



# Make your #BigGarden BirdWatch count

Tell us what you see. Use this handy chart to count up the highest number of birds you see at any one time, not the total over the hour.

Our guide will help you identify the birds you see and learn more about them as you're watching. But if you're not sure what you are looking at, you can also use our online bird identifier to help.

You can also identify your garden bird song – simply visit [rspb.org.uk/bigardenextra](http://rspb.org.uk/bigardenextra) to find our audio guide.

**What are you watching?**  
Identify the bird in your sights at [rspb.org.uk/birdidentifier](http://rspb.org.uk/birdidentifier)



## Long-tailed tit

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

2019 Ranking	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	Long-term trend since late 2000s	<b>↑33%</b>
How many have you seen all at once?			



## Goldfinch

**Distinguishing features:**  
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.

2019 Ranking	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	Long-term trend since late 2000s	<b>↑47%</b>
How many have you seen all at once?			



## Robin

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

2019 Ranking	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	Long-term trend since 1979	<b>↓33%</b>
How many have you seen all at once?			

## Great tit

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

2019 Ranking	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	Long-term trend since 1979	<b>↑68%</b>
How many have you seen all at once?			



## Greenfinch

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

2019 Ranking	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	Long-term trend since 1979	<b>↓64%</b>
How many have you seen all at once?			



## Blackbird

**Distinguishing features:**  
Males are black with yellow beaks, while females are brown.

2019 Ranking	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	Long-term trend since 1979	<b>↓42%</b>
How many have you seen all at once?			



## Woodpigeon

**Distinguishing features:**  
This large garden bird is mostly grey with a white patch on its neck.

2019 Ranking	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	Long-term trend since 1979	<b>↑1034%</b>
How many have you seen all at once?			





## Dunnock

### Distinguishing features:

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

2019 Ranking **13<sup>th</sup>** Long-term trend since 1979 **-0%**

How many have you seen all at once?

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## Magpie

### Distinguishing features:

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

2019 Ranking **10<sup>th</sup>** Long-term trend since 1979 **↑192%**

How many have you seen all at once?

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Male



Female

## House sparrow

### Distinguishing features:

The male has a grey head, black bib and brown streaky back, while the female is more brown all over.

2019 Ranking **1<sup>st</sup>** Long-term trend since 1979 **↓56%**

How many have you seen all at once?

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## Collared dove

### Distinguishing features:

Look for its black neck collar.

2019 Ranking **11<sup>th</sup>** Long-term trend since 1979 **↑275%**

How many have you seen all at once?

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Male

Female



## Chaffinch

### Distinguishing features:

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.

2019 Ranking **9<sup>th</sup>** Long-term trend since 1979 **↓57%**

How many have you seen all at once?

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## Blue tit

### Distinguishing features:

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.

2019 Ranking **3<sup>rd</sup>** Long-term trend since 1979 **↑8%**

How many have you seen all at once?

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## Coal tit

### Distinguishing features:

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

2019 Ranking **17<sup>th</sup>** Long-term trend since 1979 **↑246%**

How many have you seen all at once?

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## Starling

### Distinguishing features:

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

2019 Ranking **2<sup>nd</sup>** Long-term trend since 1979 **↓80%**

How many have you seen all at once?

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