Eco-committee recommends...



RSPB Great British Bird Watch 2024

Please see the slides below to make bird feeders and take part in the RSPB Birdwatch 2024!

We would love to see any pictures of your birdfeeders or any photographs of birds in your garden.

Please email these to

kgamble@stfaiths.co.uk

Make an apple bird feeder

Create one of these and the birds will feed very "h-apple-y".

Ask an adult to core the apple or make a hole through the middle.



- Thread the string through the hole in the apple and tie the bottom end to a stick.
- 3 Push sunflower seeds into the top half of the apple.



You will need

- · A soft apple
- · Apple corer or skewer
- · Sunflower seeds (in shells)
- · Three sticks
- String

- 4 Make bird perches by poking the other two sticks into the bottom half of the apple.
- Tie the string to a tree and wait for bird action.





Make bird kebabs

No, no, not kebabs made out of birds! Make up a yummy kebab of food, hang it up outside, and wait for the birds to invite themselves for lunch.

Make up the things to put on your kebabs. Choose food that will be good for birds. Cut big chunks into marble-sized pieces.



- Now carefully thread each piece on floral wire, leaving about 8 cm at either end. Bend the ends into little books
- 3 Bend the wire to form a circle, hooking the ends together.



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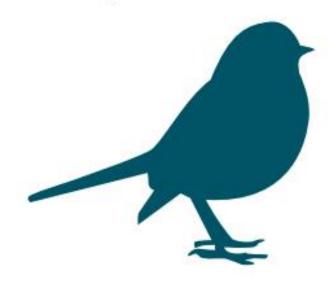
- Floral wire
- String
- Bird kebab food, such as apples, bread, hard cheese, raisins

Tie a loop of string on the wire circle and hang your kebab up for the birds to eat.





Your how-to-guide and tally chart



Big Garden Birdwatch

26-28 January 2024

Taking part is as easy as 1, 2, 3

Count the birds you see in your garden, from your balcony or in your local park for one hour between 26 and 28 January 2024.

Use the tally boxes on the next page to count and record the birds you spot. Transfer your count to the results form. This chart shows some birds you might see. You may see others, if so record those on the results form too. Where we don't show male and female birds, the sexes look similar, but are not always identical.

- Pollowing these simple rules makes it easy to count the birds you see. Only include birds that land, not those flying over. Count the highest number of each species you see at any one time, otherwise you could count the same bird twice. For example, if you saw a group of eight Starlings but then towards the end of your hour you saw six together, record '8' as your final Starling count.
- Go online and tell us what you saw at www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch
 Submitting online is quick and easy and it means we can spend more
 on saving nature as it reduces our costs. Whatever you saw even if
 nothing at all please tell us. The more results we have, the better the
 picture we will be of how garden birds are faring.

If you are unable to submit your results online, please complete and send us the print-from-home form.

Helping you make your Big Garden Birdwatch count

Get involved on our social channels

Throughout the Big Garden Birdwatch long weekend, you can join in the conversation on our social channels. See what other nature lovers are spotting across the UK and you can upload pics and comments about your Birdwatch. Go to #BigGardenBirdWatch

Get ID tips and expert advice

You'll find lots of advice on identifying birds by sight and sound, as well as expert insights into garden wildlife at www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch

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- Court the birds for one hour in your garden, from your balcony or local park between 26 and 28 January 2024.
- 2 Record the total for each bird in the boxes on the count
- So, if you see a group of eight Startings, but later see six together, please write down eight as your final count. Count the most birds of a particular species you see at any one time.
- 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'.
- 6 Even if you saw nothing makes use you tell us, it still counts

5 Only include birds that land, not those flying over.

	Other birds
	Woodpigeon
-	Starling
	Robin
ļ	Magpie
ļ	Long-tailed Tit
l	House Sparrow
l	Greenfinch
-	Great Tit
	Goldfinch
ļ	Dunnock
ļ	Collared Dove
L	Coal Tit
L	Chaffinch
	Blue Tit
	Blackbird
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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

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 Bildwatch community on so dail media using #BigCarden Bird Watch

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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 very important part, which is why we'd love to let you know abo conservation, campaigning, research and fundraising work that we're doing. about the

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

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How to submit your results

When you've done your Bird watch, go to www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch quoting.code BH30 and submit your to take 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 BIRD WATCH by 13 February 2024. This is a short address, but it will definitely reach us.