

## Stop Press! Big Garden Birdwatch, January 26-28, 2024 is coming!



Birds, as do other forms of wildlife here and around the world, face many challenges – including loss of habitat, the climate crisis, changing farming practices, and disease.

A few scary statistics;

- in the last 50 years, 73 million birds (one third) have been lost from our skies
- 50-82 % of starlings, blackbirds, chaffinches, and song thrushes have disappeared
- the supposedly common house sparrow is on the “Red List” of endangered birds because of its rapid rate of decline

(Sources: British Trust for Ornithology and RSPB).

**What can you do?**

- join half a million others in the RSPB's **Big Garden Birdwatch, 26-28 January , 2024.**
- Here's the link <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>





## Count the birds and help wildlife thrive

It's very easy and costs nothing but an hour of your time

Just count the birds you see for one hour from your window, in your garden, park or one of MuW's Open Green Spaces and send the results by email or post to the RSPB. We need to know more about what is happening...

Very helpful information from [www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch)

And send a copy of your results to BMAG – and let's see what we can learn about birds in MuW

- look out for **BMAG's Newsletter** (expected February, 2024) with details of a swifts project, barn owl boxes, new pond life, a birding walk, restoring hedgerows, and what some of our great farmers are doing for biodiversity
- and take part in MuW's **Springwatch** – also very easy with no form to fill in and no cost. Tell us what you are seeing and doing for wildlife in this parish.

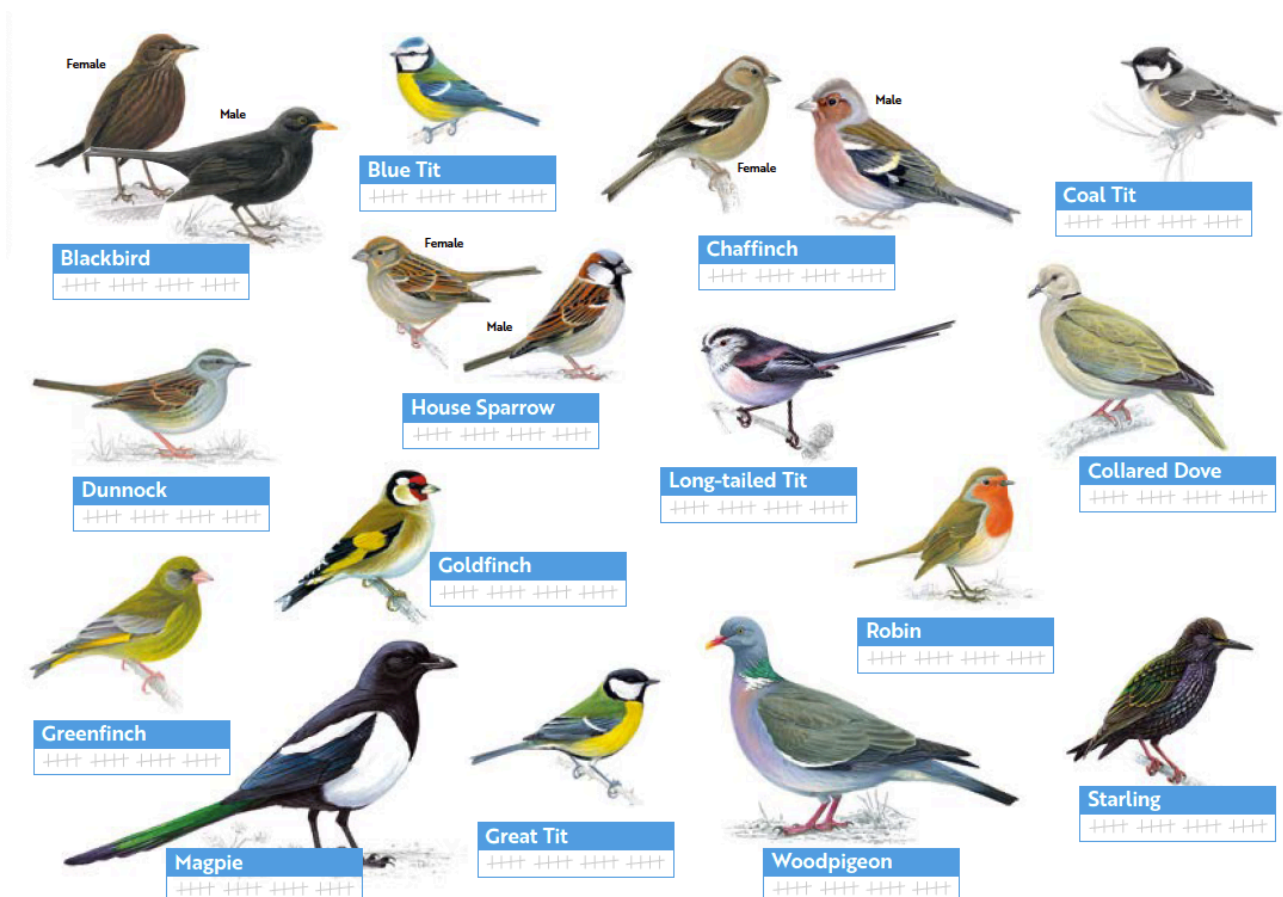
Thank you!

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If you need help with identification of our most common birds or recording your sightings, copy or download the information below.





# Together, let's make it count

Connect to nature. Play your part.



## Big Garden Birdwatch

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## 26–28 January 2024

Count me in

## What will you see?

Enjoy an hour in nature and count the birds in your garden, from your balcony or in your local park.

### How to record your results

- Count the birds for one hour in your garden, from your balcony or local park **between 26 and 28 January 2024**.
- Record the total for each bird in the boxes on the count chart opposite.
- Count the most birds of a particular species you see at any one time.  
So, if you see a group of eight Starlings, but later see six together, please write down eight as your final count.
- If you don't see any of the birds on the chart, record '0' as your final count – it's important for us to know which birds are 'no shows'.
- Only include birds that land, not those flying over.
- Even if you saw nothing make sure you tell us, it still counts.

Name of bird	Most seen at one time
Blackbird	
Blue Tit	
Chaffinch	
Coal Tit	
Collared Dove	
Duncock	
Goldfinch	
Great Tit	
Greenfinch	
House Sparrow	
Long-tailed Tit	
Magpie	
Robin	
Starling	
Woodpigeon	
Other birds	

### Discover more about Birdwatch

You can simply use the chart opposite to take part, but if you would like to know more go to [www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch). You'll find expert advice, tips and features on how to attract birds onto your patch for a successful Birdwatch.

And you can share pics and stories with the online Birdwatch community on social media using **#BigGardenBirdWatch**.

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### Let's keep in touch on your terms

#### Thank you for taking action for nature.

We're working hard to do all we can to save it. You can play your own, very important part, which is why we'd love to let you know about the conservation, campaigning, research and fundraising work that we're doing.

If you're happy for the RSPB and RSPB Shop to keep in touch, please let us know how you would like to hear from us:

Post	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes please	<input type="checkbox"/> No thanks
Phone	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes please	<input type="checkbox"/> No thanks
Email	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes please	<input type="checkbox"/> No thanks
Text	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes please	<input type="checkbox"/> No thanks

You're in control. If you'd like to change your choices at a later date, all you have to do is call us on 01767 693680 or go to [www.rspb.org.uk/preferences](http://www.rspb.org.uk/preferences). If you decide to stay in touch, we'll also keep you up to date with news about membership, products, offers and competitions. Your details will be kept safe and secure, only used by us, or those who work for us, and will not be shared with anyone else. We analyse information you provide, and about how you've helped us, to decide what communications will be of interest to you (and so that we can save our resources for conservation work) and to help us understand our supporters. We also use this information to run our charity's operations, e.g. if you place an order or make a donation, we'll need your details to process those. If you would like to know more or understand your data protection rights, please take a look at

[www.rspb.org.uk/privacypolicy](http://www.rspb.org.uk/privacypolicy)

#### Please use CAPITAL letters.

Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms, Mx etc)	
First name	
Last name	
Your address	
Town	
County/Council area	
Postcode	
Telephone	
Mobile	
Email (over 18s only)	
Date of birth if under 18	
How many people took part?	Adults <input type="text"/> Children <input type="text"/>
If you didn't do your Big Garden Birdwatch at home, where did you do it? Postcode (if different from above)	

### How to submit your results

When you've done your Birdwatch, go to [www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch) quoting code BH30 and submit your totals using the online results form. **Submit your results by 18 February 2024.**

If you'd rather send us your results by post, send this completed form to us in an envelope addressed **FREEPOST RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH by 13 February 2024**. This is a short address, but it will definitely reach us.