' [Allen, 2003: 13] (presumably this is the **SLBI** specimen collected by Avery on 4 July 1933, according to a note attached to the sheet 'now extinct'); 'cultivated ex Tooting Common', Herb. Barton & Riddelesdell, ref. no. 10462 (Botanical Exchange Club of the British Isles, distr. 1934), **BM**.

[*R. echinatoides*. [Watson, 1952: 83]].

- R. egregius*. 20 June 1910, coll. J. Roffey, **BM**; ‘probably long-extinct occurrence on Tooting Common’ [Allen, 2003: 11].
- R. ericetorum*. ‘Tooting Common’, 4 July 1933, coll. C. Avery, **SLBI**.
- R. errabundus*. Four specimens collected between October 1903 and July 1937, **SLBI**; coll. C.E. Britton, 14 July 1904, **BM**; ‘a mainly N British endemic. Formerly on Tooting Bec C[ommon] ... but extinguished in World War Two’ [Allen, 2003: 6]. ‘Tooting Common, destroyed during the last war’ [Watson, 1952: 80].
- R. fruticosus* agg. 2003-21.
Galls: *Dasineura plicatrix* (midge), August 2019; *Diastrophus rubi*, seen on plants in Bedford Woods many years ago (September 2018). Fungus: *Phragmidium violaceum*, August 2012. Leafmine: *Stigmella aurella*, December 2012.
- R. gratus*. ‘Tooting Graveney Common (west side)’ 4 July 1933, coll. W.C.R. Watson, **SLBI**.; also Watson, 1952: 77.
- R. halsteadensis*, ‘S.E. England form’ (det. D.E. Allen, December 2000), ‘Tooting Common, coll. W. Moyle Rogers, 27 August 1897 (herb. Barton & Riddelsdale, 9547), **BM**.
- [*R. hostilis*. ‘Tooting Graveney Common, one bush destroyed in levelling’ [Watson, 1952: 89].
- R. hylophilus*. ‘Tooting Common’, August 1903, coll. C.E. Britton, **SLBI**. Also Watson, 1952: 81].
- R. idaeus*, raspberry. Tooting Bec Common, ‘J.H.F.’ [[Prof. Sir Jethro Justinian Harris Teal], May 1892 [**SLBI**, formerly in Dulwich College Herbarium, H @ H]; listed in ‘Shrubs of Tooting Common, 1933’ mss ([LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); Bedford Woods, TQ294724, 2003-23, and behind Abbotswood Rd where presumably thrown out from garden, May 2021.
- R. integribasis*. ‘Widespread Continental species with English headquarters in W. half of Surrey, especially Walton – Weybridge area. An anomalous old record from Tooting C[ommon] ([W.M.] R[ogers] 1897’ [Allen, 2003: 4].
- R. lapeyrousianus*, sensu Watson. 1903, C.E. Britton, **SLBI** [Allen, 2003: 19].
- R. lindleianus*. ‘Tooting Common’, 8 August 1929, coll. R.W. Robbins, **SLBI**.
- R. loganobaccus*, loganberry. S end of Triangle Field, west of path, one plant, June 2020 (first noticed a year or two earlier); spreading, July 2022.
- R. londinensis*. ‘Tooting Common’, August 1903, coll. C.E. Britton, **BM & SLBI**; 14 July 1904, **BM**; coll. J. Roffey, 20 June 1910, **BM**, also Watson, 1952: 80.
- R. macrophyllus*. ‘Tooting Common’, 20 June 1910, coll. J. Roffey, ‘a slightly gland[ula]r f. of *macrophyllus*’ W. Moyle Rogers, **BM**.
- R. milesianus*. ‘Tooting Common’, 30 August 1903, coll. C.E. Britton, **SLBI**; see D.E. Allen in *Watsonia*, 25: 167, 2004.
- R. murrayi*. ‘Tooting Common’, 14 July 1904, coll. C.E. Britton, **SLBI**. Also Watson, 1952: 92.
- R. platyacanthus*. Tooting Common, ‘in one large thicket n[ear] SE end, 2 September 1897, coll. by W. Moyle Rogers, **BM**
- R. rhombifolius*. ‘Tooting Common’, 14 July 1904, collected by C.E. Britton, **SLBI**.; 20 August 1910, coll. J. Roffey, **BM**.
- R. rufescens*. ‘Tooting Common’, 19 July 1933, coll. C. Avery, **SLBI**.
- [*R. sectiramus*. [Watson, 1952: 83]].
- [*R. sublustris*. [Watson, 1952: 93]].
- R. surrejanus*. ‘Tooting Common, under trees’, 2 September 1897, W. Moyle Rogers, **BM**.
- R. vigorosus*. Tooting Common, 1897, W.M. Rogers [Allen, 2003: 5].

‘At the Exhibition held in Streatham Hall in 1934, eight months after this paper was read [i.e. November 1934] Mr C. Avery ... showed 12 species of *Rubus* – *carpinifolius*, *imbricatus*

var londinensis, apiculus ssp. *raduloides, pubescens* var. *subinermis, cinerosus, leucotrichus, murrayi, babingtonii, scaber, lindleianus, schlechtendalii* and *gelertii*', 'Shrubs of Tooting Common, 1933', mss (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); despite it being implied that the specimens were collected on Tooting Common, elsewhere it is stated that they were 'all from Streatham Common' (LA, IV/66/1/2).

No *Rubus* from Tooting Common in RNG.

Potentilla reptans, creeping cinquefoil. Listed in 'Flowers of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); 2003-19.

Geum rivale, water avens. Said to have been planted in Amphibian Pools area 2014; not seen.

G. urbanum, wood avens. Common, 2003-23.

Gall: *Cecidophyes nudus* (mite), on plant beside the Lake, August 2012.

?***Poterium officinalis***, great burnet. Disturbed ground near Athletics Track, September 2017, 2020; several immature plants in fenced-off areas temporarily sown with grass following work by Thames Water at north end of what was Chestnut Ave, July 2020.

Agrimonia eupatoria, agrimony. Triangle Field, near belt of shrubs planted beside railway line, one plant, July 2014; one large plant and one small one, 2016, increasing 2017-20, suffering from trampling 2020, thriving 2023; one small plant in unmown grass in Bedford Field, towards north end of Bedford Woods, July 2019.

Aphanes sp., a parsley-piert. North side of Tooting Bec Rd (A214), between junction with Dr Johnson Ave and Lido car-paerk, May 2013; many tiny plants in grass on north side of Tooting Bec Rd, near its junction with Elmbourne Rd, March 2014; small plants in more-or-less bare soil in grassy area southwest of the Lake, April 2019; former Menage Area and elsewhere, April 2020, and elsewhere 2022-23; many plants beside Garrad's Rd, March 2023.

Rosa canina, dog rose. 2017 (and no doubt earlier); 'Tooting Bec Common, southeast part, chalk grassland' [i.e. grassland around Winter Pond], Elizabeth Norman, 2000.

[*R. canina* var. *dumalis*, a variety of dog rose. 'Tooting Bec Common, W. Whitwell', C.E. Salmon, *Flora of Surrey*, 1931: 294].

[*R. canina* var. *nemophila*, a variety of dog rose. 'Wandsworth and Tooting Bec Commons, W. Whitwell', C.E. Salmon, *Flora of Surrey*, 1931: 293].

R. glauca, red-leaved rose. Several shrubs in planted woodland strip near the cafe, June 2011-22 (and earlier).

R. moyesii, Moyes rose. One bush on north side of Amphibia Pools area, presumably planted when the old Boating Lake was converted to the Ecology Pond, June 2018-19.

R. multiflora, many-flowered rose. Reed-bed, planted and self-sown, and south side of Lake, planted, June 2012-22; double-flowered form in clump of *Crataegus* trees, towards northwest corner of Lido Field, June 2020.

R. spinosissima, burnet rose. Planted in various places, also, possibly wild, in thin woodland border beside railway-line at north end of Bedford Woods (TQ294725), 2003-14, not seen since, refound August 2019; numerous young, self-sown plants in Reed-bed (probably planted but spreading by suckering), May 2013-23; a couple of small plants by railway line in northwest corner of Triangle Field, near Play Area, December 2021; at south side of Lake, July 2022.

[Recorded on Barnes Common in 1666].

Fungus: *Phragmidium rosae-pimpinellifoliae* on buds of shrubs bordering Tooting Bec Rd, April 2020-21.

R. rugosa, Japanese rose. North side of Reed-bed, planted, July 2010-23.

R. spp./cvs., roses. Planted in various places, May 2010. Galls: *Diplolepis* sp., rose pea

gall, both spherical and spiky forms, July 2010, *Diplolepis rosae*, bedeguar or robin's pincushion, on bush at edge of Bedford Woods, December 2010, two very small galls on same bush, August 2012.

ELAEAGNACEAE (Sea-buckthorn Family)

Elaeagnus macrophylla, broad-leaved oleaster. Fenced-off woodland area on east side of Lake, October 2010-21, and on island in Lake, September 2020.

RHAMNACEAE (Buckthorn Family)

Frangula alnus, alder buckthorn. Listed in 'Trees of Tooting Common, 1933' mss ([LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); Triangle Field, occasional in areas of planted shrubs, May 2011-12; form with red berries at edge of *Ulmus* woodland on east side of Field, August 2012-20.

ULMACEAE (Elm Family)*

Ulmus hollandica, Dutch elm. Specimen collected by C.I. Paton, in **BM**, with two labels, 'Streatham, October 12th 1909' and 'Tooting Common, one tree, trunk bark smoother than that of the common elm, twigs largely corky'; det. J.V. Armstrong; 'Johnson's Walk', J.E. Lousley, 9 June 1936 in **RNG**

U. laevis, European white elm. TQ295729. North-east corner of Triangle Field, beside path south of Bleak Lane railway bridge; one fine tree, ? also numerous seedlings, 2003-20, with *Eriosoma lanuginosum*, June 2018; ? and elsewhere, May 2011-19.

U. procera, English elm, 'Johnson's Walk, J.E. Lousley, 9 June 1936 in **RNG**.

U. x vegeta, Huntingdon elm. 'Johnson's Walk', J.E. Lousley, 9 June 1936 in **RNG**; one tree on north side of Lake, July 2019, det. Alan Harrington.

Gall: *Eriosoma ulmi* (aphid), one gall, June 2020.

U sp. old tree on south side of Lake, May 2011 (and earlier)-2021.

U. spp., 2003-21.

Fungi: *Ophiostoma* sp., causing Dutch elm disease, July 2014 (and earlier)-21. *Dothidella ulmi*, Bedford Woods, November 2021.

Galls: *Eriosoma lanuginosum* (aphid), December 2003-21; *Eriosoma ulmi* (aphid) one on small plant on north side of Tooting Bec Rd, May 2021 and elsewhere June 2021; *Aceria campestricola* (syn. *A. ulmicola*) (mite), August 2004-21 [said by Tommy Root to be restricted to *U. procera*, English elm]; *Tetraneura ulmi* (aphid), fig gall, July 2012-16, June 2019, May 2022-23.

Sawfly: *Aproceros leucopoda*, elm zigzag sawfly (native to eastern Asia, first recorded in Europe in 2003, and Britain, at Dorking in 2017), on trees by 51 Birchwood Rd, and elsewhere, including on suckers in Bedford Woods and at edge of Streatham Woods, July 2019-22, and elsewhere 2023.

In 2008 30 stands of elm (variety not remembered) were planted to provide habitat for white-letter hairstreak butterflies, (*Satyrrium w-album*) which are now thriving [Alan Wilkinson, July 2019]. In September 2021 Alan Wilkinson recalled that a survey done 'mainly in 2016-18' by Bill Downey of the Butterfly Conservation Society found 'about 30 stands of elm on the Common and surrounding streets, but only one, albeit large, stand of disease resistant elm, planted especially for white-letter hairstreak in 2008; I think this was "New Horizon" and is on Furzedown Rd'.

*Elms are extremely difficult to identify; Clive Stace, *New Flora of the British Isles*, ed. 3, 2010, lists seven species; Jayne Armstrong & Peter Sell, in Peter Sell & Gina Murrell, *Flora of Great Britain & Ireland*, 1: 264-303, 2018, list 62 species.

In the 1930s J.E. Lousley was particularly interested in the elm trees which grew along Tooting Bec Road, leading to a paper 'The Historical Significance of the Dutch and English Elms in Tooting Bec Road as marking the precise Boundary or the Thrale Estate', which he read to the Society in January 1937. He believed that these had been planted shortly before the death of Ralph Thrale in 1748. This lecture was belatedly published posthumously in the *London Naturalist*, vol. 56, 1977, by which time all of the trees, and many of the landmarks he mentioned, had disappeared. A hand-drawn map showing the elm trees on either side of Tooting Bec Rd is preserved in Lambeth Archives. Lousley's herbarium, now in the University of Reading herbarium (RNG), contains no specimens of *Ulmus*.

CANNABACEAE (Hop Family)

Cannabis sativus, hemp. One small plant under *Salix* tree near Fossil Tree on north side of the Lake, November 2022.

Humulus lupulus, hop. Extending from Culverden Rd gardens, 2009-22; straggling over brambles between former Menage area and Tooting Bec Rd, July 2020-21, fruiting August 2021, not found 2023; emerging from bramble patch at southeast corner of Amphibia Pools area, August 2023.

MORACEAE (Mulberry Family)

Morus alba 'Pendula', white mulberry. Woodfield, near the Pavilion, two recently (?winter 2022-23) trees, June 2023.

URTICACEAE (Nettle Family)

Urtica dioica, common nettle. 2003-23; clump with narrowish, non-stinging leaves near Drewstead Rd entrance, and similar plants abundant in Graveney Woods, on the south side of the Lake, and in Bedford Woods, June 2012; many plants behaving as 'galeopsifolia' following prolonged wet spell, June 2016; also several 'galeopsifolia' – narrow-leaved and scarcely stinging – at edge of Graveney Woods beside Church Lane, May 2021.

Galls: *Dasineura urticae*, July 2004 & November 2021; *Trioza urticae*, July 2004, August 2019.

U. urens, small nettle. Small plants in garden beside Triangle Play Area, May 2004.

Parietaria judaica, pellitory-of-the-wall. Bedford Hill railway bridge, one plant, June 2020; also at edge of Dr Johnson Ave carpark, October 2020-22.

FAGACEAE (Beech Family)

Fagus sylvatica, beech. 'The "Wood", Lake Island T[ooting] C[ommon], J.E. Lousley, 'Trees of Streatham' mss, 1937 (LA IV/66/1/11 (a-e)); some mature trees, presumably all planted and sometimes unhealthy looking, 2003-22; producing many fruits, 2011; several seedlings, including one of f. *purpurea*, of various ages under copper beech near north end of Bedford Woods, April 2014; producing many fruits, 2014.

Galls: *Hartigiola annulipes*, September 2018, October 2021; *Acalitus stemaspis* (mite), on copper beech, August 2019.

F. sylvatica f. *purpurea*, copper beech. 'Copper beech (planted) on one of the gravel "hills" near the centre of Tooting Graveney Common', 'Streatham Flora: A list of the Plants found in the Streatham District' [1936-45] (LA, IV/66/1/2); one tree, presumably planted near north corner of Bedford Woods, 2003-20, with seedlings April 2019; and Graveney Woods and elsewhere, June 2015-20.

Castanea sativa, sweet chestnut. Listed in 'Trees of Tooting Common, 1933' mss ([LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); Triangle Field, one decapitated, and one semi-moribund, tree beside path,

July 2009-12, looking healthier 2013-20; one young tree planted near corner of Emmanuel Rd and Rastell Ave, May 2011-19.

Gall: *Dryocosmus kuriphilus*, oriental chestnut gall wasp, April 2019-21, not found 2022-23.

Quercus cerris, Turkey oak. Listed in 'Trees of Tooting Common, 1933' mss (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); 'T[ooting] C[ommon]', J.E. Lousley, 'Trees of Streatham' mss, 1937 (LA IV/66/1/11 (a-e)); 'Turkey oak (planted) S. side Tooting Bec Rd, Tooting Common, between N. Drive and Tooting Bec Rd. This tree destroyed by H.E. bomb Sept 1940. There is a small one at the Aldrington Rd end of "Johnson's Walk"', 'Streatham Flora: A list of the Plants found in the Streatham District' [1936-45] (LA, IV/66/1/2); some mature trees and some seedlings, 2003-20, many young plants/seedlings 2018-23.

Galls: *Andricus grossulariae* (wasp, sexual generation), July 2010-23, and *A. lucidus* (sexual generation), only one gall seen, on tree near Bedford Hill railway bridge at corner of Lido Field June 2011, two in same area May 2021; *Neuroterus saliens* (wasp, sexual generation), April 2014, 2019-21, 2023; *Aceria cerrea*, recorded by Tommy Root, August 2018-21; 2022 (and Wandsworth Common, September 2020).

Q. cerris x ilex. Beside track running from the Bedford Hill pedestrian crossing to the Lido, just north of the Lake; one small tree apparently self-sown, leaves and stipules similar to those of *Q. cerris*, but leaves evergreen and with greyish undersurfaces like those of *Q. ilex*, January 2013-23; conf. Fred Rumsey & Mark Spencer, [BM, SLBI], but doubted by Alan Harrington. Apparently the third British record for this hybrid.

Gall: *Neuroterus saliens* (wasp, sexual generation) usually found on *Q. cerris*, vidi Tommy Root, London Natural History Society Plant Gall Recorder, November 2014 [record considered to be of sufficient interest to be included in Tom Higginbottom, The plant gall year 2014, in *Cercidology*, 30: 11, 2015], also 2017 and 2020-21.

Q. ilex, evergreen oak. Listed in 'Trees of Tooting Common, 1933' mss ([LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); some mature trees, also many seedlings, 2003-23.

Gall: *Aceria ilicis* (mite), September 2013-19; *Aceria cerrea*, September 2018.

Q. palustris, pin oak. Listed in 'Trees of Tooting Common, 1933' mss ([LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); 'Horse Rides, T[ooting] C[ommon]', J.E. Lousley, 'Trees of Streatham' mss, 1937 (LA IV/66/1/11 (a-e)).

Q. petraea, sessile oak. Junction of Tooting Bec Rd with Elmbourne Rd, one tree, planted, June 2010-15, two trees at northeast corner of Common at junction of Fernlea Rd with Rastell Ave, 2019-22; few, young, obviously planted, trees elsewhere, September 2013-22.

Gall: *Andricus lucidus*, hedgehog gall (wasp) September 2021.

Q. robur, pedunculate oak. Listed in 'Trees of Tooting Common, 1933' mss [LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6]; 'Very fine trees, T[ooting] C[ommon]', J.E. Lousley, 'Trees of Streatham' mss, 1937 (LA IV/66/1/11 (a-e)); common, 2003-23; one tree on north side of Lake retaining some green leaves, 23 January 2016. Tree near the Lodge 'planted to commemorate the jubilee of the London County Council, 1889-1939'.

Fungus: *Erysiphe alphitoides*, powdery oak mildew, July 2014 (and, no doubt, earlier).

Galls: *Andricus aries*, ram's-horn gall (mainly on immature/small trees), 2002-22 (first recorded in Britain in 1998), very scarce 2016, common 2020, searched for on 11 October 2021 but found only on one tree, scarce 2022; *A. foecundatrix*, artichoke gall July 2012 (and earlier)-19; *A. gemmeus*, August 2019 (first recorded in Britain, in Colchester, in 2008), 2021; *A. kollari*, marble gall, 2013 (and earlier), abundant 2014, abundant on some immature trees 2015, 2016-18, 2022er; *A. lignicolus*, cola-nut gall, August 2019; *A. lucidus*, hedgehog gall, September 2003, December 2009-19; *A. quercuscalicis*, knopper gall, 2003-21; *Biorhiza pallida*, oak apple, 2003-13 (and earlier), only one small gall seen 2014, few small galls seen 2015, not seen 2016 but remains of one gall seen January 2017,

not seen 2018 (what could have been the remains of a small gall seen September 2018), at least two youngish trees with abundant galls, April 2019, several galls on mature tree near entrance to Athletics Track, April 2020; comparatively abundant, May 2021; several on tree near the Lido, April 2022; few small galls seen, April 2023; *Cynips longiventris*, striped pea gall, July 2004; *Cynips quercusfolii*, cherry gall, September 2003, September 2020; *Macrodiplosis dryobia*, July 2004; *Neuroterus albipes*, smooth spangle gall (wasp), September 2003-18; *Neuroterus anthracinus*, September 2013, August 2019; *Neuroterus numiscalis*, silk button spangle gall (wasp), August 2012-20; *Neuroterus quercusbaccarum*, asexual; generation, common spangle gall (wasp), September 2003-20; sexual generation, currant gall, April 2014; *Andricus quercusramuli*, cotton-wool gall (wasp) on trees near northwest corner of Streatham Woods, May 2020, and elsewhere May 2021; *A. curvator*, on tree on east side of Dr Johnson Ave, May 2020; and elsewhere, April 2023.

Leafmine: *Stigmella* sp. (moth), September 2012. Despite heavy knopper gall infestation, some regeneration from seed, May 2010. Few fruit – none found without knopper galls - formed 2014; abundantly fruiting, many fruits ungallo, 2015 and 2018. 6 November 1933 'Asked the swimming-bath attendant if he could tell me anything about the parakeets ... he showed me their nesting-hole and said they had been here three years now, and he thought, though he could not be certain about it that they had reared young ...', 12 November 'Saw both the parakeets in the trees near the bath' (S. Dark mss, LA IV/66/1/4,5,6).

Insect: *Thaumetopoea processionea*, oak processionary moth caterpillars present c.2018-23.

Q. rubra, red oak. Large tree in grassy area between Graveney Woods and Tooting Bec Rd, said at one time to be the tree with the widest spread on the Common (tree severely cut back, January 2021), and several younger trees planted near the north side of Tooting Bec Rd near the Lido car park, July 2012-14, also seedlings in same area, September 2013-22.

No *Quercus* from Tooting Common in RNG.

Notes on fruit production: In 2020 *Quercus robur* trees on the Common had their branches weighted down with an abundance of acorns. In 2021, extremely few, if any, acorns on *Q. robur*, or any other oaks. Many acorns on *Q. robur* in 2022.

JUGLANDACEAE (Walnut Family)

Juglans nigra, black walnut. One small tree, presumably planted near southwest corner of Triangle Field, April 2019-23.

BETULACEAE (Birch Family)

Betula pendula, silver birch. Mostly planted, 2004-23; 'Tooting Common, 7 April 1894, William Whitwell, see *Birmingham Botany Collections – The Herbarium of William Whitwell*, ed. P. Watson & M. Ali, 2014: 63 (on line).

Galls: *Semudobia betulae*, *S. skuhravae* and *S. tarda* (diptera), August 2019.

Alnus cordata, Italian alder. Planted, for example in field alongside Emmanuel Rd, December 2009-23, and elsewhere, 2014-21; no seedlings observed; one seedling beside Emmanuel Rd pavement, June 2023.

A. glutinosa, alder. 2003-23. Single tree near café; near Cavendish Rd end of strip of grass beside Emmanuel Rd, small plants beside Winter Pond, all planted.

Galls: *Eriophyes inangulis* (mite), July 2004; *E. laevis*, June 2020; *Acalitus brevistarsus* (mite), September 2013, June 2018; *Taphrina alni*, alder tongues (ascomycete fungus), on tree on in grass triangle near café, only one seen, August 2012, according to Michael Chinery, *Britain's Plant Galls: A Photographic Guide*, 2011, this gall 'still appears to be absent from the south-east', searched for but not found again until August 2018, when several present, one found August 2023; on same tree *Acalitus brevistarsus*, a mite, July 2013-17. Shieldbug: *Elasmucha grisea*, parent bug, on same tree, 2013-15, 2017 and 2019, and on tree in strip of grass beside Emmanuel Rd, July 2018 and October 2019. Numerous harlequin ladybird, *Harmonia axyridis*, larvae on tree near café, July 2021. Leaves arising near base of trunk much eaten by larvae of *Agelastica alni*, alder-leaf beetle, November 2021, beetles also present May 2022-23, and elsewhere July 2022.

A. incana, grey alder. Solitary plant on north side of Bedford Hill near The Spinney, formerly a sickly tree cut down in c.2019, now sprouting healthily from stump, December 2021-22.

Carpinus betulus, hornbeam. 'The most recent extensive planting was carried out by the L.C.C. in 1893, when 200 trees were put in [including] 7 hornbeams, 2 of which* near TBR, one on each side of the railway, are still flourishing vigorously' [*I have since found the other 5. S[idney] D[ark]. Mar, 1935], 'The Natural History of the Streatham Commons' mss (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); 'T[ooting] C[ommon] nr railway', J.E. Lousley, 'Trees of Streatham' mss, 1937 (LA IV/66/1/11 (a-e); TQ296719. Streatham Woods, many fine, mature trees, 2003-23, and near Bedford Hill bus stop, young trees presumably planted, 2013-20 and earlier.

Gall: *Aceria tenellus*, September 2018

Corylus avellana, hazel. TQ294724. Bedford Woods, where probably native, and Streatham Woods (TQ296719) and elsewhere, where planted, 2003-22; one shrub in Bedford Woods with fully extended catkins, 3 December 2009; one shrub in Bedford Woods with some fully extended catkins, 26 December 2010; shrub on south side of Bedford Hill with fully extended catkins, 4 January 2012; shrub in Streatham Woods near railway line with some fully extended catkins (and retaining some leaves), 24 December 2012; shrubs on south side of the Lake with some almost fully extended catkins, 24 December 2013, shrub with fully expanded male and female flowers near the Triangle Play Area, 2 January 2014, many shrubs with fully expanded male flowers, some with female flowers, and some still bearing green leaves, 25 December 2014; shrubs with expanded male flowers near Triangle Play area, 30 December 2015; some male catkins fully extended, 26 December 2016; male catkins fully extended on one bush in Bedford Woods, 6 December 2017; male and female flowers, 13 December 2018; two bushes (one still with many green leaves) with some fully extended catkins on south side of Bedford Hill, 23 December 2019; most bushes with both female and male flowers, 3 January 2020; many immature fruits, June 2014; fully extended male catkins on shrubs near southeast corner of the Lake, 16 December 2020 and elsewhere, 18 December 2020; fully extended male catkins in Bedford Woods, 16 December 2021; some extended catkins on bushes on north side of Triangle Field (after five days of snow and frost), 16 December 2022.

Leafmine: *Phyllonorycter coryli*, October 2010; Gall: *Phytoptus avellanae* (mite), on tree near Winter Pond, April 2019.

C. colurna, Turkish hazel. Lido Field, two trees, presumably planted, near new entrance to Lido, July 2012-22; male catkins fully extended 31 December 2015; female flowers found 5 February 2021, trees never known to produce fruit, January 2021.

Gall: *Phytoptus avellanae* (mite), December 2018, January 2020-21.

CUCURBITACEAE (White Bryony Family)

Cucurbita pepo, pumpkin. Single plant, beside path entering Common from Tooting Bec Rd,

to east side of Amphibia Pools, October 2018. Fungus: *Podosphaera fulginea*.
?*Cucurbita* sp. Two immature, plants not yet flowering beside path at edge of scrubby woodland on south side of the Amphibia Pools area, November 2022.

CELASTRACEAE (Spindle Family)

Euonymus europaeus, spindle. Beside Menage Area, undoubtedly planted, April 2012-21; fruiting November 2020 and October 2021.

E. japonicus, evergreen spindle. Beside railway wall, near Drews Cottages, two small bushes of variegated form, August 2011-19, also non-variegated form, January 2019-22; spreading from Culverden Rd gardens, non-variegated form, December 2012-18; young shrub, presumably self-sown, at edge of woodland at southeast corner of Lake, March 2020-21.

E. cf. sachalinensis, Sakhalin euonymus. In hedge beside old entrance to the Lido, September 2010-14, not persisting 2021.

OXALIDACEAE (Wood sorrel Family)

Oxalis articulata, pink sorrel. April 2004; edge of Bedford Woods beside Bedford Hill, June 2012-23; at edge of scrub on south side of Amphibia Pools, one plant, March 2015-18, and elsewhere 2021-23.

Fungus: *Puccinia oxalidis*, May 2014, 2020.

O. corniculata, procumbent yellow-sorrel, purple-leaved form. At edge of Tennis Courts, July 2014; beside Tooting Bec Rd near its junction with Elmbourne Rd, May 2018, and elsewhere May 2019-20.

O. exilis, least yellow-sorrel, beside Bedford Hill, near junction with The Spinney, September 2017, not seen since.

O. ?stricta, upright yellow-sorrel. Base of walls of Balham Boxing Club and Social Centre and Fayland Children's Centre buildings, abundant, August 2014, July 2018, June 2020.

O. sp., a sorrel, at base of wall at end of houses in Hillbury Rd, July 2012-21.

EUPHORBIACEAE (Spurge Family)

Mercurialis annua, annual mercury. Disturbed bare soil, 2004-22; two or three plants at edge of small clump of trees near Amphibia Pools, January 2016; .

Fungus: *Melampsora populnea*, on plants beside fence at back of Hillbury Rd, April 2020.

M. perennis, dog's mercury, male plant. Bedford Woods, beside main path running north-south through wood, towards the Bedford Hill end, February 2013-15, (said to be an indicator of 'ancient woodland'); increasing 2016-19; rapidly spreading 2020-22, possibly decreasing 2023; also large patch at north side of large clearing in Bedford Woods, April 2020, decreasing 2021; both patches rapidly expanding 2022; doing well 2023; doing well 2023; both clumps believed to be male.

Euphorbia ?characias, Mediterranean spurge. Under trees at northern end of Bedford Hill, one plant, April 2021, not found 2022.

E. helioscopia, sun spurge. April 2004-12, 2018-23.

E. lathyris, caper spurge. Semi-cultivated area in front of Drews Cottages; several small seedlings, September 2009; and elsewhere, 2011-23; c. 6 plants in front of Drews Cottages, August 2017.

E. peplus, petty spurge, December 2010-23.

E. oblongata, Balkan spurge. Bleak Lane Railway bridge, one plant on masonry at base of southwest side of bridge, October 2014-16; dead July 2016; rough area at back of Abbotswood Rd, presumably discarded from garden, July 2023.

E. sp., in messy area at back of Abbotswood Rd, near junction with Drewstead Rd,

apparently spreading from garden, January 2019.

LINACEAE

Linum usitatissimum, flax. Beside Dr Johnson Ave car park, May 2020; one plant on rather bare soil at southwest corner of Bedford Field, July 2021; one plant in area subject to winter flooding at south side of Bedford Field.

? *Linum* sp., a flax. Seedling in fossil tree enclosure, March 2020, not surviving.

SALICACEAE (Willow Family)

Salix aurita, eared willow. Amongst trees on south side of the Lake, one tree May 2021 (and earlier).

S. caprea, goat willow. Listed in 'Trees of Tooting Common, 1933' mss ([LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); 'T[ooting] C[ommon], nr Bath Enclosure', J.E. Lousley, 'Trees of Streatham' mss, 1937 (LA IV/66/1/11 (a-e); March 2004-21; few male catkins open on trees near the Lake, 10 January 2018 and 1 January 2021.

Gall: *Iteomyia major* (gall mite) on tree on island in the Lake, September 2020; fungi: *Melampsora salicina*, willow rust, July 2012-14, June 2019; ?*Melampsora caprearum*, June 2010, 2018; often with catkins distorted by a virus or phytoplasma.

S. daphnoides, European violet-willow. 'By Boating Pond, Tooting Common, 10 April 1937', specimen collected by J.E. Lousley (LA, IV/66/1/11(a-e); 'there is a tree ... on the W. side of the "dog pond" to the lake, Tooting Bec Common', 'Streatham Flora: A list of the Plants found in the Streatham District' [1936-45] (LA, IV/66/1/2).

S. x fragilis, crack willow. Near north side of Lake, presumably planted, 2012-19, and beside path south of Drews Cottages, conf. Irina V. Belyaeva, May 2019. Gall: *Pontania proxima* (sawfly), August 2012-18, 2020.

S. fragilis var. *furcata*, a variety of crack willow. Tooting Bec Common, new [created c.1990] pond [i.e. Winter Pond], introduced', Elizabeth Norman, 2000.

S. fragilis 'nothovar. *rubens*, hybrid crack willow'. Tooting Bec Common, new [created c.1990] pond [i.e. Winter Pond], introduced', Elizabeth Norman, 2000.

S. x pendulina f. *salamonii*, a form of weeping willow. Path south of Drews Cottages, several trees, May 2019, det. Irina V. Belyaeva.

S. ?pentandra, bay willow, April 2010.

S. spp., willows. Various species, mostly planted, not yet identified. Gall: *Aceria tetanothrix* (mite), July 2004, August 2019.

Populus alba, white poplar. Listed in 'Trees of Tooting Common, 1933' mss (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); 'T[ooting] C[ommon], east oblong', J.E. Lousley, 'Trees of Streatham' mss, 1937 (LA IV/66/1/11 (a-e); TQ285715, south-west corner of Tooting Graveney Common; several fine mature trees (supporting, for this part of London, a rich lichen flora), January 2009 and elsewhere, May 2011-17; young, self-sown trees beside Amphibian Pools, 2015, and elsewhere, 2016. **CHECK**

Fungus: *Melampsora* sp., August 2012.

P. x canadensis, railway poplar, mentioned as being on the Common on a information board about Common trees, erected 2020.

P. x jackii, balm of Gilead, 'Tooting Common', 4 April 1894 & 12 April 1895, William Whitwell, see *Birmingham Botany Collections – The Herbarium of William Whitwell*, ed. P. Watson & M. Ali, 2014: 63 [as *P. x gileadensis*] (on line).

P. nigra (? and hybrids thereof), black poplar. 'The black poplar, often called the Italian Black Poplar ... forms avenues along Bedford Hill and the western end of Tooting Bec Road', 'The Natural History of the Streatham Commons' mss (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); listed in 'Trees of Tooting Common, 1933' mss ([LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); [mid 1930s] 'an extremely

important and most interesting discovery that arose out of this work ... to make sure that there were no other remains of ancient Dutch or English elms in the vicinity, I took a short walk with Dr Melville on the north side of Tooting Bec Road. Suddenly he stopped and picked up an old poplar catkin from the ground and suggested that it was a female black poplar. Now the true black poplar is a rare tree in Britain and, strange to relate, is practically always male, so much so that the female tree has become a sort of botanical “Will of the wisp”. Even the British Museum had immense difficulty in obtaining catkins to illustrate. Naturally we looked round and found the tree from which the catkin had fallen, and congratulated ourselves on a first class and quite unexpected botanical discovery, but the sequel was not less remarkable. My friend Dr Burgess of Birmingham has also been taking some interest in poplars, and while I was staying with him in August last [presumably 1936] he astounded me by saying that he intended to make a special journey to Tooting Bec Common to try and find the female black poplar tree which at one time grew there. It appears that the herbarium of W[illiam] Whitwell (1839-1920) a keen and efficient botanist who at one time lived in Thurleigh Road, Balham, is preserved at Birmingham and that this collection may contain his specimen of this rarity. Naturally I was able to direct my friend to the very tree’,* ‘The Historical Significance of the Dutch and English Elms in Tooting Bec Road as Marking the Precise Boundary of the Thrale Estate’, by J. Edward Lousley (prepared for a lecture to the Streatham Antiquarian and Natural History Society on January 13th 1937’ (LA IV/66/1/11(a-e)); 2003-18.

* A specimen of *P nigra* collected by Whitwell on 21 June 1895, see *Birmingham Botany Collections – The Herbarium of William Whitwell*, ed. P. Watson & M. Ali, 2014: 64 (on line).

Galls: *Pemphigus spyrothecae* (aphid); *Pemphigus bursarius* (aphid), October 2004, August 2019. No galls seen in 2021.

Fungus: *Melampsora medusae*, August 2021 (or is this *M. larici-populini*? October 2021); *Taphrina populina*, September 2003-19; July 2004, June 2014, June 2019-20, June 2023

Leafmine: *Phyllocristus unipunctella* (moth). Insect: solitary *Laothoe populi*, poplar hawkmoth, on small tree beside Dragmire Lane, August 2021.

P. nigra* ssp. *betulifolia, black poplar. ‘Black poplar (*Populus nigra betulifolia*), Planted in celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen in 2012’, beside Birchwood Rd, near its junction with Church Lane, not surviving, January 2019 (small tree by marker stone is a dainty *Prunus*, April 2019). Also tree formerly with marker towards the Cavendish Rd end of field beside Emmanuel Rd, March 2020-21.

P. tremula, aspen. Listed in ‘Trees of Tooting Common, 1933’ mss ([LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); small trees, planted near the Triangle Play Area, May 2011-22, and elsewhere, 2018.

Gall: *Phyllocoptes populi* (mite), on tree near north side of the Lake, June 2018-19.

No Salicaceae from Tooting Common in RNG.

VIOLACEAE (Violet Family)

Viola arvensis, field pansy. Triangle Play Area, on recently disturbed ground, c. 10 plants, June 2014, not seen since; one small plant beside path running parallel to Tooting Bec Rd, June 2023.

V. odorata, sweet violet. Furzedown Lodge, beside garden fence; woodland at back of Hillbury Rd; both escapes or throw-outs from gardens, April 2010, and elsewhere, December 2010, under trees at junction of Tooting Bec Rd with Elmbourne Rd, March 2011-22; Bedford Woods, March 2014-21, flowering 1 January 2021, 23 January 2023.

V. reichenbachiana, early dog-violet. Large patch at edge of Streatham Woods, near Bedford Hill railway bridge, April 2010-22, only one small plant, March 2023; and in *Ulmus*

woodland on east side of Triangle Field, April 2022-23.

V. riviniana, common dog-violet. 'R. Clarke ... found *Viola riviniana*, there [on Tooting Bec Common] in plenty, a species recorded there annually by members of the Streatham Antiquarian and Natural History Society up to 1942 and not noted since' [*London Naturalist* 43: 20, 1964].

V. x wittrockiana, garden pansy. Solitary plant at bare area at base of a *Tilia cordata* planted in 2017 to replace the Chestnut Avenue, no doubt introduced when a *Calendula officinalis* was planted here in ?August 2018, thriving March 2019, and recently planted at base of *Tilia cordata* trees, May 2019, removed June 2019.

THEACEAE

Camellia japonica cv., camellia, Bedford Field, one, presumably planted, shrub, November 2011; obviously recently planted, and not yet rooted, February 2012; severely damaged, December 2012; not found, August 2013.

HYPERICACEAE (St John's wort Family)

Hypericum androsaemum, tutsan. Fenced-off woodland area on east side of Lake, October 2010-23, one plant beside west side of Lake and Triangle Field beside fence at back of Abbotswood Rd, March 2020-21; not seen anywhere since.

H. calycinum, rose-of-sharon. Fenced-off woodland area on east side of Lake, October 2010-23.

H. hircinum, stinking tutsan. One bush between railway line and ditch south of Dragmire Lane railway bridge, September 2010-23.

H. perforatum, perforate St John's wort. 'Tooting Bec Common, southeast part, chalk meadow' [i.e. grassland around Winter Pond], Elizabeth Norman, 2000; rough grass near junction of Elmbourne and Tooting Bec Rds, July 2010-16, also in grassland around Winter Pond, July 2012-15; and elsewhere 2018-23.

H. x hidcoteense, Hidcote tutsan. Planted around Reed-bed. 2004-21.

GERANIACEAE (Crane's-bill Family)

Geranium dissectum, cut-leaved cranesbill. Near Triangle Play Area, and elsewhere, July 2010-23.

G. molle, dove's-foot crane's-bill. Woodfield, abundant, May 2015 (and no doubt earlier elsewhere) – 20; abundant at east edge of Graveney Wood, May 2020; beside north side of Tooting Bec Rd, January 2022; abundant in many places, May 2023.

G. ? x monacense, Munich cranesbill. Triangle Fie, growing amongst garden debris thrown over fence from Abbotswood Rd, flowering March 2019.

G. x oxonianum, Druce's cranesbill. Bedford Field, beside old fallen tree near track leading to Culverden Rd two plants, June 2014, thriving 2015-17, not seen, area overgrown, 2018-19, surviving, one flowering stem emerging through brambles, May 2022; and at margins of Woodfield, May 2015, and elsewhere, 2016-23.

G. phaeum, dusky cranesbill. Beside path running northwards from east side of Bedford Hill railway bridge, large clump of apparently several plants, June 2013-15; c.15 plants 2020; fewer 2021; 2022.

G. pratense, meadow crane's-bill. Defunct reed-bed water purification area near south edge of Lake, presumably planted, 2003-15, abundant 2019; Triangle Field, June 2012, and elsewhere 2016-23.

G. pusillum, small-flowered crane's-bill. 'Tooting Bec Common, near pond with island [i.e. Ecology Pond, later Reed-bed, now Amphibia Pools area]', Elizabeth Norman, 1996.

G. pyrenaicum, hedge crane's-bill. 2003-22; flowering January 2020 and January 2022.

G. robertianum, herb robert. 2003-21.

G. sanguineum, bloody crane's-bill. 'Mr Clarke found ... by the railway on Tooting Bec Common zigzag clover and bloody cranesbill – the last no doubt an escape' [*London Naturalist* 42: 10, 1963].

? *G. sylvaticum*, wood cranesbill. Triangle Field amongst garden debris thrown over fence from Abbotswood Rd, April 2020.

G. versicolor, pencilled cranesbill. Amongst *Anthriscus sylvestris* near Furzedown Lodge, found by Mike Langdon, who reported 'Peter White ... said he used to see it on the edge of Graveney Wood, but it got overgrown', May 2020-23.

Erodium cicutarium, common stork's-bill. July 2009; one plant beside Tooting Bec Rd beside path leading to Streatham Woods and elsewhere April 2019; roundabout at top of Church Lane, April 2022, less abundant May 2023.

E. moschatum, musk stork's-bill. Several young plants in fenced-off areas temporarily sown with grass following work by Thames Water at north end of what was Chestnut Ave, July 2020, and elsewhere 2022-23.

LYTHRACEAE (Purple loosestrife Family)

Lythrum salicaria, purple loosestrife. 'Tooting Bec Common, new [created c.1990] pond [i.e. Winter Pond], introduced', Elizabeth Norman, 2000; TQ296718. Winter Pond, presumably planted, 2003-17; Reedbed, July 2012 (and presumably earlier), continuing to grow beside Amphibian Pools, 2015-20, 2023; on floating rafts in Lake, May 2018.

ONAGRACEAE (Willowherb Family)

Epilobium hirsutum, great willowherb. Listed in 'Flowers of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); 2003-22; plants with pale pink or white flowers beside path running along the back of Culverden Rd, 2013-23.

Gall: *Puccinia pulverulenta*, July 2004; *Altica* sp., a flea-beetle, feeding on leaves, April 2014.

E. spp., various annual willowherbs, not yet identified.

Chamerion angustifolium, rosebay willowherb. Listed in 'Flowers of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); 2003-2020; restricted to one small clump in bramble patch on northeast side of Dragmire Lane railway bridge 2020-21, brambles exceedingly vigorous so not seen 2022.; extending from railway embankment beside path at south end of Triangle Field, April 2022.

Oenothera biennis, common evening-primrose. West side of Lake, two young plants, June 2014, not seen 2015; one plant not yet flowering at edge of Menage area, June 2017, 2020-22, not found 2023; several plants beside path from Abbotswood Rd to Woodfield, January 2019-20.

Circaea lutetiana, enchanter's nightshade. Margin of Dragmire Lane, May 2012-21; and elsewhere, 2013-22.

SAPINDACEAE (Maple Family)

Aesculus carnea, red horse-chestnut. Listed in 'Trees of Tooting Common, 1933' mss ([LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); at edge of, and near Streatham Woods, near junction of Tooting Bec Rd, Garrads Rd, Tooting Bec Gdns and Ambleside Ave; planted, and elsewhere, August 2009-22.

A. hippocastanum, horse-chestnut. Listed in 'Trees of Tooting Common, 1933' mss ([LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); many planted trees; few, mostly short-lived seedlings, 2003-23.

'Chestnut Avenue' cut down September 2017; sickly tree near entrance to Lido producing flowers 1 October 2022.

Leafmine: *Cameraria ohridella*, badly infesting trees, 2008-11; infestation apparently less prevalent, presumably due to two cold winters, 2012; infestation less widespread, with most leaves still predominantly green in late July, 2013; first noticed 6 June, 2014, 2015, later in June 2019; less prevalent, July 2023.

Acer campestre, field maple. TQ288718. Graveney Woods, several large mature trees; also planted elsewhere, 2003-23.

Galls: *Aceria myriadeum* (syn. *Aceria aceriscampestris*), July 2004, June 2018; *Aceria macrochela*, scarce, August 2012, 2018-19.

A. palmatum, Japanese maple. One mature tree beside railway line outside Drews Cottages, presumably planted some years ago, June 2021-22, apparently dead after recent drought, September 2022, dead 2023.

A. platanoides, Norway maple. The most recent extensive planting was carried out by the L.C.C. in 1893, when 200 trees were put in [including] 14 Norway maples ... one of which I have noticed, in the little 'wood' on the north side of Tooting Bec Rd', 'The Natural History of the Streatham Commons' mss (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); 'T[ooting] C[ommon] "Wood"', J.E. Lousley, 'Trees of Streatham' mss, 1937 (LA IV/66/1/11 (a-e); planted beside Tooting Bec Rd. SLBI, det. Tom Maxwell, April 2010-14, self-sown saplings elsewhere; form with purple-tinted leaves in woodland belt near café, 2012-13, and elsewhere, 2021.

Gall: *Aceria platanoides* (mite), on tree growing beside east side of railway line, north of Bedford Hill, conf. Tommy Root (might be first record or London area; first recorded in Surrey in 2019). Fungus: *Uncinula* sp., a powdery mildew on leaves of young trees at Bedford Hill edge of café woodland, November 2010-13; *Sawadaea tulasnei*, on sapling on south side of Lake, October 2018.

A. pseudoplatanus, sycamore. Listed in 'Trees of Tooting Common, 1933' mss (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); common, 2003-23. One small tree of 'Atropurpureum' form beside main path through Bedford Woods, October 2010-13.

Fungus: *Rhytisma acerinum*, tar spot fungus; scarce on leaves of sapling at edge of Bedford Woods, beside Bedford Hill, August 2010, and elsewhere, July 2012-22. Galls: *Aceria cephaloneus*, July 2004, May 2021-22; *Aceria pseudoplatani*, August 2010.

A. saccharinum, silver maple. Near Drewstead Rd entrance to Common, one large, mature tree, presumably planted, August 2012-5, and planted elsewhere, September 2013; one old tree beside Birchwood Rd, and one tree with most of its upper parts recently fallen off near Furzedown Lodge, June 2020-23, sawn down but with some fresh shoots, August 2023.

Gall: *Vasates quadripedes*, maple bladder gall (mite), abundant, August 2012-20, and elsewhere, September 2013-20 (first recorded in the U.K. June 2000).

RUTACEAE (Rue Family)

Choisya ternata, Mexican orange. Outside Drews Cottages, one bush, either planted or thrown out, August 2010; planted beside Changing Block at junction of Tooting Bec Rd with Dr Johnson Ave, August 2012-19, and earlier.

SIMAROUBACEAE (Tree of heaven Family)

Ailanthus altissima, tree of heaven. 'The most recent extensive planting was carried out by the L.C.C. in 1893, when 200 trees were put in [including] ... 21 trees of heaven ... of which I can find 3', 'The Natural History of the Streatham Commons' mss (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); TQ291721, 'Tooting Bec Common, near pond with island (i.e. Ecology Pond, now Reed-bed, lots, Elizabeth Norman, 1996; shrubby areas around Reed-bed (i.e. same locality as Norman's), July 2010 vigorously spreading here 2018-19, and elsewhere, May 2012-14.; seedlings near junction of Dr Johnson Ave with Tooting Bec Rd and elsewhere, July 2014-16.

MALVACEAE (Mallow Family)

Malva x clementii, garden tree-mallow. ‘TQ29670, Tooting Bec Common, big clump, been there a long time’, Elizabeth Norman, 2000.

Malva moschata, musk mallow. Single plant at edge of disturbed ground near railway bridge, northwest corner of Triangle Field, June 2009-12, 2016; another plant at edge of planted woodland south of café, July 2010, 2018-19, not found 2022.

Malva neglecta, dwarf mallow. Triangle Field, single plant near Drewstead Rd entrance to Common, July 2009; another plant in same place, September 2013; many plants, July 2014-21; and elsewhere, May 2020-21.

M. sylvestris, common mallow. Widespread and common, 2003-22. Var. *mauritiana*, single plant, beside fence at back of Hillbury Rd. June 2020.

Fungus: *Puccinia malvacearum*, July 2004-20. ‘

Alcea rosea, hollyhock, form with pale pink flowers. Triangle Field, at edge of clump of shrubs, by railway line near Drews Cottages, one large plant, March 2012-14, not seen June 2014, ?overwhelmed by vigorous growth of brambles; leaves much eaten by *Helix aspersa*, garden snail, July 2012; two young plants beside Clairview Rd pavement, June 2020.

Tilia platyphyllos, large-leaved lime. Beside path leading from cafe to Dr Johnson Ave, one planted tree, June 2015 (and earlier), conf. Alan Harrington, July 2019; also younger tree planted by the tennis courts, July 2019.

T. x euchlora, Caucasian lime, planted on south side of path leading from Dr Johnson Ave to the café, July 2019 (and earlier), det. Alan Harrington.

T. x europaea, common lime. ‘T[ooting] C[ommon]’, J.E. Lousley, ‘Trees of Streatham’ mss, 1937 (LA IV/66/1/11 (a-e); common, 2003-20.

Galls: *Eriophyes tiliae* (mite), June 2012-19; *Contarinia tiliarum* (midge), on tree at edge of Woodfield, June 2018 (identified by Tommy Root), *Patchiella reaumuri*. (lime leaf-nest aphid) on tree at north side of Bedford Hill, just east of path on east side of railway line, March 2019, and several on epicormic growth on tree beside Elmbourne Rd, opposite no.84, February 2023.

T. cordata, small-leaved lime. TQ296724, Bedford Woods, one fine, mature tree, June 2009-20; also planted on south side of path leading from Dr Johnson Ave to the café, June 2011; avenue planted to replace *Aesculus hippocastanum* trees cut down, autumn 2017-23.

Galls: *Eriophyes lateannulatus* (mite), July 2019-21, mentioned, by Tommy Root in *London Naturalist* 99: 28 (2020), and May 2021; and *E. leiosoma* on tree in Bedford Woods June 2020, and trees in Avenue May 2021.

T. mongolica, Mongolian lime. Small trees, planted c. 2 years ago, near cafe and elsewhere, August 2013-18; only one tree remaining after the replacement of Chestnut Avenue, April 2019-23.

T. tomentosa, silver lime. One tree, planted, near Sternhold Ave entrance to Common, August 2015-19 (and earlier).

Gall: ?*Eriophyes tiliae*, May 2019.

Eulecanium tiliae, nut scale, on unidentified *Tilia* beside Rastell Ave, May 2022.

CISTACEAE (Rock-rose family)

Cistus ?laurifolius, laurel-leaved rock-rose. Between Sternhold Ave entrance and railway bridge, one large shrub, recently planted and looking unlikely to survive, July 2014, dead August 2014.

TROPAEOLACEAE (Nasturtium Family)

Tropaeolum majus, nasturtium. In debris beside garden fence behind Bedford Hill bus stop,

one immature plant, July 2021, not persisting August 2021; one seedling in same place, September 2022; one plant on earth bank surrounding acid grassland area near Athletics Track, November 2022; no flowering plants seen on the Common.

LIMNANTHACEAE (Meadow-foam Family)

Limnanthes douglasii, meadow-foam. TQ293725. Near south-west corner of Bedford Field, small area in grassland, disturbed by vehicles in 2003, one tiny plant, 2004; 'Barry Nicholson e-mailed me a photograph of a mystery plant on Tooting Bec Common which I recognised as ... *Limnanthes douglasii*' [Rodney M. Burton, Botanical records for 2004, *London Naturalist* 84: 220, 1995]. Not persisting.

RESEDACEAE (Mignonette Family)

Reseda lutea, wild mignonette. 'Railway bank, Tooting Common, F.J Hanbury' [1851-1838], C.E. Salmon, Flora of Surrey, 1931: 152.

R. luteola, weld. October 2003; one plant near southeast end of Lake, August 2012; one small, now dead, plant in grass at west side of Reedbed, August 2014; one plant in Lakeside Play Space, May 2020; several small plants near western edge of Amphibia Pools area, July 2022-23.

BRASSICACEAE (Cabbage Family)

Erysimum cheiri, wallflower. 2004-10; one small plant in rough grassland in front of Drew's Cottages, February 2011; immature plants in 'gardened' area beside Triangle Play Area, February 2018; one mature, but non-flowering plant under hedge beside Triangle Play Area, February 2023, flowering April 2023.

E. x marshallii, Siberian wallflower, one plant at back of Hillbury Rd, April 2017.

Arabidopsis thaliana, thale cress. April 2004; Hillbury Rd, top of the Lodge garden wall, March 2011-23, and elsewhere, 2012-18.

Capsella bursa-pastoris, shepherd's-purse. March 2004-22; flowering 26 December 2016.

Fungus: *Albugo candida*, white rust, August 2019 (and earlier), 2023; mentioned – as *Albino candida* – by Tommy Root in *London Naturalist* 99: 28 (2020).

Rorippa sp., yellow cress. At edge of path by Triangle Play Area, August 2009-13, 2019-23; small plants beside Amphibian Pools, August 2015.

Nasturtium officinale (formerly *Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum*), watercress. TQ294721. Ecology Pond, July 2004.

Armoracia rusticana, horse-radish. On bank at west side of Amphibia Pools Area, August 2004-22; also small clump under pine trees on north side of Area, May 2022; one plant under aspen trees near Triangle Play Area, June 2022; one small plant at northwest side of Amphibia Pools Area, July 2022.

Cardamine flexuosa, wavy bitter-cress. Beside path leading from northeast corner of Woodfield to Abbotswood Rd, one plant, March 2020, and elsewhere, April 2020.

C. hirsuta, hairy bitter-cress. April 2010-23; at south side of Dr Johnson Ave, and at edge of tennis courts, February 2022.

C. pratensis, cuckooflower. Beside Lake, one plant, April 2015; wet patch at edge of Woodfield, several plants, May 2015-18, not found 2019, c.80 plants found mainly towards the north east corner 2020, only basal foliage due to mowing 2021, one flowering stalk May 2021, more widespread 2023; one plant beside *Phragmites* patch at northeast corner of the Lake, May 2019-20, and in reedbed at southwest corner of Lake, May 2020.

C. occulta, Asian bitter-cress, at base of *Tilia cordata* tree in Chestnut Ave, January 2021, one mature plant and several seedlings, identification confirmed by Tim Rich, January 2021; one small plant January 2022.

Lepidium coronopus (formerly *Coronopus squamatus*), swinecress. Disturbed area near Dr Johnson Ave car-park, one immature plant, June 2010; several plants in 'garden' at edge of recently reconstructed Triangle Play Area, June 2012, and elsewhere, June 2014-21.

L. didymum (formerly *Coronopus didymus*), lesser swinecress. 2003-23.

L. draba, hoary cress. At edge of shrubs at east side of Reed-bed, June 2010-12, 2020.

L. ruderale, narrow-leaved pepperwort. 'New made road'. W.F. Saunders, September 1891 [Aberystwyth University Herbarium, H @ H].

Lunaria annua, honesty. TQ295722. Edge of Streatham Woods, 2004-21, and elsewhere 2019, 2022-23.

Lobularia maritima, sweet alison. Between path and railway line near Triangle Play Area, large patch, January 2014-15, not found since.

Erophila verna, common whitlowgrass. Menage Area, many plants, March 2014-19; fewer plants 2020, 2021, tiny plants 2023; in brick-paved area at entrance to Running Track and elsewhere, March 2020-22; on north side of Bedford Hill railway bridge, March 2023.

Diplotaxis muralis, annual wall-rocket. 'Tooting Common, railway bank', C.I. Paton, 26 September 1914 [BM]; 'Tooting Bec Common, ballast of railway embankment', J.B. Evans, 6 October 1937 [BM].

D. tenuifolia, perennial wall-rocket. Several plants in rough grass between Reed-bed and Tooting Bec Rd, July 2010-22.

Sinapis arvensis, charlock. North side of Lake, May 2013-14; Triangle Field, in area recently disturbed by work by Thames Water, c.10 plants, November 2022.

Brassica nigra, black mustard. On southwest side of Lake, July 2004, and elsewhere May 2015-20.

B. oleracea, cabbage. On earth bank on south side of acid grassland area, Lido Field, three or four plants, with cabbage white butterfly (*Pieris rapae*) caterpillars, June 2018-19, December 2021, several plants April 2022, May 2023; one plant in area recently cleared of brambles opposite path leading from Culverden Rd to the Common, June 2020-21; one plant in shrub patch at junction of Elmbourne Rd with Tooting Bec Rd, April 2023.

B. ?rapa, turnip. At base of tree beside path running parallel to Hillbury Rd, May 2012.

B. sp., at edge of Lake, adjacent to *Cosmos* and *Tagetes*, one small plant, October 2014.

Cochlearia ?danica, Danish scurvygrass. On pedestrian island of crossing at junction of Tooting Bec Rd with Church Lane, March 2020, not found 2021.

Sisymbrium officinale, hedge mustard. April 2004-22.

Fungus: *Albugo candida*, white rust, on plant beside Bedford Hill at north end of Streatham Woods, June 2012.

Alliaria petiolata, garlic mustard, 2003-22; flowering 25 March 2020.

Iberis umbellatus, candytuft. TQ293725. Near south-west corner of Bedford Field, small area in grassland, disturbed by vehicles in 2003, one tiny plant, 2004. Not persistin

POLYGONACEAE (Knotweed Family)

Persicaria amphibia, amphibious bistort. Dragmire Lane railway bridge, by ditch with seasonal water, August 2010-23; flowering July 2021; R. Clarke recorded on Tooting Bec Common 'Polygonum amphibium, Alopecurus geniculatus, Myriophyllum spicatum and Chamaemelum nobile' [London Naturalist 45: 18, 1966]; said to have been planted in Amphibian Pools area 2014; in frequently flooded area at south side of Bedford Field, August 2023.

P. maculosa, redshank, 2003-20.

Bistorta amplexicaulis, red bistort. Extending through Furzedown Lodge garden fence, May 2020-21.

Polygonum aviculare, knotgrass. Listed in 'Flowers of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA,

IV/66/1/4,5,6); July 2004-22.

Fallopia baldschuanica, Russian vine. Extending through hedge from Culverden Rd garden, September 2010-20; also on ground (not climbing) in woodland behind Hillbury Rd, September 2017.

F. convolvulus, black bindweed. Semi-cultivated area in front of Drews Cottages, September 2009; Menage Area, July 2012-13; Triangle Play Area, disturbed ground, June 2014; and elsewhere, July 2023.

Reynoutria japonica, Japanese knotweed. Bedford Field, small clump spreading from railway embankment towards north end of field, July 2010; also clump in bramble thicket near northeast corner of Triangle Field, August 2011-20, removed 2020.

Rumex acetosella, sheep's sorrel. Indicative of acid grassland areas, 2003-23.

R. acetosa, common sorrel. Listed in 'Flowers of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); edge of Streatham Woods, May 2010-14, scarce; Triangle Play Area, one plant, October 2014, and elsewhere (becoming more common?) 2015; several plants at edge of bramble patch in southeast corner of Bedford Field, May 2020-23.

R. crispus, curled dock. TQ294725, Bedford Field, Brian Wurzell, July 2004 and elsewhere, May 2021.

R. conglomeratus, clustered dock - as above; 'Tooting Common, 4 September 1891, William Whitwell, see *Birmingham Botany Collections – The Herbarium of William Whitwell*, ed. P. Watson & M. Ali, 2014: 63 (on line)..

R. obtusifolius, broad-leaved dock. Near Lake, 2012-20 and elsewhere, May 2021.

Leafmine: *Pegomya* sp. (a fly), August 2012-13.

R. patientia, patience dock. At edge of scrub at north side of Tooting Bec Rd, near its junction with Elmbourne Rd, April 2019-23.

Leafmine: *Pegomya* sp. (a fly), May 2021.

R. sanguineus, wood dock. Common, June 2014 (and undoubtedly earlier) -21.

R. sanguineus cv., red-veined sorrel. Thrown out from Hillbury Rd garden, December 2021.

R. x schulzei, a hybrid dock. TQ294725, Bedford Field, Brian Wurzell, July 2004.

CARYOPHYLLACEAE (Pink Family)

Stellaria graminea, lesser stitchwort. Listed in 'Flowers of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); Bedford Field, near bench near north end of Bedford Woods, also in grass at edge of Streatham Woods near Winter Pond, and elsewhere, June 2010-12, 2021-23.

S. holostea, greater stitchwort, Bedford Field, beside rough path beside the railway line, April 2023.

S. media, common chickweed. Listed in 'Flowers of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); March 2004-23.

? *Stellaria pallida*, lesser chickweed, Lakeside Play Space, May 2020.

Cerastium glomeratum, sticky mouse-ear. Widespread in mown grassy areas, April 2021 (and doubtlessly earlier).

C. spp., mouse-ears, June 2011-2023.

Sagina cf. apetala, annual pearlwort. Pavement on north side of Bedford Hill, July 2010.

Polycarpon tetraphyllum, four-leaved allseed. Beside Furzedown Rd, May 2020, many plants May 2021, abundant April 2022; also beside Church Lane, June 2020.

Spergula arvensis, corn spurrey. North side of Tooting Bec Rd between its junctions with Church Lane and Dr Johnson Ave, at base of young, recently planted columnar *Quercus* tree, one plant presumably introduced with it, July 2014; apparently not persisting; young plant in fenced-off areas temporarily sown with grass following work by Thames Water at north end of what was Chestnut Ave, July 2020.

Spergularia rubra, sand spurrey. June 2004-12, Menage Area, July 2016-18; one plant near

tennis courts, July 2019; many plants on dryish, more or less bare soil near junction of Elmbourne Rd with Dr Johnson Ave, May 2022-23

Agrostemma githago, corncockle. TQ2911721. 'Tooting Bec Common, near pond with island [i.e. Ecology Pond, now Reedbed]', Elizabeth Norman, 1996; 'Elizabeth Norman ... [found] viper's bugloss *Echium vulgare* and corncockle *Agrostemma githago* near a pond on Tooting Bec Common', Rodney M. Burton, Botanical records for 1996, *London Naturalist* 76: 195, 1997. Norman was presumably referring to the Ecology Pond, now Reedbed, near which *Echium vulgare* has grown for many years; 'not found', Ian Kitching, August 2009; several young plants in fenced-off areas temporarily sown with grass following work by Thames Water at north end of what was Chestnut Ave, July 2020, several stunted plants there June 2021.

Silene coronaria, rose campion. North side of Tooting Bec Rd between its junctions with Church Lane and Dr Johnson Ave, at base of young, still staked, *Tilia*, one plant presumably introduced with it, June 2014-18, not found 2020-21; one plant at edge of Woodfield, June 2018, two plants October 2018, thriving 2019-21; ?seedlings at base of *Tilia cordata* tree towards north end of former Chestnut Ave, December 2020; ?seedlings at west side of Amphibia Pools Area, May 2022; c.10 young plants there, April 2023.

S. dioica, red campion. Streatham Woods, and elsewhere, April 2010-23; at south end of Lido enclosure, January 2021; apparently becoming more widespread, 202-23.

S. flos-cuculi, ragged robin. Recently planted by Amphibian Pools, September 2014; surviving but not doing well, August 2015; thriving May 2018-21, 2023.

S. latifolia, white campion. May 2004, July 2009, June 2012-19; under pine trees near Amphibia Pools and elsewhere, May 2020, June 2023.

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AMARANTHACEAE (Goosefoot Family)

Atriplex sp., an orache. Waste ground, July 2012-13.

Chenopodium album, fat hen. Menage Area, July 2012, 2016-17 and elsewhere 2013-15; disturbed ground in Lido Field and elsewhere, 2018; one plant pavement weed Emmanuel Rd and several in fenced-off areas temporarily sown with grass following work by Thames Water at north end of what was Chestnut Ave, 2020; in resown areas, July 2022; near toilet block at junction of Tooting Bec Rd with Dr Johnson Ave, June 2023; large colony in Triangle Field where soil disturbed in 2022 by Thames Water works, July 2023.

C. giganteum, tree spinach. Triangle Field, on bare ground under trees south of Drews Cottages, c.6 small plants, October 2020-21; 2 plants in rough area in front of Drews Cottages, September 2022.

Lipandra polysperma (formerly *Chenopodium polyspermum*), many-seeded goosefoot. TQ293722. Lido Field, sports pitch, after reseeding, 2003. [BM], at edge of Triangle Field hard sports pitch and around Triangle Play Area, where it has been for several years, July 2012-14, 2018-19, disturbed areas in Triangle Field, August 2018; several young plants in fenced-off areas temporarily sown with grass following work by Thames Water at north end of what was Chestnut Ave, July 2020; Bedford Field on disturbed, almost bare, ground August 2021; not seen 2022; several plants near toilets at junction of Tooting Bec Rd with Dr Johnson Ave, June 2023.

Beta vulgaris ssp. *cicla*, foliage beet. Several plants on disturbed soil beside Garrads Rd, near its junction with Bedford Hill, December 2009, persisting, December 2010, May 2011, March 2012; searched for but not found again until August 2018 when several plants present; June 2020, several plants.

Amaranthus albus, white amaranth. TQ293722. Lido Field, sports pitch, after reseeding, 2003. [BM].

A. hybridus, green amaranth - as above. [BM].

A. sp., an amaranth. Hillbury Rd pavement, one plant, June 2020.

PHYTOLACCACEAE (Pokeweed Family)

Phytolacca ?americana, [?American] pokeweed. Bedford Field, cleared corner south of Dragmire Lane railway bridge, one plant, July 2012; possibly more than one plant, but difficult to know due to dense vegetation, 2013-14; one plant 2015; not found since.

MONTIACEAE (Blinks Family)

Claytonia perfoliata, springbeauty. TQ294724. Menage Area, on sand, April 2008 [not previously seen locally], March 2012-20, not found 2022, a few plants April 2023.

HYDRANGEACEAE (Mock-orange family)

Deutzia scabra, deutzia. Outside fence around Furzedown Lodge, May 2021 (and undoubtedly earlier)

Philadelphus coronarius, mock-orange. Listed in 'Shrubs of Tooting Common, 1933' mss (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); 'Furzedown Lodge', J.E. Lousley, 'Trees of Streatham' mss, 1937 (LA IV/66/1/11 (a-e); Bedford Woods, solitary shrub at edge of clearing near Bedford Hill, December 2012-23; also at edge of Lido, where presumably planted many years ago, August 2013; large shrub beside fence northeast of Bleak Lane railway bridge, May 2020; presumably planted in scrub in Lakeside Play Area, October 2021-.

CORNACEAE (Dogwood Family)

Cornus sanguinea, dogwood. Near northwest corner of Lake, presumably planted, August 2012 (and earlier).

C. sericea, red-osier dogwood. Planted, e.g. near Lake, 2003.

C kousa, Chinese dogwood. One recently planted tree in rough ground at back of Birchwood Rd, May 2023; not found, presumably removed, August 2023.

C. sp., a dogwood. Bedford Hill, beside track running behind Culverden Rd.

Leafmine: *Phthomyza agromyzina* (fly), September 2012.

BALSAMINACEAE (Balsam Family)

Impatiens parviflora, small balsam. Bedford Hill, on and beside dead, or dying, tree trunks placed at edge of field beside Bedford Hill to prevent vehicles entering the Common, c.12 plants, July 2014-15; not seen 2016, when area flooded for much of the time, or since.

PRIMULACEAE (Primrose Family)

Primula veris, cowslip. 'Odd spot, small area of uncut grass, between Tooting Bec Rd and Wildlife Pond/Reed-bed, quite a cluster', Mike Squires, reported July 2010; also seen 2011-14 (not doing well 2014), looking healthy 2015, apparently only one plant surviving 2016; several plants seen here and nearby 2018-19, not found since. Solitary plant in Bedford Field near the copper beech tree, reported by Joanna Pascoe May 2022; producing two flower stalks, April 2023.

P. vulgaris, primrose. Triangle Field, one or two small plants growing amongst garden debris thrown over fence from Abbotswood Rd, April 2019; c.6 plants March 2020, one plant March 2021-22.

Hottonia palustris, water violet. 'On the Common, between Tooting and Streatham [W.] Pamp[il] Cat[alogue of the rarer species of Indigenous Plants in the vicinity of Battersea and Clapham, etc., 1827', C.E. Salmon, *Flora of Surrey*, 1931: 443; Tooting Common, Muriel

Saunders, May 1848 [Aberystwyth University Herbarium, H @ H]; 'on the Common between Tooting and Streatham', Pamplin, 1827: 6; 'on the Common between Tooting and Streatham', A. Irvine' (J.A. Brewer, *Flora of Surrey*, 1863, presumably copied from Pamplin's work; the only Tooting Common record in this work); it appeared in the Tooting Common Pond c. 1890', 'Other Old Streatham Records' (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6).

Lysimachia punctata, dotted loosestrife. In rough area at back of Abbotswood Rd, presumably discarded from garden, two flowering stems, July 2022, increasing 2023.

L. nummularia, creeping jenny. Planted beside Amphibian Pool 2014, not seen August 2015 or since.

L. arvensis (formerly *Anagallis arvensis*), scarlet pimpernel. Triangle Play Area, disturbed ground, one small plant, June 2014; Hillbury Rd pavement, one plant, June 2020; beside Tooting Bec Rd, June 2020.

Cyclamen hederifolium, autumn-flowering sowbread. Bedford Woods, one well established plant beside path, leaves only, November 2011; flowers only, September 2012-13, white-flowered plants also present, August 2018; woodland behind the cafe, presumably from gardens in Hillbury Rd., both leaves and white flowers present, October 2012; and elsewhere, mainly in strip of trees dividing Woodfield from Triangle Field, October 2020.

ERICACEAE (Heather Family)

Calluna vulgaris, heather. 'Both slow-worm and common lizard were met with, especially amongst the clumps of heather which grew in patches along the edge bordering the railway on the western edge', 'Stray notes on the past fauna of Tooting Common 1887-1894, by F.W. Frowhawk, F.R.E.S, M.B.OU.' mss (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); 'Tooting Common, 6 October 1918. 'A large patch of heather was destroyed by fire on Tooting Graveney Common in 1882 or 1883. A few scattered plants survived on both Tooting Common and Tooting Graveney Common for many years. The present specimen grew near the last patch of dwarf gorse [*Ulex minor*] on Tooting Common', C.I. Paton, [BM; detailed map showing location attached to sheet].

Erica tetralix, cross-leaved heath. Indicated, apparently towards northeast corner of Lido Field, on map attached to C.I. Paton's *Calluna vulgaris* specimen in BM, but no material found.

GARRYACEAE (Spotted laurel family)

Aucuba japonica, spotted laurel. Graveney Woods, one young, apparently self-sown plant; leaves dark green with very few large yellow spots, October 2012-23; three small plants, apparently seedlings with spotted leaves beneath parent plant growing in Culverden Rd garden, March 2018-23; two small variegated plants growing near fence at back of Hillbury Rd near Bedford Hill bus stop, October 2021-22.

RUBIACEAE (Bedstraw Family)

Sherardia arvensis, field madder. TQ293725. Near south-west corner of Bedford Field, small area in grassland, disturbed by vehicles in 2003, one tiny plant, 2004. Not persisting.

Galium aparine, cleavers. Listed in 'Flowers of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); common, April 2004 -23.

Galls: *Cecidophyes rouhollahi* (mite), common on plants at edge of Streatham Woods, November 2011; beside fence at back of Hillbury Rd, May 2020; and elsewhere, May 2021-22; *Dasineura aparines* (midge), on plant at edge of shrubs on north side of children's playground, and elsewhere 2018.

G. odoratum, woodruff. Extending from garden into track leading from southeast corner of Woodfield, March 2017, not found 2020, small non-flowering clump 2021, not found 2022.

G. ?saxatile, heath bedstraw. Lido Field, one plant, July 2019

G. verum, lady's bedstraw. Listed in 'Flowers of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); 'Tooting Bec Common, southeast part, introduced,' Elizabeth Norman, 2000; TQ296718, grassy clearing near Winter Pond; presumably introduced, 2003-15; abundant at edge of planted woodlands south of café, July 2010-20; one plant at base of streetlight on east side of Dr Johnson Ave, May 2020, apparently spreading 2021.

APOCYNACEAE (Periwinkle Family)

Vinca major, greater periwinkle. Small plant in woodland behind Hillbury Rd, and spreading from Culverden Rd gardens, 'In 1994 grabbed a chunk of periwinkle from the Common where it had escaped from a garden in Culverden Rd; I planted it in my garden and it has flowered every year since' [Rosie Johnson, April 2020], 2009-23; south side of Bedford Hill, near path that runs from Bedford Hill to the Lake, one plant recently dumped from garden, April 2018, thriving April 2019-23; rough area at back of Abbotswood Rd, January 2020, at back of Hillbury Rd, January 2021.

V. minor, lesser periwinkle. February 2004; form with purplish flowers, 'Atropurpurea'. well established in scrub on south side of Reed-bed, December 2010-14, seems to have reverted to normal-coloured form 2015-22, not found 2023; beside fence at north side of Woodfield, March 2023.

HYDROPHYLLACEAE (Phacelia Family)

Phacelia tanacetifolia, phacelia. Triangle Field, in area recently disturbed by work by Thames Water, 2 non-flowering plants, December 2022.

BORAGINACEAE (Borage Family)

Echium vulgare, viper's bugloss. TQ291721 'Tooting Bec Common, near pond with island [i.e. Ecology Pond, then Reed-bed, now Amphibia Pools], one plant', Elizabeth Norman, 1996; 'Elizabeth Norman ... [found] viper's bugloss *Echium vulgare* and corncockle *Agrostemma githago* near a pond on Tooting Bec Common', Rodney M. Burton, Botanical records for 1996, *London Naturalist* 76: 195, 1997; mound near Reed-bed, June 2010-22; also present c. 10 years earlier and presumably in between

Symphytum grandiflorum, creeping comfrey. In front of Drews Cottages, April 2015-19.

S. orientale, white comfrey. TQ289718. Near Athletics Track, beside path running parallel to West Drive, April 2010 (but has been there for over 10 years) - 15, and elsewhere, June 2012-22, apparently becoming more abundant 2019.

S. sp., a comfrey. Scruffy area in front of Drews Cottages, one small clump, June 2011.

S. sp., a comfrey. Lido Field, under *Corylus colurna* tree to new entrance to Lido, July 2012.

Lycopsis arvensis, bugloss. Several plants in former Menage Area, May 2023.

Pentagottis sempervirens, green alkanet. Conspicuous and common, 2004-23.

Leafmine: *Dialectica imperialella* (moth), August 2019.

Borago officinalis, borage. Triangle Field, several young plants on disturbed, semi-cultivated ground in front of Drews Cottages, October 2009; one stunted plant on earth bank south of acid grassland area in Lido Field, August 2018; one large plant on north side of Amphibia Pools area, September 2019.

Myosotis ?arvensis, field forget-me-not, several plants in reseeded area in Bedford Field beside path at back of Culverden Rd, May 2022.

M. scorpioides, water forget-me-not, May 2004; said to have been planted in Amphibian Pools area 2014; on floating raft in Lake, May 2018.

M. sylvatica, forget-me-not. Disturbed ground in front of Drews Cottages, one plant, August 2012, and elsewhere, April 2013-23.

CONVULVULACEAE (Bindweed Family)

Convolvulus arvensis, field bindweed. Streatham Woods, clearing near railway line near north end of wood, September 2013, and earlier; and elsewhere, July 2014-22.

Calystegia pulchra, hairy bindweed. Rough ground at back of Birchwood Rd, one large plant, July 2019, rampant June 2020-23.

C. sepium, hedge bindweed. TQ293725. Unmown grassland near south-east corner of Bedford Field, one plant, July 2012, and elsewhere, 2014, 2020.

C. silvatica, large bindweed. Common, December 2010-20.

SOLANACEAE (Nightshade Family)

Lycium sp., a teaplant. Growing through fence near former entrance to Lido, July 2010.

Solanum dulcamara, bittersweet, 2003-22.

S. crispum, Chilean potato vine. Growing through patch of brambles behind, but well away from Hillbury Rd gardens. July 2015-19; lost when bramble patch cleared, winter 2019-20; about 5 small plants found, January 2021; flowering extremely well, May 2022.

S. lycopersicum, tomato. Beside Lido railings, one small, immature plant, November 2013; c.8 plants beneath *Aesculus hippocastanum* tree at junction of Tooting Bec Rd with Dr Johnson Ave, September 2014, and elsewhere 2018-9, 2021-3.

S. nigrum, black nightshade. October 2003, 2013-20, 2022.

S. tuberosum, potato. Semi-cultivated area in front of Drews Cottages, one plant, July 2019; Emmanuel Rd, at edge of pavement, one sprouting tuber, July 2021.

OLEACEAE (Ash Family)

Forsythia x intermedia, forsythia. One shrub beside path on south side of Dragmire Lane railway bridge, ? planted, March 2011-22; also on island in Lake, March 2019-20 and fenced off area on east side of Lake, March 2020-23 (and no doubt much earlier).

[*Jasminum nudiflorum*, winter jasmine. Spreading from garden in Hillbury Rd, December 2009-19. IDENTIFICATION UNCERTAIN].

J. officinale, summer jasmine. Spreading from garden in Hillbury Rd, June 2019-22.

Fraxinus excelsior, ash. The most recent extensive planting was carried out by the L.C.C. in 1893, when 200 trees were put in [including] 7 common ashes', 'The Natural History of the Streatham Commons' mss (Lambeth Archives, IV/66/1/4,5,6). Common, 2003-23. Two mature trees of 'Monophylla' form (with *Aceria fraxinivorus*, August 2012-18), Triangle Field, near Bedford Hill end of path, July 2009-19; single mature tree near junction of Church Lane with Furzedown Rd, September 2013.

Galls: *Aceria fraxinivorus*, December 2009-19; *Dasineura fraxinii* on tree at edge of Streatham Woods, June 2012; *Psyllopsis fraxini*, ash leaflet roll gall (a plant louse), on tree at back of Hillbury Rd gardens, July 2012, and elsewhere, 2013-19, 2022.

Fungus: Two young plants with *Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*, ash dieback, at north edge of Bedford Woods and elsewhere, June 2018-21; apparently infecting a mature tree near the entrance to the Lido, August 2019.

F. ornus, manna ash. Planted, e.g. in café woodland near Bedford Hill, also apparently self-sown beside south side of railway near Emmanuel Road/Triangle Field railway bridge, July 2009-20; also young plants near Bedford Hill bus stop, June 2010-7, 2023, and near junction of Dr Johnson Ave with Tooting Bec Rd, July 2014, and elsewhere, April 2019, including Bedford Woods well away from any known mature tree, October 2019.

Some of the older *F. ornus* trees are presumably the remains of 7 described as *Fraxinus argentea*: this is a south European species, now called *F. rotundifolia*; but I cannot find any of

them now', planted by the L.C.C. in 1893, 'The Natural History of the Streatham Commons' mss (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6).

Gall: *Aceria fraxinivorus*, December 2010-19.

Syringa vulgaris, lilac. Suckers spreading from Culverden Rd back gardens, September 2010-4, November 2022-23; solitary shrub in scrubby area at back of Abbotswood Rd, May 2020.

Ligustrum lucidum, Chinese privet. At edge of wooded area at north end of the Lido, August 2012 and earlier.

L. ovalifolium, garden privet. Listed in 'Shrubs of Tooting Common, 1933' mss ([LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); March 2004-23; variegated form planted near new entrance to Lido, July 2012 and earlier.

L. vulgare, privet. TQ292727. Railway embankment, several shrubs, March 2004-22; and elsewhere, 2013-21.

VERONICACEAE (Speedwell Family)

Digitalis purpurea, foxglove. June 2004; one flowering plant in Bedford Woods, May 2016; one plant, not yet flowering, at edge of Graveney Woods, May 2020 (pulled up before flowering), one dead plant, which hadn't set seed, on the island in the Lake, September 2020; unlocalized May 2022, reported by Teti Ana.

Veronica anagallis-aquatica, blue water-speedwell. Recently disturbed ground beside new Amphibian Pools, one plant, June 2014; several small plants (not planted), August 2015; one fine plant beside vegetation raft in Lake, May 2019.

V. arvensis, wall speedwell. Solitary plant at edge of tennis courts, May 2018; numerous plants on paved areas around Athletics Track, May 2020; and elsewhere, June 2021-23.

V. beccabunga, brooklime. Said to have been planted in Amphibian Pools area 2014 (? misidentification of the preceding species); on vegetation raft in Lake, September 2017.

V. chamaedrys, germander speedwell. Under tree at south-west corner of Bedford Field, May 2012; under *Quercus robur* in Lido Field, 2019, apparently lost due to trampling 2021; at edge of bramble patch in southeast corner of Bedford Field, May 2020-21; and elsewhere 2021; several large clump at edge of strip of trees along north side of Tooting Bec Rd between Dr Johnson Ave and the former menage area, May 2023.

Gall: *Jaapiella veronicae* (midge), August 2019.

V. ?dieffenbachii (*Hebe dieffenbachia*), Dieffenbach's hebe. On mature shrub beside 51 Birchwood Rd garden fence, presumably planted, January 2019-23.

V. hederifolia, ivy-leaved speedwell. March 2004-22.

V. persica, common field speedwell. April 2004, 2015; one clump of several plants at margin of Bedford Woods beside Bedford Hill, August 2011; scattered March 2018-23.

V. serpyllifolia, thyme-leaved speedwell. Southeast part of Bedford Field, area beneath plane trees flooded in winter, one plant, July 2014, and elsewhere 2015-20.

Antirrhinum majus, snapdragon. Several mature plants in small clearing in wood behind café, presumably thrown out from gardens in Hillbury Road, December 2009-12, 2018.

Cymbalaria muralis, ivy-leaved toadflax. Beside path leading from Abbotswood Rd to Woodfield, January 2019-22.

Linaria purpurea, purple toadflax. TQ294723. Bedford Woods, clearing, August 2004; Emmanuel Rd kerbside, one plant, October 2019, 2021, pink-flowered form, June 2023.

L. vulgaris, common toadflax. May 2004.

PLANTAGINACEAE (Plantain Family)

Plantago coronopus, buck's-horn plantain. Narrow strip along the north side of Tooting Bec Rd., 2003-19, spreading c. 10m away from Rd, 2013, and beside other roads, June 2012-22;

well away from road in field between Tooting Bec Rd and the Lake, August 2015 (according to Robin Blades in *London Natural History Society Newsletter*, 238: 7, August 2015, this plant seems 'now to turn up almost everywhere, not just on the salted roadsides which this maritime species first colonised'); vigorously colonizing former Menage Area, May 2018 and in Woodfield, June 2018; abundant in the Triangle Play Area, May 2020; thriving, May 2023. *P. lanceolata*, ribwort plantain. Listed in 'Flowers of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); common, 2003-21; plants with teratological flowerheads common, June 2014, June 2019.

P. major, greater plantain. Listed in 'Flowers of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); 2003-20.

CALLITRICHACEAE (Water-starwort Family)

Callitriche platycarpa, various-leaved water-starwort. Tooting Common, H & J Groves, 20 May 1876, Botanical Exchange Club, herb. A. Ley [University of Birmingham herbarium, H @ H; duplicate specimen searched for in BM, July 2018, but not found].

C. stagnalis, common water-starwort. Said to have been planted in Amphibian Pools area 2014, not seen 2015; 'Pool, Tooting Common', H. Groves, 20 May 1876, **BM**.

SCROPHULARIACEAE (Figwort Family)

Scrophularia auriculata, water figwort. Said to have been planted in Amphibian Pools area 2014.

S. nodosa, common figwort. Fenced off area on north side of Cavendish Rd railway bridge, June 2011-14, and elsewhere, June 2014; one plant in One O'Clock Club playground, June 2020.

Leafmine: *Amauromyza verbascii* (fly), July 2014.

Phygelis capensis, Cape figwort. 'In entrance to Graveney Woods down from the main entrance to the Athletics Track', found by Mike Langdon, June 2022.

Buddleja davidii, butterfly bush. Colonising Reed-bed, December 2010-16; Streatham Woods; several bushes beside railway fence, March 2012; and elsewhere, May 2018-23; one plant with white flowers in the former Menage Area, August 2019.

Verbascum ?thapsus, great mullein. By edge at edge of Triangle Play Space, one immature plant, August 2013; one immature plant on north side of Tooting Bec Rd, just west of its junction with Dr Johnson Ave, February 2022.

ACANTHACEAE (Bear's breech Family)

Acanthus mollis, bear's breech. Triangle Field, thrown out (? or planted) at entrance to Drews Cottages, July 2009; other, young, plants, presumably self-sown, nearby, November 2010-21, larger ones uprooted and left to die January 2020, several plants surviving February 2021-23; one large plant at edge of Graveney Woods, April 2017-21; one plant in scrubby area beside railway line, Emmanuel Field, June 2020.

VERBENACEAE (Vervain Family)

Verbena bonariensis, Argentinian vervain. Emmanuel Rd, kerbside, on Common side of road, three flowering plants, August 2018, not seen since.

LAMIACEAE (Deadnettle Family)

Stachys byzantina, lamb's-ear. One plant in disturbed area behind Woodfield pavilion, April 2019; not seen since.

S. palustris, marsh woundwort. Said to have been planted in Amphibian Pools area 2014,

not seen.

S. sylvatica, hedge woundwort. 2003-18; south of Dragmire Lane railway bridge, 2020-21; emerging from bramble patch on south side of Bedford Hill, July 2023.

Ballota nigra, black horehound. Listed in 'Flowers of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); 2008-23; flowering 26 December 2016 and 1 January 2021; one white-flowered stem amongst clump stems with normal flowers, north side of Triangle Field, June 2020.

Lamiastrum galeobdolon ssp. *argenteum*, a subspecies of yellow archangel. TQ292724. Woodland behind the cafe; presumably grown from material thrown out from gardens in Hillbury Rd., December 2009-23, spreading; also in scrub near path at southeast corner of Triangle Field, December 2010-21, and elsewhere 2020.

Lamium album, white deadnettle. Listed in 'Flowers of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); 2009 (and no doubt earlier)-23.

L. amplexicaule, henbit deadnettle, at base of building near entrance to Athletics Track and elsewhere inside the Athletics Track enclosure, March 2020, April 2022.

L. maculatum, spotted deadnettle. Triangle Field, thrown out (? or planted) near entrance to Drews Cottages, April 2009; outside gate to 1 Drews Cottages, June 2020-21.

L. purpureum, red deadnettle. Near junction of Tooting Bec Rd with Dr Johnson Ave; some plants with normal coloured flowers and some with white flowers, April 2010 and beneath *Aesculus hippocastanum* tree at junction of Tooting Bec Rd and Dr Johnson Ave, September 2014; some larger than usual plants with white flowers on east side of Amphibia Pools, May 2018, February 2022; plants with normal coloured flowers elsewhere, 2013-23.

Melissa officinalis, balm. Margin of Bedford Woods, July 2004; fenced off area on north side of Cavendish Rd railway bridge, June 2011, and elsewhere, August 2011-22; apparently spreading, June 2012; thriving, June 2017-19.

Scutellaria altissima, Somerset skullcap. Triangle Field, beside fence of Abbotswood Rd back garden; several plants, May 2019-23.

S. minor, lesser skullcap, 'Tooting Graveney Common', C.I. Paton, 8 August 1909 [BM].

Glechoma hederacea, ground ivy. April 2004-20, beside track leading from southwest corner of Woodfield to Abbotswood Rd, 15 April 2020-22.

Ajuga reptans, bugle. Triangle Field, in damp area beside fence at back of Abbotswood Rd, solitary plant, March 2020, not found 15 April 2020.

Prunella vulgaris, selfheal. Beside Elmbourne Rd, one small plant, June 2010; surprisingly scarce on the Common; also waste ground on south side of Cavendish Rd railway bridge, July 2010-12; Bedford Field, one small plant, July 2015, one patch, June 2023; and elsewhere 2016-18.

Clinopodium vulgare, wild basil. August 2004; Bedford Woods, small quantity, July 2010-12, 2021.

Lycopus europaeus, gypsywort. TQ292721. Edge of Lake, October 2003-23, and Amphibian Pools (where planted in 2014), August 2015; 'Tooting Common', 29 July 1891, William Whitwell, see *Birmingham Botany Collections – The Herbarium of William Whitwell*, ed. P. Watson & M. Ali, 2014: 81 (on line).

Mentha aquatica, water mint. TQ294721. Ecology Pond; presumably introduced, 2003; also near Lake reed-bed, ARV, May 2010, and on eastern bank of Lake at edge of fenced off woodland area, October 2010-19, and elsewhere at edge of Lake, June 2012-23; beside Amphibian Pools, where planted in 2014, August 2015.

Ocimum basilicum, basil (cv known as Greek Basil). Bedford Woods, recently planted at base of oak tree, unlikely to survive, 21 August 2014; area apparently used as a makeshift shrine or memorial with a potted rosemary, an opened bottle of Duvel Belgian golden ale and the remains of two candles placed nearby, 22 August 2014; rosemary, apart from one small

detached sprig, removed, 28 August 2014; basil dead October 2014.

Salvia hispanica, chia. Area flooded in winter at south side of Bedford Field, one immature plant, August 2022, mown down 29 September 2022.

S. rosmarinus (*Rosmarinus officinalis*), rosemary – see *Ocinum basilicum*.

PHRYMACEAE (Monkeyflower Family)

Erythranthe guttata (formerly *Mimulus guttatus*), monkeyflower. ‘TQ287720, Tooting Bec Common, near a small pond, introduced’, Elizabeth Norman, 1996.

OROBANCHACEAE (Broomrape Family)

Odontites verna, red bartsia. August 2004-23; becoming more widespread.

Rhinanthus minor, yellow-rattle. Grassland near Winter Pond, four flowering stalks; TQ292721, defunct reed-bed water purification area near south edge of Lake, large thriving colony, June 2010-13, and elsewhere, 2010-18; generally thriving, June 2014; apparently doing less well, 2016-18; 2020-23; part of colony at southeast corner of Bedford Field mown before seeds had ripened, July 2021; many young plants, May 2023, thriving July 2023.

AQUIFOLIACEAE (Holly Family)

Ilex aquifolium, holly. Listed – ‘several vars., Golden-edged, etc.’ - in ‘Trees of Tooting Common, 1933’ mss ([LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); 2003-23, abundantly flowering May 2023; none of the ‘several vars.’ apparently surviving 2020; one yellow-fruited tree, presumably planted, beside car park at junction of Tooting Bec Rd and Dr Johnson Ave, November 2010-21 (not seen, or not fruiting, December 2022), and similar plants elsewhere, January 2011-22; one plant, presumably planted, beside Dragmire Lane, December 2022.

Leafmine: *Phytomyza ilicis*, holly leafmine (fly), on tree in Graveney Woods, July 2012 and elsewhere, August 2012, 2022.

CAMPANULACEAE (Bellflower Family)

Campanula poscharskyana, trailing bellflower. South side of Bedford Hill, one young plant on bare soil, December 2010, flowering June 2012. Not found since. [Specimens of *C. rotundifolia* searched for in BM, but none found].

ASTERACEAE (Daisy Family)

Arctium lappa, greater burdock. 2003-13.

Leafmine: *Phytomyza lappae*, October 2010-12, 2019.

A. minus, lesser burdock. 2003-12.

Cirsium arvense, creeping thistle. 2003-23. ‘Tooting Common’, 29 August 1891, William Whitwell, see *Birmingham Botany Collections – The Herbarium of William Whitwell*, ed. P. Watson & M. Ali, 2014: 96 (on line).

Gall: *Urophora cardui*, clearings in Streatham Woods, July 2004; common on plants in unmown grassland at edge of Bedford Field, July 2010 and August 2018;

Leafmine: *Chromatomyia atricornis*, auctt. (fly), September 2012; flowers visited by *Lycaena phlaeas*, small copper, July 2010.

C. vulgare, spear thistle. Common, 2003-22, scarce 2013.

? *Onopordum acanthium*, cotton thistle. By fence of Culverden Rd back garden; two seedlings, February 2012; not surviving to maturity.

Centaurea cyanus, cornflower. TQ293725. Near south-west corner of Bedford Field, small area in grassland, disturbed by vehicles in 2003, one tiny plant, 2004. Not persisting. Found by Tove Bellingham in recently reseeded area, May 2022.

C. debeauxii, chalk knapweed. 'Tooting Bec Common, southeast part, introduced', Elizabeth Norman, 2000.

C. montana, perennial cornflower, clearing at edge of Streatham Woods, beneath *Crataegus* tree near Bedford Hill railway bridge; ?originally planted, May 2010-12; not seen since.

C. nigra, knapweed. 2003-23.

Cichorium intybus, chicory. At edge of clump of shrubs by railway line near Drews Cottages, one not yet flowering plant, June 2023, flowering 22 June 2023.

Lapsana communis ssp. communis, nipplewort. 2003-23.

Gall: *Urophora cardui*, clearings in Streatham Woods, July 2004; common on plants in unmown grassland at edge of Bedford Field, July 2010 and August 2018;

L. communis ssp. intermedia, a non-native subspecies of nipplewort. Between railway line and Triangle Play Area, several plants, June 2014, one plant, June 2019.

Carthamus tinctorius, safflower. Area flooded in winter at south side of Bedford Field, one plant, first seen 24 July, last seen 5 September, 2022.

Hypochaeris radicata, cat's-ear. Common. July 2009-21.

Scorzoneroides autumnalis, autumn hawkbit. September 2009-22.

Helminthotheca echioides (formerly *Picris echioides*), bristly oxtongue. Edge of Reed-bed, December 2010, and elsewhere, June 2011-20

Tragopogon pratensis, goat's-beard. June 2010-22; flowering 3 May 2012, 12 April 2017, 11 April 2020, 22 May 2021, 3 May 2023.

T. pratensis ssp. minor. Grassy area beside Tooting Bec Rd near its junction with Elmbourne Rd, May 2020,

T. pratensis ssp. pratensis. One plant by railings around power station at northwest corner of Triangle Field and elsewhere, May 2020.

Sonchus arvensis, perennial sowthistle. Just inside east side of tennis courts, 'some good flowering specimens', September 2010-12, Juliet Cairns; Amphibia Pools area, June 2023; and elsewhere, 2014.

S. asper, prickly sowthistle, January 2020-21 and doubtless earlier.

S. oleraceus, smooth sowthistle. Bare area on south side of Bedford Hill. August 2010, and elsewhere, 2012-23.

Leafmine: *Chromatomyia atricornis* auct. (fly), August 2012, May 2019.

Lactuca seriola, prickly lettuce. 'TQ296720, Tooting Bec Common', Elizabeth Norman, 2000.

L. virosa, great lettuce. Lido Field, at margin of clump of *Crataegus* trees, towards northwest corner, and elsewhere, August 2012-20.

Mycelis muralis, wall lettuce. North end of Streatham Woods, beside path near its junction with Bedford Hill, June 2012, and elsewhere, June 2014, 2023.

Taraxacum officinale agg., dandelion. Listed in 'Flowers of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); common, December 2010-23, and doubtless earlier!

Leafmine: *Chromatomyia atricornis*, auctt. (fly), September 2012.

Crepis capillaris, smooth hawk's-beard. Abundant beside Tooting Bec Rd between its junction with Dr Johnson Ave and the Lido, LNHS/SLBI field meeting, June 2023, and doubtless earlier.

C. biennis, rough hawk's-beard. Amphibian Pools area and nearby, June 2018, and no doubt earlier.

C. vesicaria, beaked hawk's-beard. Strip of grass between shrubs and Tooting Bec Rd, west of Amphibia Pools area, April 2020, and elsewhere May 2021.

Hieracium boreale. 'Camomile and broad-leaved hawkweed (*Anthemis nobilis* & *Hieraceum* [sic.] *boreale* on Tooting Bec Common, J.L.O'Loughlin, D.G. Catcheside, S[trand] S[chool]. I did not see these plants myself, and have not had them confirmed, so have not included

them in the list, 12 October 1924, Sidney Dark mss (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6)

Hieracium sect. Vulgata, a hawkweed. Edge of Streatham Woods, near railway line, many plants, May 2010-12, and elsewhere, August 2012.

Pilosella aurantiaca, fox-and-cubs. Woodfield, May 2015 (sterile), flowering June 2018; site destroyed when Woodfield Pavilion renovated 2018-19; extensive colony on slope beside Tooting Bec Rd, between railway bridge and path leading to the Lido, November 2021.

P. officinarum, mouse-ear hawkweed. On dry bank in 'Amphibian Pools' area, June 2017-19, not found since; several plants in Lido Field 'restored' acid grassland area, October 2021-23.

Helichrysum bracteatum, strawflower. One, red-flowered plant beside carved bench on south side of the Lake, July 2016; also one or two plants beside fallen tree on east side of Chestnut Avenue, staked and obviously cared for even if not deliberately planted, September 2016; not persisting.

? **Filago or Gnaphalium sp.**, a cudweed. Single seedling in garden at edge of recently renovated Triangle Play Area.

? **Laphangium luteoalbum**, Jersey cudweed. Mature and immature plants in the former Menage Area, October 2021-22.

Inula helenium, elecampane. Bedford Field, unmown grassland towards north corner; one plant, not flowering, September 2009; two plants, not flowering, May 2010; flowering, July 2011; clump getting bigger and flowering, July 2012-21; flowering 7 July 2014.

Pulicaria dysenterica, common fleabane. TQ294721. Ecology Pond (now Amphibia Pools area), 2003-20; defunct reed-bed water purification area near south edge of Lake, July 2012-13; Triangle Field, in area fenced off following work by Thames Water, c.2 young plants, September 2022.

Solidago ? gigantea, ? early goldenrod. Near railway bridge, northwest corner of Triangle Field, one small clump, August 2012-18.

Symphotrichum novi-belgii, confused Michaelmas daisy. 'Tooting Bec Common, southeast part', Elizabeth Norman, identified by K.W. Page, 2000.

S. x salignum, common Michaelmas daisy. In Reed-bed, and elsewhere, December 2010-19.

Erigeron sumatrensis (formerly *Conyza sumatrensis*), Guernsey fleabane, January 2020, and doubtless earlier.

Erigeron spp. (formerly *Conyza* spp.), fleabanes. December 2010, and doubtless earlier - 2022.

Bellis perennis, daisy. Listed in 'Flowers of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); 2003-23.

Tanacetum parthenium, feverfew. March 2004-12; one *flore pleno* plant near Dragmire Lane railway bridge, June 2012; one isolated plant at edge of Woodfield, July 2016; one plant at back of Hillbury Rd, October 2022; and elsewhere, May 2018-23.

T. vulgare, tansy. Drews Cottages, against garden fence, presumably planted/cultivated. August 2011; beside Tooting Bec Rd just west of Lido carpark, July 2020-22.

Artemisia vulgaris, mugwort. 2003-23.

Leafmine: *Leucospilapteryx omisella* (moth), August 2012.

Achillea millefolium, yarrow. Listed in 'Flowers of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); 2003-22; flowering 26 December 2016, 4 January 2019, 1 January 2021.

Chamaemelum nobile, chamomile. 'chamomile and broad-leafed hawkweed (*Anthemis nobilis* & *Hieraceum* [sic.] *boreale* on Tooting Bec Common, J.L.O'Loughlin, D.G. Catcheside, S[trand] S[chool]. I did not see these plants myself, and have not had them confirmed, so have not included them in the list, 12 October 1924, Sidney Dark mss (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); 'R. Clarke recorded on Tooting Bec Common] '*Polygonum amphibium*, *Alopecurus geniculatus*, *Myriophyllum spicatum* and *Chamaemelum nobile*' [London

Naturalist 45: 18, 1966]; TQ287722, large patch, apparently increasing in size, in regularly mown spots area, due to mowing rarely flowers – some flowers produced in November some years, 2003-14; apparently spreading, December 2009; with many flowers, August 2011, 2019 and 2021; apparently still spreading, December 2016-21; flowering profusely, August & September 2021. Rodney Burton in his *Flora of the London Area*, 1983: 152 considers the chamomile on Tooting Common to unlikely to be native.

Anthemis arvensis, corn chamomile. Occasional plants in areas reseeded after winter trampling, May 2022.

Glebionis segetum, corn marigold. At edge of scraped area near Athletics Track, presumably sown (with *Papaver rhoeas* and a dark form of *Cirsium arvense*), September 2017; not persisting; one plant in fenced-off areas temporarily sown with grass following work by Thames Water at north end of what was Chestnut Ave, August 2020; one plant in recently reseeded area in Bedford Field, June 2022.

Leucanthemum vulgare, oxeye daisy. ‘Tooting Bec Common, southeast part, chalk grassland [i.e. grassland around Winter Pond], introduced,’ Elizabeth Norman, 2000; area of uncut grass, between Tooting Bec Rd and Reed-bed, flowering 1 May 2012 (and, no doubt, present earlier), and elsewhere, June 2012-20.

Matricaria discoidea, pineapple weed. 2003-22; flowering 26 December 2016, 1 January 2021 and 2 January 2022.

Tripleurospermum inodorum, scentless mayweed, several plants at edge of bare patch towards southwest corner of Bedford Field, July 2022.

Cotula australis, annual buttonweed, Emmanuel Rd, opposite nos 55 & 56, June 2020, July 2021, spreading May 2022; June 2023; identification confirmed by Barry Sneddon and Leon Perrie, Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa.

Senecio inaequidens, narrow-leaved ragwort. One plant on west side of Woodfield, June 2020-21, 2023.

S. squalidus, Oxford ragwort. One plant at edge of Triangle Play Area, October 2016-19.

Fungus: *Puccinia lagenophorae*, June 2018.

S. vulgaris, groundsel. Listed in ‘Flowers of Tooting Common’ [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); 2003-23; flowering 26 December 2016. Fungus: *Puccinia lagenophora*, on small plants on north side of Bedford Hill, west of The Spinney, February 2012, and elsewhere, March 2015-20.

Jacobaea aquatica (formerly *Senecio aquaticus*), marsh ragwort, Amphibia Pools area, October 2019 (and earlier).

J. erucifolia (formerly *Senecio erucifolius*), hoary ragwort. ‘Tooting Bec Common, southeast part, chalk grassland, introduced,’ Elizabeth Norman, 2000; TQ294723, clearing in Bedford Woods, September 2004 [BM] – 2014, few small plants August 2022 (mowed down before they had a chance to flower); and elsewhere, August 2010-19.

J. vulgaris (formerly *Senecio jacobaea*), common ragwort. 2003-20; flowering 26 December 2016. Leafmine: *Liriomyza strigata* (fly), July 2014.

Tussilago farfara, colt's-foot. Listed in ‘Flowers of Tooting Common’ [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); March 2004-2020.

Petasites pyrenaicus (syn. *P. fragrans*), winter heliotrope. ‘Tooting Bec Common, established’, Elizabeth Norman, 1996; woodland behind the café near fence of Hillbury Rd gardens; not flowering, March 2011-21, and elsewhere May 2012-22; the fungus *Ramularia purpurascens* on some leaves of clump at edge of Woodfield field, January 2019-21.

Calendula officinalis, pot marigold. (?one plant) beneath *Crataegus monogyna* tree near southwest corner of Lake, May 2018-22, several plants 1920; planted at base of *Tilia cordata* trees at southern end of what was Chestnut Ave, August 2018, surviving January 2019, removed June 2019, but persisting March 2020-23, another apparently unsuccessful attempt

to plant them June 2020; also, apparently self-sown, elsewhere, February 2019.

Helianthus annuus, sunflower. Many small seedlings, presumably sown, at base of *Tilia cordata* trees in what was Chestnut Avenue, April 2019, removed June 2019, one seedling, June 2020; several September 2020; one not yet flowering plant amongst ?*Acorus* at north side of the Lake, presumably introduced with birdseed, August 2023.

? ***H. tuberosus***, Jerusalem artichoke. Bedford Field, at edge of shrubby area beside railway line, two stalks much eaten by ?snails, June 2012, not seen 2013. Three stalks at edge of Bedford Wood, July 2021, additional two stalks noticed near by, October 2021-22.

Bidens tripartita, trifid bur-marigold. Bare, recently disturbed damp soil near railway line in Bedford Field, c. 4 plants, July 2018-19, many small plants July 2020, several mature plants August 2021; not found 2022; 'Tooting Common, 10 September 1885 & 25 August 1888, William Whitwell, see *Birmingham Botany Collections – The Herbarium of William Whitwell*, ed. P. Watson & M. Ali, 2014: 90 (on line).

Cosmos bipinnatus, Mexican aster. Beside path at southwest corner of Lake, c.10 small plants, July 2014.

Tagetes patula, French marigold. Adjacent to *Cosmos* at southwest corner of lake, one small plant, September 2014.

Eupatorium cannabinum, hemp agrimony. Reed-bed near newly dug Amphibian Pools, one small plant, July 2014-15 (and surely other places earlier?), several plants July 2020; one small plant at edge of Athletics Track, May 2020; on vegetation rafts in Lake, July 2020-23.

ADOXACEAE (Moschatel Family)

Sambucus nigra, elder. Listed in 'Trees of Tooting Common, 1933' mss ([LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); common, 2003-23; tree on north side of Lido carpark flowering 21 March 2020.

Fungi: *Auricularia auricula-judae*, jelly-ear fungus, 2009-10, 2022; *Hydrodontia sambuci*, elder whitewash, January 2019-22.

Viburnum x bodnantense, arrowwood. Reed-bed (formerly Ecology Pond), planted, June 2010-23.

V. lantana, wayfaring tree. Triangle Field, behind Triangle Playground building, one shrub, presumably planted, December 2010-11; also one shrub, presumably planted, by Lido fence, May 2012; young shrubs planted beside path at back of Culverden Rd, December 2016; and elsewhere, June 2018-22; one immature shrub in wooded area on north of railway line, field beside Emmanuel Rd, June 2020. .

V. opulus, guelder-rose. Bedford Field, in strip of shrubs beside railway line, presumably planted, also in planted shrub area near café, 2010-21; young shrubs planted beside path at back of Culverden Rd, December 2016; Lakeside Play Area, planted April 2022; many leaves much damaged by *Pyrrhaltia viburnii*, viburnum-leaf beetle, June 2010-18.

V. rhytidophyllum, wrinkled viburnum. Woodland behind the cafe; presumably from gardens in Hillbury Rd, young shrub, October 2012; also extending from garden of Furzedown Lodge, May 2018-23.

V. tinus, laurustinus. 'Shrubs of Tooting Common, 1933' mss (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); woodland behind the cafe; presumably from gardens in Hillbury Rd., young shrub, October 2012-23; leaves much damaged by *Pyrrhaltia viburnii*, viburnum-leaf beetle, August 2018; also small plant in wooded area between Drewstead Rd entrance and Drews Cottages, March 2020.

CAPRIFOLIACEAE (Honeysuckle Family)

Symphoricarpos albus snowberry. 'Has established itself on Tooting Graveney (C.I. Paton)', 'Streatham Flora: A list of the Plants found in the Streatham District' [1936-45] (LA, IV/66/1/2); 2003-14; one shrub in Bedford Woods, March 2012, not seen since (searched for November 2020) found January 2022; well developed clump in bramble thicket near

northeast corner of Triangle Field, November 2020-21.

S. ? x doorenbosii, Doorenbos' coralberry, several shrubs near Woodfield Pavilion, undoubtedly planted many years ago, January 2022.

S. sp., a snowberry. Fenced off woodland on east side of Lake, October 2010-23.

Leycesteria formosa, Himalayan honeysuckle. Emmanuel Rd gutter, one small plant, opposite no. 31, September 2021.

Lonicera fragrantissima, winter honeysuckle. Fenced off woodland on east side of Lake, one bush, presumably planted, March 2011-21, two bushes found 2021-23.

L. henryi, Henry's honeysuckle. Beside garden fence at back of Hillbury Rd, one small plant, January 2019.

L. japonica, Japanese honeysuckle. Streatham Woods, February 2010-19; by ditch south of Dragmire Lane railway bridge, June 2020 and earlier.

L. periclymenum, honeysuckle. 'I saw a honeysuckle plant on Aug. 12th [1917], Sidney Dark mss (LA IV/66/14,5,6); 'I have never seen it in flower, but there are several plants of it still about – one, in the boat enclosure', 'Flowers of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); 2003-23.

Leaf-mine: *Aulagromyza ?hendeliana*, (diptera), on shrub in Graveney Woods, February 2022-23.

L. pileata, box-leaved honeysuckle. Outside Drews Cottages, one bush, either planted or thrown out, August 2010-19.

L. xylosteum, fly honeysuckle. Hedge around Lido, near main entrance, May 2010.

VALERIANACEAE (Valerian Family)

Valerianella sp., a cornsalad. At north edge of Tooting Bec Rd, between its junction with Dr Johnson Ave and Elmbourne Rd, March 2018; on bank on north side of Tooting Bec Rd, abundant, April 2020-23.

Centranthus ruber, red valerian. In grass at back of gardens in Hillbury Rd; one pinkish-red flowered plant, July 2013; One O'Clock Club playground, June 2020; one plant at Abbotswood Rd entrance to southern track leading to Woodfield, June 2021-22.

DIPSACACEAE (Teasel Family)

Dipsacus fullonum, wild teasel. July 2004; one or two plants at edge of Reed-bed, June 2010-13, three plants in same area June 2018, May 2021 and June 2022; four or five plants in disturbed ground in front of Drews Cottages, June 2012; one plant on earth bank on south side of acid grassland area, Lido Field, June 2018; several in disturbed area behind Woodfield Pavilion, April 2019-20; one plant outside Drews Cottages, 2020.

Knautia arvensis, field scabious. 'Tooting Bec Common, southeast part, chalk meadow' [i.e. grassland around Winter Pond], Elizabeth Norman, 2000; grassland near Winter Pond, July 2010-13.

PITTOSPORACEAE (Pittosporum Family)

Pittosporum tobira, Japanese cheesewood. Reed-bed, on former island, planted, 2003-22.

ARALIACEAE (Ivy Family)

Hedera helix, ivy. Listed in 'Flowers of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); abundant, 2003-22, becoming invasive in Streatham Woods, 2021-22; f. Pedata, on trees near southeast corner of Lake, June 2019 (and earlier).

H. sp., large-leaved procumbent plant, south of Drews Cottages, January 2012.

HYDROCOTYLACEAE (Pennywort Family)

Hydrocotyle ranunculoides, floating pennywort. Ecology Pond, one small, short-lived plant, February 2004; not surviving the drying out of the pond; dumped in southwest corner of the Lake, 25 April 2020, removed 28 April.

APIACEAE (Carrot Family)

Smyrniium olusatrum, alexanders. Western edge of Graveney Woods, several plants, April-May 2020, many plants February 2022, and on roundabout at junction of Mantilla Rd with Church Lane, etc.; spreading 2021-23; several young plants at edge of scrubland on north side of Triangle Field, November 2022, one large clump at west side of Lake, February 2023, and isolated plants elsewhere, July 2023.

Fungus: *Puccinia smyrnii*, alexanders rust, January 2023.

Anthriscus sylvestris, cow parsley. Common, 2003-23; flowering at edge of Streatham Woods, 11 April 2010, 3 March 2011, 5 March 2012, 2 February 2013; flowering near junction of Dr Johnson Ave with Tooting Bec Rd, 12 January 2014; some flowering throughout winter 2015-7; flowering in several places 3 January 2020 and 2 January 2022, flowering in Bedford Woods, 13 November 2022.

Leafmine: *Pjytomyza chaerophyllii*, December 2020.

Aegopodium podagraria, ground elder. Listed in 'Flowers of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); 2003-22.

Oenanthe crocata, hemlock water-dropwort. Several plants in Reedbed, May 2012-14 (and, no doubt, earlier), April 2020, May 2022-23.

Conium maculatum, hemlock. 2003-22.

Petroselinum crispum, parsley. Clearing in Bedford Woods, introduced with recently planted fir (?*Picea*) tree, June 2020.

Foeniculum vulgare, fennel. Near area cleared to promote acid grassland at northeast corner of Lido Field, one plant, August 2018; one plant cv. *Purpureum*, on rough ground outside Drews Cottages, June 2020; one young plant outside Drews Cottages, November 2022.

Apium nodiflorum, fool's watercress. On vegetation rafts in Lake, September 2017-20.

Pastinaca sativa, wild parsnip. Bedford Field, two plants, one flowering and one nonflowering in uncut grass bordering Bedford Woods, August 2012; not found 2013; one plant near edge of Bedford Woods beside Bedford Hill, July 2014; not seen 2015; one plant in same area but further north, August 2017; one plant in same area, July 2019.

Heracleum mantegazzianum, giant hogweed. Chestnut Avenue, east side north of lake, one plant, April 2014; no found, ?removed, June 2014.

H. sphondylium, hogweed. Triangle Field border along railway line, August 2011-12, 2020-22, and elsewhere, July 2012-21.

Torilis nodosa, knotted hedge-parsley, north side of Tooting Bec Rd, just east of Changing Block, June 2020, not seen locally 2021; several plants on northside of Tooting Bec Rd between its junction with Dr Johnson Ave and the Lido, June 2023.

T. japonica, upright hedge-parsley. Edge of Streatham Woods, near railway line, Mario Tortelli & Roy Vickery, August 2010-12; near southwest corner of Lake, July 2019; and elsewhere June 2020.

Daucus carota, wild carrot. 'Tooting Bec Common, chalk grassland [i.e. grassland around Winter Pond], introduced; huge, taller than me', Elizabeth Norman, 2000 [Norman was short, about 5ft 3ins tall]; 2003-16, and elsewhere 2018-20; one plant with c.10 purple-red flowers beside Tooting Bec Rd, June 2019 (in 2020 plants in this area lacked any purple-red flowers).

Galls: *Kiefferia pericarpiicola* (fly), September 2012, not found since; *Lasioptera carophila* (fly), August 2015. Flowers much visited by cardinal beetles (*Pyrochroa serraticornis*), August 2013.

?*Angelica sylvestris*, wild angelica, at east edge of reed patch at southwest corner of Lake, one solitary leaf, December 2020, looked for but not found since.

ACORACEAE (Sweet flag Family)

Acorus calamus, sweet flag. TQ291721. 'Pond with island' [i.e. Lake], introduced, Elizabeth Norman, 1996; large patch at northeast corner, and in reed patch at southwest corner of Lake, April 2020-22.

ARACEAE (Lords-and-ladies Family)

Zantedeschia aethiopica, altar-lily. At least two plants recently and inexpertly planted near the Lake, September 2016, ?one plant consisting of three leaves in bare soil at base of *Crataegus* beside track running from Bedford Hill to the Lido, near its fork with the track leading off to the Bedford Hill railway bridge, August 2018-20, not found since.

Arum italicum ssp. *italicum*, Italian lords-and-ladies. Rough shrubby area at the back of Abbotswood Rd, near the Drewstead Rd entrance to the Common, February 2013-20, and at base of fence of Culverden Rd garden, where possibly mixed with ssp. *neglectum*, March 2013; two large clumps near Dr Johnson Ave car park, January 2021-22.

A. italicum ssp. *neglectum*, a subspecies of Italian lord-and-ladies. Two substantial plants at edge of clump of shrubs at junction of Tooting Bec Rd with Elmbourne Rd, March 2020-21, increasing 2022, but first noticed several years earlier; also one small plant beside fence at east side of Woodfield.

A. maculatum, lords-and-ladies. March 2004-21; most plants on the Common are of the form which lacks spots on its leaves; one clump with both spotted and unspotted leaves in the rough shrubby area at the back of Abbotswood Rd, near the Drewstead Rd entrance to the Common.

Lemna minor, common duckweed. Drain near Winter Pond, May 2004; at edge of Lake, August 2012; Amphibian Pool furthest away from Tooting Bec Rd, presumably introduced with *Lagarosiphon major*, June 2014; in drain under Bleak Lane railway bridge, January 2018-21, and shallow ditch by brickwork at northeast side of railway bridge, January 2019.

L. minuta, least duckweed. Near floating rafts in Lake, October 2019-20; spreading to other parts of the Lake, November 2020-21.

L. trisulca, ivy-leaved duckweed. Beside floating rafts in Lake, May 2018, not seen since.

ALISMATACEAE (Water-plantain Family)

Alisma lanceolatum, narrow-leaved water-plantain. 'Tooting Bec Common, new pond [created in c.1990] in southeast part' [i.e. Winter Pond], 'introduced', Elizabeth Norman, 1996; Winter Pond, undoubtedly planted, 2010-12 (and earlier); not seen 2013.

A. plantago-aquatica, water-plantain. Amphibian Pools, planted 2014, seen August 2014.

Sagittaria sagittifolia, arrowhead. Said to have been planted in Amphibian Pools area 2014.

HYDROCHARITACEAE (Frogbit Family)

Lagarosiphon major, curly waterweed. Amphibian Pool furthest away from Tooting Bec Rd, three clumps presumably thrown out from local garden pond, June 2014, det. Alex Draper.; pool covered with opaque plastic to exterminate plant, February 2015 (pool dried out later in the year, presumably exterminating the plant).

POTAMOGETONACEAE (Pondweed Family)

Potamogeton crispus, curled pondweed. Listed in 'Flowers of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); said to have been planted in Amphibian Pools 2014, not seen 2015.

Zannichellia palustris, horned pondweed. Amphibian Pool nearest Tooting Bec Rd, not introduced but a natural colonist, July 2014, det. Alex Draper; rapidly spreading, 14 July 2014.

LILIACEAE (Lily Family)

Tulipa gesneriana, garden tulip. One non-flowering plant, persisting from rubbish thrown out from garden in Hillbury Rd, April 2009 and February 2022; several plants at back of Hillbury Rd, and elsewhere, March 2012-20; one pinkish red flowered plant near old entrance to the Lido, April 2014, apparently increasing May 2021; clump under tree on grassland between Furzedown and Clairview Rds, presumably planted, March 2020, March 2023.

Fritillaria meleagris, fritillary. Reported with a photograph on Friends of Tooting Common Facebook, by Kate Hudson, 27 March 2019: 'I've been checking on them for the past few years [in April 2020, KH noted 'I first spotted them probably about 5 or 6 years ago'] and they have been quietly increasing'; substantial clump and one outlier in wooded area between Drewstead Rd entrance and Drews Cottages, March 2020-21; fewer plants 2022 and 2023.

Lilium cv, a lily. At back of Hillbury Rd garden, thrown out (or planted?), July 2012.

CANNACEAE (Indian shot Family)

Canna indica 'Russian Red'. At back of Hillbury Rd, obviously discarded from garden but apparently firmly rooted, August 2021, not persisting September 2021.

ORCHIDACEAE (Orchid Family)

Anacamptis pyramidalis, pyramidal orchid. TQ294723. Clearing in Bedford Woods, one plant, Rodger Evans & Peter White, June 2009 [First seen 2008], also 2010; not found 2011; 14 June 2012 (flowers not yet open); 30 June 2013 (several flowers open); not found 2014; reappeared 2015; not found since.

Dactylorhiza fuchsii, common spotted-orchid, Lido Field, recorded by Norbert Kleszko, June 2022; not found 2023.

IRIDACEAE (Iris Family)

Sisyrinchium striatum, pale yellow-eyed-grass. North side of Tooting Bec Rd near its junction with Church Lane, at base of young, still staked, *Tilia*, one plant presumably introduced with it, June 2014-16; thriving 2016-18; not found since.

Iris foetidissima, stinking iris. 2004-23; apparently becoming more common, widespread and fruiting more frequently; clump of an attractive pale yellow-flowered form near southeast corner of Tooting Graveney Common, May 2011; Leafmine: *Cerodontha iridis*, on sterile plant in fenced-off woodland on east side of Lake, October 2011.

I. pseudacorus, yellow iris. Listed in 'Flowers of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); 'TQ287720, Tooting Bec Common, near a small pond', Elizabeth Norman, 1996; 'Tooting Bec Common, new pond [created c.1990] in southeast part [i.e. Winter Pond], introduced', Elizabeth Norman, 1996, surviving 2020-21; and elsewhere, 2004-22; Amphibia Pools, ?planted, August 2015, surviving 2020-22.

I. ?siberica, Siberian iris. In scruffy area behind Abbotswood Rd, undoubtedly thrown out from garden, May 2021.

I. sp., an iris. Several plants under trees near Drew's Cottages, April 2018.

I. sp., an iris. Thrown out from Hillbury Rd garden, August 2012.

Crocus tommasinianus, early crocus. In grass adjacent to the Spinney 22 January 2021-22, and elsewhere, Woodfield and in grass to east of Athletics Track, 2023.

C. sp./cv., spring-flowering crocuses, pale purple form/species. TQ297719. Streatham

Woods, February 2004-11, also white and bright yellow forms/species elsewhere, March 2011.

C. sp., an autumn-flowering crocus. Bedford Field, beside clump of *Prunus padus* near path running behind Culverden Rd, one pale purple shrivelled flower, 14 October 2011.

?*Gladiolus x hortulanus*, gladiolus. Edge of Streatham Woods, two sterile plants, September 2014.

Crocasmia spp., montbretia. Corner of Triangle Field at end of The Spinney, small clump, not flowering, August 2012-14; at base of *Tilia cordata* trees in what was Chestnut Avenue, presumably planted, April 2019, removed June 2019; and elsewhere, June 2019-21; one small clump flowering at south side of Amphibia Pools area.

XANTHORRHOEACEAE (Asphodel Family)

Hemerocallis sp., a day-lily, one large clump amongst garden debris at back of Abbotswood Rd, June 2021.

?? *H. sp.*, a day-lily. Woodfield, at edge beneath trees, one small sterile plant, May 2015.

ALLIACEAE (Onion Family)

Allium cepa, onion. Two discarded bulbs growing beside track leading from southeast corner of Woodfield, April 2019.

A. roseum, rosy garlic. TQ293725. Near south-west corner of Bedford Field, grassland area disturbed by vehicles in 2003; one plant, May 2010; not seen since; rough area at back of Birchwood Rd, May 2023.

A. ? subhirsutum, hairy garlic. Small clump with two flowering stalks near the Pavilion at northeast corner of Woodfield, May 2021.

A. trifoliatum, hirsute garlic. Near track from Tooting Bec Rd to the Lido carpark, several clumps at base of trees, May 2023.

A. triquetrum, three-cornered garlic. TQ289718. Near Athletics Track, beside path running parallel to West Drive; small, non-spreading, patch, 1994-2009; apparently slowly increasing in size, April 2010 (-18), looking unhealthy 2021, rapidly expanding 2022; Church Lane margin of Graveney Woods, one small clump, December 2010; several plants between Culverden Rd garden fences and Dragmire Lane, May 2012-14; and elsewhere, becoming invasive, notably near Furzedown Lodge, April 2017-2023.

A. ursinum, ramsons. TQ293724, south side of Bedford Hill; small patch at base of *Platanus* tree, 2003; only 5 solitary leaves and 2 flower stalks, April 2012; not seen 2013; said by Leonie Cooper, June 2014, to be present in Graveney Woods; large patch, several metres across in Graveney Woods, pointed out by Candida Jones, who has known it there for about eight years, April 2017-22; small patch not (yet) flowering in Streatham Woods, March 2023.

A. vineale, wild onion. Bare ground beside Culverden Rd garden fences, March 2013, south-west corner of Bedford Field, July 2016-21, thriving July 2023; and elsewhere 2020-23.

A. sp., an onion. At base of lime tree, near path near south-west corner of Triangle Field, one small clump, December 2010; near south-west corner of Bedford Field, grassland area disturbed by vehicles in 2003, July 2011-14.

A. sp., a garlic, small clump with two flowering stalks near the Pavilion at northeast corner of Woodfield, May 2021.

A. sp., a garlic, a small clump in bud at base of tree near entrance to Lido, April 2023.

Tristagma uniflorum, spring starflower. Grass verge beside West Drive, near its junction with Furzedown, Ullathorne and Thrale Rds, a few plants; also a clump at base of tree near The Spinney, April 2010-15, 20-22, apparently decreasing 2023.

Galanthus nivalis, snowdrop. February 2004-23.

G. elwesii, greater snowdrop. Streatham Woods, two small clumps, coming into flower, 12

January 2012, one solitary plant flowering 12 January 2019; not found since.

Narcissus ? ‘**Obdam**’. North side of Drewstead Rd entrance to Common; one or two plants, with *Tulipa* cv., obviously planted at sometime, April 2020.

N. poeticus, pheasant’s-eye daffodil. At top of grassy slope between the Lido and Tooting Bec Rd, one clump undoubtedly planted some years ago, March 2019, and elsewhere, April 2019-22.

N. ‘Tete à Tete, near Drews Cottages, one clump, ?recently planted, March 2021.

N. sp./cv., daffodil. Planted. 2003-20; also behind Hillbury Rd, presumably from bulbs thrown out from gardens, February 2015.

ASPARAGACEAE (Asparagus Family)

Asparagus officinalis, asparagus. One plant, presumably self-sown outside entrance to 2 Drews Cottages, June 2020.

? *Cordyline australis*, cabbage-palm, (or *Phormium cookianum* ‘Purpurea’, lesser New Zealand flax). 5 small plants under trees north of car-park at junction of Tooting Bec Rd with Dr Johnson Ave, March 2018-20; one young plant growing between brick-paving in Athletics Track seating area, May 2022.

Ornithogalum umbellatum, star of Bethlehem. South-west corner of Bedford Hill, beside Bedford Hill, two plants, April 2017; c. six plants May 2018, but area mowed soon after they were seen, c. 13 plants 2019 when flowering on 22 April, 2020, and surviving despite heavy trampling 2021, c. 10 plants, 2022, thriving 2023; also several nonflowering plants on south side of Bedford Hill, April 2019-20, not found since; solitary plant in grass north of the Changing Block at junction of Tooting Bec Rd with Dr Johnson Ave, May 2021-23; and elsewhere, April 2023.

? *O. sp.*, a star of Bethlehem. Near south-west corner of Bedford Field, grassland area disturbed by vehicles in 2003, seen 25 May 2012, but not found when searched for a few days later.

Scilla siberica, Siberian squill, grass verge between Bedford Woods and Bedford Hill, many scattered plants, April 2010-23 spreading; apparently fewer plants 2019; grassland between Furzedown and Clairview Rds, March 2023.

S. sp., a squill. Entrance to Woodfield, May 2015.

Hyacinthoides x massartiana, hybrid bluebell. May 2010-23.

H. hispanica, Spanish bluebell. Woodfield, May 2015 (?and elsewhere) [*H. hispanica* is thought to be very scarce, or absent, in Britain].

H. nonscripta, bluebell. Scattered in woodlands; some white and some pink flowered forms, April 2010-23; many white-flowered plants near junction of Thrale and Ullathorne Rds, April 2019; thriving and expanding due to removal of brambles in Graveney Woods, April 2019.

Hyacinthus orientalis, hyacinth. March 2004; two past-flowering bulbs recently planted with bulbs of *Narcissus* sp/cv. near Drewstead Rd entrance to the Common, April 2020, could the *Fritillaria meleagris* nearby have been similarly introduced?; two pink-flowered plants in rough grass at back of Hillbury Rd, March 2021.

Muscari armeniacum, garden grape-hyacinth. March 2004; at base of *Fraxinus* near The Spinney, March 2012-20 and elsewhere, March 2015-23; few plants in Streatham Woods, March 2023.

Ruscus aculeatus, butcher's-broom. TQ291722. West side of Lake and elsewhere; planted, 2003-23; many fruits, January 2023.

TYPHACEAE (Bulrush Family)

Typha latifolia, bulrush. Ecology Pond (later Reed-bed); planted, 2004-8. Abundant in Amphibian Pool nearest Tooting Bec Rd, July 2016; apparently not surviving the drying out

of the pool, October 2021.

JUNCACEAE (Rush Family)

Luzula campestris, field woodrush. May 2010-14; plenty near gorse bushes in Lido Field, April 2020-22, and doubtless earlier.

L. sylvatica, great wood-rush. 'TQ291721, Tooting Bec Common, near pond with island [i.e. Ecology Pond, now Reed-bed], introduced', Elizabeth Norman, 1996; north edge of Reed-bed, one plant, July 2010; apparently dead, March 2011, not seen since; one large clump found in same area but in different place, August 2015; one large clump at base of

Pittosporum tobira bush, March 2018, looking dead, January 2019; not found 2020 or 2022.

Juncus articulatus, jointed rush. 'Tooting Bec Common, new pond [created c.1990], in southeast part [i.e. Winter Pond] introduced', Elizabeth Norman, 2000; planted in Amphibian Pools area 2015.

J. bufonius, toad rush. Menage Area, in sand, June 2004-18, not found 2020, several minute plants, June 2023; Bedford Field on dampish soil near railway line (same site as *Bidens tripartita*), August 2021; 'R. Clarke, his records ... include *Juncus bufonius* from near Tooting Bec Common [*London Naturalist* 44: 14, 1965]

J. effusus, soft rush. Listed in 'Rushes, Sedges and Grasses of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA IV/66/1/4,5,6); 'Tooting Bec Common, new pond [created c.1990], in southeast part [i.e. Winter Pond] introduced', Elizabeth Norman, 2000; one plant in grassland towards southeast corner of Bedford Field, July 2018.

J. inflexus, hard rush. 'Tooting Bec Common, new pond [created c.1990], in southeast part [i.e. Winter Pond] introduced', Elizabeth Norman, 2000; one clump near Fossil Tree at north side of the Lake, November 2022.

J. sp., a rush. Between railway line and ditch south of Dragmire Lane railway bridge, September 2010, and elsewhere, December 2010.

J. sp., a rush. In rough grass near southwest corner of Bedford Field, one clump, August 2013.

CYPERACEAE (Sedge Family)

Eleocharis palustris, common spike-rush, 'near ponds', collected by T. Cox, undated but in the herbarium of Charles Ottley Groom - later Groom-Napier and self-styled Prince of Mantua and Montferrat (1839-94), now in Bolton Museum herbarium (H @ H); 'Tooting Bec Common, new [created c.1990] pond [i.e. Winter Pond] in southeast part, introduced', Elizabeth Norman, 2000, still there, July 2016-18, 2020; planted in Amphibian Pools area 2014.

Carex acutiformis, lesser pond-sedge. TQ287720. 'Tooting Bec Common, near a small pond, introduced', Elizabeth Norman, 1996.

C. flacca, glaucous sedge. In former reedbed near southeast corner of the Lake, April 2020 and earlier.

C. hirta, hairy sedge. TQ287720. 'Tooting Bec Common, near a small pond', Elizabeth Norman, 1996; 'unmown area near gorse bushes north-east of pond [Lake], TQ29181 72229', Juliet Cairns, May 2012.

C. leporina, oval sedge. 'Tooting Common', 7 June 1885 & 30 June 1888, William Whitwell, see *Birmingham Botany Collections – The Herbarium of William Whitwell*, ed. P. Watson & M. Ali, 2014: 117 [as *C. ovalis*] (on line).

C. paniculata, greater tussock-sedge. Floating raft in Lake, one plant, presumably planted, May 2020-23.

C. pendula, pendulous sedge. 2003-23. Apparently becoming more common locally.

C. pseudocyperus, cyperus sedge. Planted in Amphibian Pools area 2014; seen October

2015.

C. riparia, great pond-sedge. TQ287720. 'Tooting Bec Common, near a small pond, introduced', Elizabeth Norman, 1996; planted on floating rafts in Lake, 2017 [Tooting Common Heritage Project Newsletter, January 2018], ?still there and thriving 2022.

POACEAE (Grass Family)

Anemanthele lessoniana, pheasant's tail. Path connecting Culverden Rd and Common, several small plants, June 2014; not seen since.

Brachypodium sylvaticum, false brome. Towards southern margin of wooded area on east side of the Lake, and in trees north of railway line in field beside Emmanuel Rd, June 2020.

Lolium perenne, perennial rye-grass. Listed in 'Rushes, Sedges and Grasses of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); common, SLBI/Tom Cope, 7 June 2004-21.

Festuca rubra, red fescue, possibly ssp. *commutata*. SLBI/Tom Cope, 7 June 2004. Said to be sown when two grassland patches towards the north end of the former Chestnut Ave were reinstated by Thames Water, 2020.

Vulpia sp., a fescue. Reedbed, July 2014 (? also 'acid grassland' area at northeast corner of Lido Field, June 2014).

Cynosurus cristatus, crested dog's-tail. Listed in 'Rushes, Sedges and Grasses of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); scattered. SLBI/Tom Cope, 7 June 2004; scarce, 2012; one plant in restored acid grassland area near Athletics Track, June 2020-21. Said to be sown when two grassland patches towards the north end of the former Chestnut Ave were reinstated by Thames Water, 2020, many plants there June 2021, persisting 2022. Many young plants in recently reseeded areas, May 2022, persisting 2023.

Poa angustifolia, narrow-leaved meadow-grass. SLBI/Tom Cope, 7 June 2004.

P. annua, annual meadow-grass. Listed in 'Rushes, Sedges and Grasses of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); widespread in disturbed areas and woodlands; also a perennial form in the Menage Area (TQ294724). SLBI/Tom Cope, 7 June 2004-23.

P. trivialis, rough meadow-grass. Listed in 'Rushes, Sedges and Grasses of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); 'TQ287720, Tooting Bec Common, near a small pond', Elizabeth Norman, 1996; widespread and common. SLBI/Tom Cope, 7 June 2004; LNHS/SLBI field meeting, June 2023.

Dactylis glomerata, cock's foot. Listed in 'Rushes, Sedges and Grasses of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); December 2010 and no doubt earlier, - 2014-23.

Fungus: *Claviceps purpurea*, ergot, July 2014.

Arrhenatherum elatius, false oat-grass. Common in rough areas, SLBI/Tom Cope, 7 June 2004-21; flowering 1 January 2021.

Avena sativa, oat. TQ288719. Beside Dr Johnson Avenue car-park, 2004; Triangle Field, at edge of clump of shrubs near railway line, c. 6 plants, June 2012, and elsewhere, July 2012-15.

Deschampsia cespitosa, tufted hair-grass. TQ296718. Beside Winter Pond; one or two small clumps; probably introduced, 2004; searched for, but not found, 2010; small, but thriving clump, June 2011, same 2013-19, two clumps 2020, thriving 2021, apparently only one flowering stalk 2022; and elsewhere, August 2015.

Holcus lanatus, Yorkshire fog. Listed in 'Rushes, Sedges and Grasses of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); mostly in damper areas, SLBI/Tom Cope, 7 June 2004-18.

Aira praecox, early hair-grass. TQ298723. Listed in 'Rushes, Sedges and Grasses of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); grassland on south side of Bedford Hill, opposite Bedford Woods, SLBI/Tom Cope, 7 June 2004-20, many plants nearby in area cleared to restore acid grassland, May 2022. [*Festuca ovina* was searched for in this area, but

not found]. ‘Another big patch on the pathside at TQ29539 72220 (west of the railway)’ [probably the area mentioned above], Juliet Cairns, September 2012.

Anthoxanthum odoratum, sweet vernal-grass. Listed in ‘Rushes, Sedges and Grasses of Tooting Common’ [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); in grassy area between strips of woodland near cafe, June 2016, April 2022; many young plants in recently resown area at southern end of Triangle Field between the Spinney and the railway line, May 2022; and elsewhere, May 2023.

Phalaris arundinacea, reed canary-grass. TQ292721. Amongst *Phragmites* at edge of Lake, SLBI/Tom Cope, 7 June 2004-23; said to have been planted in Amphibian Pools area 2014.

Phalaris canariensis, canary grass. TQ292721, Beside path on south side of Lake, 2004. Presumably introduced by people feeding birds; not persisting.

Briza maxima, greater quaking-grass. Triangle Field, outside Drews Cottages garden fence, two or three plants, May 2019, not seen 2020.

Agrostis capillaris, common bent. Bedford Field. Gall: *Epichloe typhina*, choke fungus, Brian Wurzell, July 2004. Said to be sown when two grassland patches towards the north end of the former Chestnut Ave were re-instated by Thames Water, 2020.

A. stolonifera, creeping bent. Abundant, July 2010; specimen collected by T. Cox, undated but in the herbarium of Charles Ottley Groom - later Groom-Napier and self-styled Prince of Mantua and Montferrat (1839-94), now in Bolton Museum herbarium (H @ H).

A. sp., bent. Bedford Field. Galls: *Aceria tenuis* (mite), September 2019; *Subanguina graminophila* (nematode), Brian Wurzell, July 2004.

Polypogon viridis, water bent. At edge of recently dug Amphibian Pool, one plant, July 2014; one plant Lakeside Play Area, June 2020.

Alopecurus geniculatus, marsh foxtail. In moist areas, SLBI/Tom Cope, 7 June 2004-15, 2020, 2023; [R. Clarke recorded on Tooting Bec Common] '*Polygonum amphibium*, *Alopecurus geniculatus*, *Myriophyllum spicatum* and *Chamaemelum nobile*' [London Naturalist 45: 18, 1966].

A. pratensis, meadow foxtail. Listed in ‘Rushes, Sedges and Grasses of Tooting Common’ [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); common and widespread, July 2010-12, May 2021-23.

Fungus: *Claviceps purpurea*, ergot, scarce on plants in Bedford Field, September 2012.

Phleum bertolonii, smaller cat’s-tail. SLBI/Tom Cope, 7 June 2004. Said to be sown when two grassland patches towards the north end of the former Chestnut Ave were re-instated by Thames Water, 2020; persisting, 2022.

P. pratense, timothy. Bedford Field, July 2021.

Glyceria fluitans, floating sweet-grass. Winter Pond, TQ296718.; said to have been planted in Amphibian Pools area 2014, not seen 2015.

G. maxima, reed sweet-grass. On floating vegetation raft in Lake, presumably planted when raft installed in 2017, July 2023.

Bromus hordeaceus, soft brome. Scattered. SLBI/Tom Cope, 7 June SLBI/Tom Cope, 7 June 2004-23.

Anisantha diandra, great brome. ‘Abundant in unmown area near Track signpost, TQ28909 71924’, with *Ceratochloa carinata*, Juliet Cairns, May 2012.

A. sterilis, barren brome. Listed in ‘Rushes, Sedges and Grasses of Tooting Common’ [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); scattered. SLBI/Tom Cope, 7 June 2004-22.

Ceratochloa carinata, California brome. TQ291721. ‘Tooting Bec Common, near pond with island [i.e. Ecology Pond, now Reed-bed], established, Elizabeth Norman, 1996; infesting all rough areas, SLBI/Tom Cope, 7 June 2004-22; apparently becoming less widespread, July 2016.

Elymus athericus (formerly *Elytrigia atherica*), sea couch. TQ291721. ‘Tooting Bec Common, near pond with island [i.e. Ecology Pond, now Reed-bed], established small patch’,

Elizabeth Norman, 1996; 'not refound, but the Common is large and the co-ordinates imprecise', Ian Kitching, August 2009.

E. repens (formerly *Elytrigia repens*), common couch. Listed in 'Rushes, Sedges and Grasses of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); scattered, SLBI/Tom Cope, 7 June 2004-13, 2020.

Hordeum murinum, wall barley. Listed in 'Rushes, Sedges and Grasses of Tooting Common' [1933] (LA, IV/66/1/4,5,6); widespread in disturbed areas, SLBI/Tom Cope, 7 June 2004-22.

H. secalinum, meadow barley. Bedford Field and Triangle Field, grassy areas, July 2009-19 and elsewhere 2015, 2020-21; north end of Lakeside Play Space, June 2020.

Triticum aestivum, bread wheat. Casual, SLBI/Tom Cope, 7 June 2004; one plant near Bedford Hill bus stop, June 2010, and elsewhere June 2011; several plants in Streatham Woods, with *Avena sativa*, presumably from bird-seed, July 2012; isolated plants elsewhere, June 2013, June 2023; one or two in recently reseeded area near south end of Triangle Field, May 2022.

Danthonia decumbens, heath grass. 'Unmown area near gorse bushes north-east of pond, TQ2914 72238', Juliet Cairns, May 2012.

Cortaderia selloana, pampas grass. One small, non-flowering clump, suffering from growing in shaded position, in fenced-off woodland on east side of Lake, October 2010-21; plant dumped (not planted) at base of *Salix* tree towards north end of Bedford Field, September 2016.

Phragmites australis, common reed. Planted at edge of Lake, and at edge of Ecology Pond (formerly boating pond, then reed-bed, now Amphibia Pools area). SLBI/Tom Cope, 7 June 2004-23.

Cynodon dactylon, Bermuda grass. TQ293713. North side of Tooting Bec Rd (A214), between junction with Dr Johnson Ave and Lido car-park, large patch known since late 1990s; doing less well in recent years, ?due to road being salted less frequently, c.1997-2010; thriving July 2011-22 (the only grass still green during the hot spell and drought, July 2018) [BM].

Echinochloa crus-galli, cockspur. Emmanuel Rd, kerbside, on Common side of road, one plant, August 2018.

BAMBOO, One small unidentifiable plant consisting of two shoots c.250cm tall, at edge of bramble patch behind Bedford Hill bus stop; no obvious 'parent' plant nearby, January 2015-16; still present but not expanding in anyway 2017-21. Also larger clump, possibly of the same species in rough area at back of Abbotswood Rd, January 2020.

BAMBOO, ? *Yushania anceps*, Indian fountain bamboo, one clump of a tall species on east side of island in Lake, first noticed April 2020.

ABBREVIATIONS

BM - specimen in the herbarium of the Natural History Museum, London.

det. - identified by.

conf. - identification confirmed by.

FB – Fabrice Boltho.

FB/SLBI - record made on an SLBI field meeting, led by Fabrice Boltho, 22 April 2017.

H @ H - specimen on Herbaria@Home website

LA (followed by numbers giving envelope) - Lambeth Archives.

RNG – specimen in University of Reading herbarium.

SLBI - record made at SLBI field meeting.

SLBI - specimen in the herbarium of the South London Botanical Institute.

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