

Big Garden Birdwatch

At this time of year in Hazeldene we participate in the Big Garden Birdwatch and you can do this at home too,

Instructions

Pick a time

You can choose any hour of the day between 29 and 31 January.

Tell us what you see

Count the birds you see in your garden

This year RSPB's advice is to take part in the safety of your own home. This could include a birdwatch from your window if you overlook a green space or courtyard.

Submit your results

You can submit your results online at rspb.org.uk/birdwatch from 29 January until 19 February.

Every count is important so, if you do not see anything, please still submit your result. Finding out which birds do not visit your area is as important as understanding those which do!

If you can, please take a photo or tell us how many birds you see.

Share them with us Tweet @ HazeldeneFamC



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How many birds did you see?

See [resources below](#) for printable bird ID sheets and how to guide.

How to Guide

https://www.rspb.org.uk/globalassets/downloads/big gardenbirdwatch/2021/how-to-resources/Bgbw21_how-to-guide.pdf

Printable bird id chart

https://www.rspb.org.uk/globalassets/downloads/big gardenbirdwatch/2021/how-to-resources/eng_id-print_at_home--min.pdf

What do birds eat?

There are lots of different bird foods available, including mixes for bird feeders and bird tables, as well as for ground feeding:

- [Blackbirds](#) mostly feed on the ground and will eat anything – from fatty nibbles to mealworms
- [Blue tits](#) and [great tits](#) use a feeder, eating seeds as well as suet and peanuts
- Finches, including [chaffinches](#) and [greenfinches](#), use both a feeder and a bird table, and they love sunflower hearts
- Look for good quality bird food – those that don't include 'fillers' such as dried peas and beans that birds rarely eat.
- You can put out leftovers such as some bread, fruit cake, dried fruit, unsalted nuts, or fruit such as apples and pears. Don't use anything mouldy or salty though, and if you have a dog don't put out dried fruit – vine fruits such as raisins can be toxic to them.
- **Click on the blue links above to learn some facts about each bird and listen to them sing.**

Can you draw a picture of your favourite bird which you saw?

[Share your work Tweet@ HazeldeneFamC](#)

Fill in the chart below to show how many you saw of each species.

	<p>Blackbird</p>	<p><i>How many?</i></p>
	<p>Blue tit</p>	
	<p>Chaffinch</p>	
	<p>Greenfinch</p>	
	<p>Robin</p>	
<p><i>Other Bird - Draw here</i></p>	<p><i>Other bird - Write the species here</i></p>	

What are the Children Learning?

Data and analysis

I can use the signs and charts around me for information. [MNU 0-20c](#)

Use charts for recording and displaying day-to-day information

Where to put your bird feeders

You can put your bird feeder in all sorts of places, but aim for somewhere:

- Quiet – where birds will not be disturbed.
- Safe – not too close to bushes where cats could hide in wait, but close enough to cover that birds can easily dart to and from
- Sheltered from harsh winds.

Wherever you place your feeder, make sure you can see it when you are indoors so you can get the most pleasure from it!

Bear in mind, it can take a little bit of time for the birds to get used to a new feeder, so do not be disappointed if not many birds visit at first.



Happy Bird Watching

The Eco Ladies

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