



CALLING ALL BIRD LOVERS!
THE RSPB NEEDS YOU TO TAKE PART IN THE BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH.

Packed with puzzles to solve, tips to learn, and over 170 plastic-free stickers, this book has lots to keep budding birdwatchers busy.



INCLUDES:

- Fascinating facts about your favourite birds
- How to make a bird feeder
- A spotter's log to jot down what you see, and much more!

THE IDEAL INTRODUCTION TO BIRDWATCHING



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Big Garden Birdwatch

Every January, the RSPB calls on bird lovers to join the Big Garden Birdwatch – the world's BIGGEST garden wildlife survey.

It's easy to get involved in this fun, free, bird-friendly event!
All you have to do is:

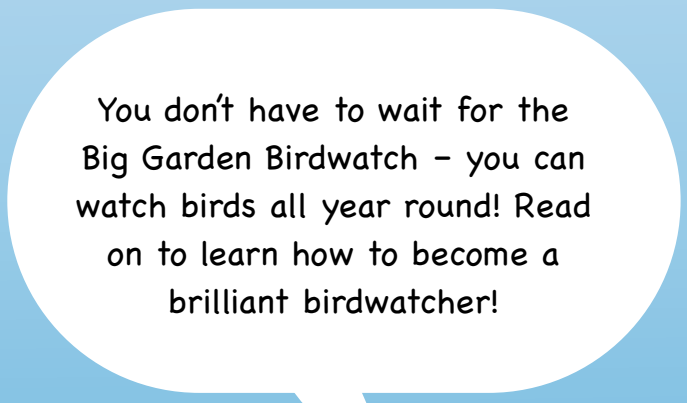
1. Find a green space where you can count birds.

2. Spend one hour counting the birds you see and make a note of them. Only count the birds that land – not the ones that fly over!

3. Send your results to the RSPB at: www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch

The information you send gives a snapshot of how birds are doing in the wild and whether some species need extra help.







If you see this symbol, it means you'll need an adult to help you.

A WORLD OF BIRDS

Birds are beautiful and they can be found nearly everywhere! There is so much fun we can have by just paying them a little attention, and the easiest place to start birdwatching is from your very own home!



Birdwatching basics

You don't need any equipment to birdwatch, but you might find these things helpful:

- Pencil
- Notebook
- Binoculars
- Camera









Draw the view from a window in your home or use your imagination! Add bird stickers to the scene.



TUNE IN

Birds are often heard before they're seen – they shuffle and flap, rustle leaves, call and sing.

Take a moment to stand still and quiet next time you're outside. Can you hear any birdsong?

Sing-a-long

Add stickers to complete each bird and learn its signature song!

This finch sings with a lively sequence of trills of different speeds.

dibbi-dibbi-dibju-ju-ju-ju-ju dweeeeez

Greenfinch

cu-coo-coo

Collared dove

This dove has a slow, lazy, three-note song.

sispi si-hee-hee-hee-hee

Blue tit songs last only 2-3 seconds.

Blue tit

wee-gee wee-gee

Coal tits sing a seesawing 'wee-gee wee-gee' in a high squeaky voice.

Coal tit

beep click wheeeeet click click

Starling

Starlings like to copy different sounds – from the songs of other birds to car alarms!

schak-ak-ak-ak-ak

A magpie rarely sings, and when it does, it's very quiet.

Magpie

cu coo cu cu cu

Woodpigeons usually sing five notes in a row.

Woodpigeon

DID YOU KNOW?

Birds have accents, just like humans. Some birds that live in towns sing in a higher pitch than those in the countryside.

FEED THE BIRDS

Want to make your garden a hot-spot for birds? Create your own bird feeder to encourage them to visit again and again.

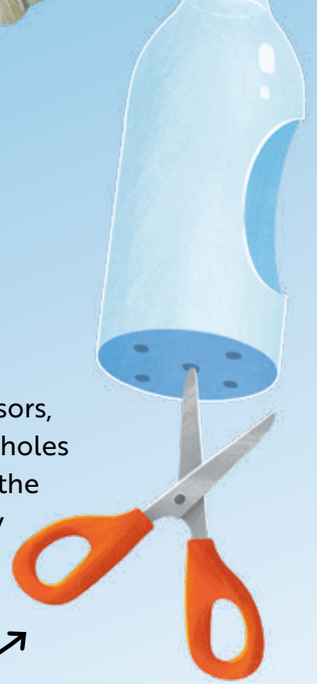
You will need:

- A clean, empty plastic bottle
- Scissors
- Wire or string
- Birdseed



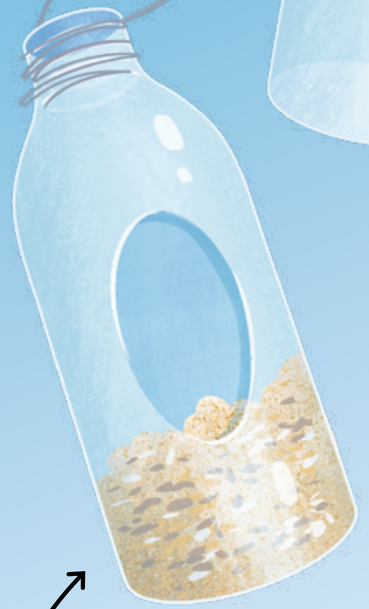


Step 1: Cut a bird-sized hole about halfway up the side of the plastic bottle.



Step 2: Using scissors, poke a few small holes at the bottom of the bottle so that any rainwater can drain away.

Step 3: Wrap string or wire around the neck of the bottle.



Step 4: Pour birdseed into the bottle till it just reaches the hole.



Step 5: Hang up your feeder!

TIP

Make sure feeders are placed high up and out of the way of cats and other predators.

Make sure you check your feeder at least once a week. Throw away food that's gone bad, put on some gloves, clean and recycle the bottle. When you start again, find a new spot to hang your feeder.

FAMILIAR FACES

Here are ten of the most common garden birds in the UK. How many have you spotted?



House sparrow



Appearance: Brown, though males have a black mask and a grey cap.

Fun Fact: Often ranks as the 'most-spotted bird' during the Big Garden Birdwatch.

Starling



Appearance: Mostly black, though they develop white speckles in winter.

Fun Fact: They fly together in huge groups, called 'murmurations'.

Blue tit



Appearance: Bright blue with white and yellow markings.

Fun Fact: Baby blue tits have yellow cheeks that turn white as they grow up.

Woodpigeon



Appearance: Grey and bulky.

Fun Fact: A young pigeon is called a 'squab'.

Blackbird



Appearance: The males are black but the females are brown.

Fun Fact: Fond of fruits and berries.

Robin



Appearance: Small with a red breast.

Fun Fact: Robins only get their red breasts when they grow up.

Find the right sticker for each bird.

Goldfinch

Appearance: Has a red face and a yellow wing patch.

Fun Fact: A flock of goldfinches is called 'a charm'.



Great tit

Appearance: Bigger than a blue tit, with a black line running down its chest.

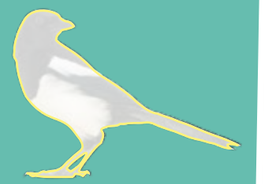
Fun Fact: In winter, they forage for food with blue tits.



Magpie

Appearance: Black and white patches and a long tail.

Fun Fact: Magpies can copy human speech.



Chaffinch

Appearance: Females are mostly brown, but males have a rosy pink chest.

Fun Fact: The adults eat seeds but the chicks eat insects.





Is there a bird that you see a lot? What's your favourite bird?

Draw it here!



Describe it here!

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