

We are encouraging our families to take part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch, which runs from Friday 29th until Sunday 31st January.

Our Mossgate Parliament identified this as something we could take part in when completing their Eco-Schools audit last term. (Thank you Sian and Maddy!)

Lots of resources will be uploaded to Seesaw, so please check. You can also click on the hyperlinks within this document to access the resources.

We hope you enjoy taking part. Please take photos and share with us through Seesaw or FB.

Mr Smith

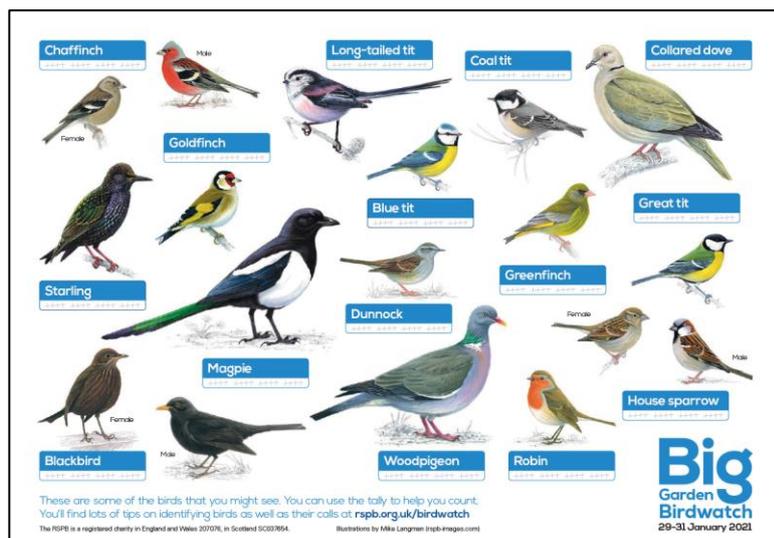
How to take part

1. Pick a time

You can choose any hour between Friday 29th and Sunday 31st January, so whether you're an early bird or a night owl, you can still take part!

2. Get ready

Download one of the tally sheet templates from Seesaw, or click the image opposite to the download from the [RSPB website](https://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch). You can always create your own table in your exercise book at home.



If you can, place out some bird seed to encourage birds to your garden. We have uploaded some simple birdfeeder instructions to **Seesaw** so you can make your own at home.

3. Tell us what you see

Count the birds you see in your garden or from your balcony*. Only include those that land, not those flying over. Count the most birds you see at any one time – otherwise you could count the same bird twice.

**This year, the RSPB advise that families 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.*

If you need help identifying a bird, you can use the [RSPB's online tool](https://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch).

4. Submit your results

Go to the [RSPB website](https://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch) and tell them what you saw by 15 February 2021. Every count is important so, if you don't see anything, please still submit your result. Finding out which birds don't visit your area is as important as understanding those which do!

BBC Programme – Thursday 28th January at 11am

The BBC will this year be supporting the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch with live lessons on Thursday 28th January at 11am. The cross-curricular programme, in partnership with the [RSPB](https://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch) and [BBC Two's Winterwatch](https://www.bbc.com/1/programmes/winterwatch), will allow Key Stage 2 pupils to experience the magic of

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nature in the winter from their classrooms and homes, and arm them with the necessary skills to go out and explore their local wildlife. Younger children can also watch, but may need adult help.

Covering key curriculum objectives across English, maths and science, the lesson will delve into the key features of a 'how-to' guide, working scientifically using classification keys and how to present data using bar graphs.

Pupils will get a chance to pose questions to our Winterwatch experts in a live Q&A, and learn about how their birdwatching can help contribute to the preservation of bird species in the UK.

Email your bird / wildlife questions, alongside your school name, to live.lessons@bbc.co.uk and they could be featured in the lesson.

Download BBC resources to be used alongside the Live Lesson:

- [Teacher / parent guide to the BBC Live Lesson which explains the activities](#)
- [Live Lesson activity sheet](#) (some of the activities included below)
- [Live Lesson activity sheet answers for parents](#)



Size: 45cm
Habitats: Woods, parks, gardens, farms, moors and towns.
This bird is a:



Size: 21.5cm
Habitats: Woods, grassland, farms and towns.
This bird is a:

How many robins were spotted? Can you draw the number in the bar chart?

Clue 1: Fewer robins were spotted than blackbirds.
Clue 2: The number of robins spotted is more than the sum of blue tits and red kites.
Clue 3: The number of robins spotted is equal to two of the other groups of birds added together.

Birds that were spotted

Types of birds	Numbers of birds
Starlings	2
Blue tits	1
Red kites	1
Blackbirds	5
Robins	0



Other activities

1. Watch the [live camera feed](#) from the RSPB and see if you can name the different visitors to their feeding table.
2. Create different **bird feeders** at home following the simple instructions uploaded to Seesaw.
3. **Word search** of common garden birds available to download from Seesaw.
4. Use the **'How to draw a bird'** instructions which have been uploaded to Seesaw.
5. Download and play two different **card games** produced by the RSPB:
 - [A 'Top Trumps' style games which will help them to learn about different garden birds.](#) (see image opposite)
 - [A simple game to test your memory.](#)

