



Garden BirdWatch 2009/2010

Instructions for filling out survey form

Starting Date: Monday, 30th November 2009

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

Email

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
 Greater than one acre

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
- Bird seed in feeders
 Yes No
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 Yes No
- Scraps on bird table/ground
 Yes No
- Fruit (e.g., apples for Blackcaps)
 Yes No
- Fat/suet/"bird cake"
 Yes No

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Weekly counts

- Count and record birds that come into your garden.
- Each week, enter the highest number (peak count) of birds of each species you observed at any one time during that 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 (e.g., 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 other side of this sheet) should be entered in the spaces provided.