

Garden Bird Survey

Instructions for filling out the Survey Form

See www.birdwatchireland.com, or *Wings* magazine for starting date

But first...

Please read these notes

- You may count birds that come into your garden even if they are not feeding on the food you put out for them.

- Please **don't** count birds that you see **outside the garden**, such as flocks of Whooper Swans or Lapwings on nearby lakes and fields, or those flying overhead.

- If you see some birds almost every day, remember that we only want your highest count for a species in a given week.

Your name and address

Please provide your forename, surname, and full address.

It is important to provide these details even if you have taken part in the survey before!

Please use **BLOCK CAPITALS**

Forename

Surname

Address

Details of your garden

State whether your garden is; (tick appropriate box)

Urban (in a city centre)

Suburban (on the edge of a town or city)

Rural (in or beside open country or farmland).

Has the garden been counted previously? Yes No

How large is your garden?
Half tennis court-size or smaller
Approximately tennis court-size
Larger than a tennis court

Are berries present in your garden?
Yes No

Do you provide food for birds in your garden?
Yes No

If 'yes', please state whether you provide;

Peanut feeders
Yes No

Other seed in feeders
Yes No

Scraps on bird table/ground
Yes No

Fruit (eg, apples for Blackcaps)
Yes No

Fat/suet/"bird cake"
Yes No

For office use only

Weekly Counts

- Count and record birds that come into your garden.

- Please enter the highest number (peak count) of birds of each species you observed at any one time during the week. For example, if five was the highest number of Blue Tits you saw at one time during the week, enter '5' on the record sheet.

- Count as accurately as possible. Please do not use plus signs as we do not know whether it means as little as 1 or as much as 500!

- Feral pigeons and racing pigeons should be counted.

- Birds of prey seen hunting in your survey area should be counted (eg, a hovering Kestrel).

- If observations are not made during any week, please leave the **appropriate column blank**.

- When a species is not recorded in a particular week, leave the space blank.**

- Only count the species which you can positively identify.

Additional Species

Species identified which are not on the list (on the right of this sheet) should be entered in the spaces provided. ▶

Table for recording birds (weekly counts)

Week number		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	Sparrowhawk ▶													
2	Feral Pigeon ▶													
3	Woodpigeon ▶													
4	Collared Dove ▶													
5	Grey Wagtail ▶													
6	Pied Wagtail ▶													
7	Wren ▶													
8	Dunnock ▶													
9	Robin ▶													
10	Blackbird ▶													
11	Fieldfare ▶													
12	Song Thrush ▶													
13	Redwing ▶													
14	Mistle Thrush ▶													
15	Blackcap ▶													
16	Goldcrest ▶													
17	Long-tailed Tit ▶													
18	Coal Tit ▶													
19	Blue Tit ▶													
20	Great Tit ▶													
21	Magpie ▶													
22	Jackdaw ▶													
23	Rook ▶													
24	Hooded Crow ▶													
25	Starling ▶													
26	House Sparrow ▶													
27	Chaffinch ▶													
28	Greenfinch ▶													
29	Goldfinch ▶													
30	Siskin ▶													
31	Bullfinch ▶													
32	Redpoll ▶													
32	other ▶													
33	other ▶													
34	other ▶													
35	other ▶													
36	other ▶													

Please return completed form not later than 1st April
 See www.birdwatchireland.ie for details