

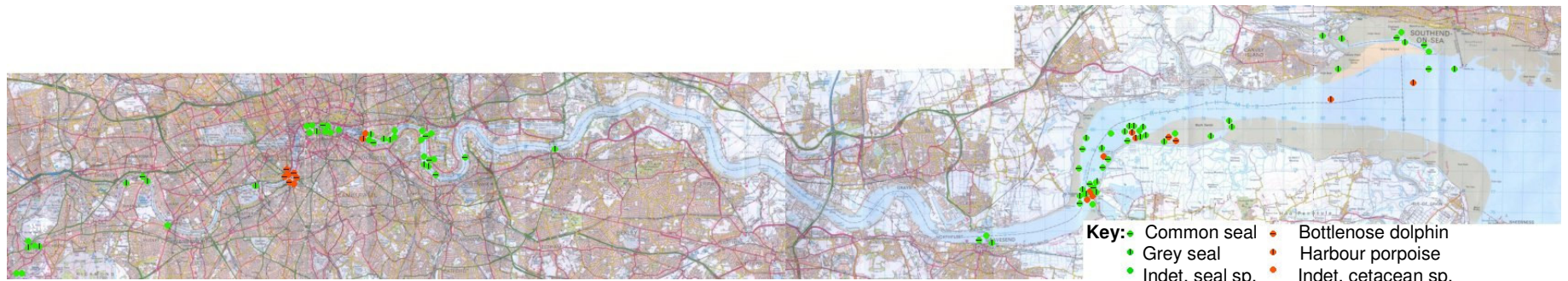


You'll be amazed what pops up in the Thames!

Thames Marine Mammal Sightings Survey

ZSL launched the Thames Marine Mammal Sightings Survey in July 2004. Any member of the public who sees dolphins, porpoises and seals in the Thames can participate in the survey. So far, we've had over 160 sightings sent in - including harbour porpoises by Tower Bridge and common seals at Wapping!

The map below shows locations of sighting we have received so far...



Harbour porpoise
photo courtesy SeaLife Surveys

Marine mammals are known to visit the Thames estuary but until now sightings have not been formally recorded. Our survey is ongoing and addresses this information gap. Data collected will determine patterns in species distribution, behaviour and habitat use. Findings will also be fed into national databases. Our survey is operating in the tidal Thames area, from Teddington down to Shoeburyness and Sheerness in the outer estuary.



Common seal at Tower Bridge 17/2/05
photo courtesy Iain Green

If you would like to help, please display our survey forms and report any sightings to us. For more information and online forms, check out the ZSL website (www.zsl.org) or contact Sophie Oliver at marineandfreshwater@zsl.org

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Thank you for your help and good luck spotting!