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Kelsey Park

Our special ducks

FRIENDS OF KELSEY PARK

The Friends were formed in 1997 and work in partnership with the London Borough of Bromley and their contractors, English Landscapes and their sub-contractors Holwood, to ensure the Park is well maintained and its beauty safeguarded.

The Friends publish three newsletters a year for members, arrange walks and talks and, led by the Volunteers' co-ordinator, carry out much valuable work in the park.

The volunteers play a major part in achieving many awards.

The Friends' Information Centre is located on the west (Manor Way) side of the park, near the aviary beds. It is open week-end afternoons, and some Bank Holidays, (April to October - 2 pm to 4 pm, November to March - 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm).

New Members of the Friends are always welcome as the more members we have the stronger our voice! We are particularly keen to increase the number of members with children, so families too can have a say in planning future activities and developments in the park. The annual subscription is £5 per household.

An Application Form is available in the Information Centre. If it is not open see the Notice on the board outside the Centre or on our website - www.fokp.org

If you would like to volunteer and help with any of our work, for example staffing the Information Centre, joining the Committee or, perhaps, helping with conservation work you can indicate this on the Application Form.

KELSEY PARK'S DUCKS

There are several ducks on the Kelsey Park Lakes which you will not be able to identify from the British and European Bird Field Guides.

The Mandarin is an exception as it is now included in the Field Guides .

All breeds of domestic ducks, with the exception of the Muscovy, have been descended from wild mallards, and many have been crossed with other breeds to improve particular qualities eg. egg laying, fertility or meat quality.

Several of the ducks featured overleaf are classed as domestic ducks.

Also featured are some ducks which are most likely escapees from private collections.

It is very unlikely they have flown here from other continents!

