

How will you #BigGardenBirdWatch?

- 1 Watch the birds in your garden or local park for one hour.
- 2 Only count the birds that land in your garden or on your feeder, or local park, not those flying over.
- 3 The same birds may land more than once. To avoid counting them twice, please submit the highest number you see of each bird species at any one time in the hour – not the total number you count over the hour.
- 4 Tell us what you've seen in your hour, even if you saw nothing – it's still really useful information! Tell us about other wildlife that visits your garden or local park during the year too.
- 5 Submitting your results online is quick, easy and saves on postage, so we can spend more on conservation. Please visit: rspb.org.uk/birdwatch using code **BH30**
Alternatively, fill in and return this form to us.

Name of bird	Most seen at one time
Blackbird	<input type="text"/>
Blue tit	<input type="text"/>
Chaffinch	<input type="text"/>
Coal tit	<input type="text"/>
Collared dove	<input type="text"/>
Dunnock	<input type="text"/>
Goldfinch	<input type="text"/>
Great tit	<input type="text"/>
Greenfinch	<input type="text"/>
House sparrow	<input type="text"/>
Long-tailed tit	<input type="text"/>
Magpie	<input type="text"/>
Robin	<input type="text"/>
Starling	<input type="text"/>
Woodpigeon	<input type="text"/>
Other species	<input type="text"/>

Please use CAPITAL letters.

Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms, etc)

First name

Last name

Address

Town

County/Council area

Postcode

Telephone

Mobile

Email (over 18s only)

Date of birth (if under 18) / /

The survey results will be announced in April and summarised on our website. If you let us know your email address (above) we will send the results to your inbox.



26–28 January 2019

Enjoy an hour counting the birds you see and help us monitor our wildlife.

Thank you for taking part

How often do you see other wildlife?

You may not see the creatures below in your hour (especially hedgehogs, slow worms and grass snakes, which may be hibernating), but we'd like to know if they have visited your garden or local park in the last year and, if so, roughly how often. Please put the appropriate letter from the key (below) in the box next to the animal. Please don't leave any boxes blank, so if you don't know, write "F". Thank you for helping us find out more about your local wildlife.

A = Daily, B = Weekly, C = Monthly, D = Less than monthly, E = Never, F = Don't know

Badger	<input type="text"/>
Fox	<input type="text"/>
Frog	<input type="text"/>
Grass snake	<input type="text"/>
Muntjac	<input type="text"/>
Great crested newt	<input type="text"/>
Grey squirrel	<input type="text"/>
Hedgehog	<input type="text"/>
Mole	<input type="text"/>
Red squirrel	<input type="text"/>
Roe deer	<input type="text"/>
Slow worm	<input type="text"/>
Stag beetle	<input type="text"/>
Stoat	<input type="text"/>
Toad	<input type="text"/>

Some species do not appear in all parts of the UK.

How many people took part? Adults Children

If you didn't do the Big Garden Birdwatch at home, where did you do it? Postcode (if different from opposite)

If you'd like to change how you hear from us, it's easy to do. Just call us on 01767 693680 (Monday to Friday, 9am–5pm), visit rspb.org.uk/preferences, or write to Supporter Services, The RSPB, The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire, SG19 2DL.

Please let us know your results by 12 February 2019. If you'd rather return your form by post, please put it in an envelope and write **Freepost RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH** on the front. Please ensure only this wording appears on the return envelope. This is a short address, but rest assured it'll reach us.

Which birds can you see?

You can use this handy counting sheet during the Big Garden Birdwatch. Please count the highest number of each bird species that you see at any one time, not the total seen over the hour. Then submit your results at [rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](https://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch) or fill in and send us the survey form from the pack – **don't send this sheet!**

Seen something else? Go to [rspb.org.uk/birdidentifier](https://www.rspb.org.uk/birdidentifier) to find out what it might be.



Great tit

Look for a black stripe down its yellow front. The males have a slightly thicker stripe than the females.

How many have you seen all at once?

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Robin

Unmistakable orange breast. Some visit from mainland Europe in winter. You can hear its song almost any time of year.

How many have you seen all at once?

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Woodpigeon

This large garden bird is mostly grey with a white patch on its neck. Often on the ground hoovering up fallen seed.

How many have you seen all at once?

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Long-tailed tit

Tiny body; long tail. Known affectionately as "bumbarrels" in some parts of the country. Often in groups.

How many have you seen all at once?

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Blue tit

Blue is not the only colour on this tit. Look out for yellow on its front, green on its back and white on its face too.

How many have you seen all at once?

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Greenfinch

Bigger than goldfinches, greenfinches have a chunky beak to crack seeds. Look out for green/yellow in the wings.

How many have you seen all at once?

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Goldfinch

Look for the gold in its wings, but also the red on its head. More than one? A flock of goldfinches is called a charm.

How many have you seen all at once?

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Male



Chaffinch

Male chaffinches have a pinky-orange breast, while females are more brown. Both have distinctive white bars in their wings, which you can see well when they fly. They usually prefer feeding on the ground or a birdtable.

How many have you seen all at once?

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Female



Male



Female



Blackbird

Males are black and females brown, both with yellow beaks. Often feed on the ground on fruit, worms or insects.

How many have you seen all at once?

Male



Female



House sparrow

Although still at the number one spot in the 2018 Birdwatch, results show that house sparrows have declined by 57% since 1979. The male has a grey head, black bib and brown streaky back, while the female is more brown all over.

How many have you seen all at once?



Starling

Look closely in winter and you'll see lots of different colours in this mostly black bird, including white spots.

How many have you seen all at once?



Dunnock

The dunnock is a small streaky brown and grey bird. It feeds on the ground, flicking its wings nervously as it goes.

How many have you seen all at once?



Magpie

This large bird will feed on scraps. Look closely and you might see purples and greens in its iridescent feathers.

How many have you seen all at once?



Collared dove

Look for its black neck collar. It came 11th in the 2018 Birdwatch, after only colonising the UK in the 1950s.

How many have you seen all at once?



Coal tit

Smaller than a great tit, with a black head and white stripe down the middle at the back.

How many have you seen all at once?

Birds not to scale

Don't forget to submit your results at rspb.org.uk/birdwatch or fill in the survey form from the pack and post it back to us!

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