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BirdWatchIreland

Garden Bird Survey 2013/2014

Your name and address

It is important to provide these details even if you have taken part in the survey before. **Please use BLOCK CAPITALS.**

Full name

Address

E-mail address

Tips on counting your garden birds

- Each week, take note of the highest number of birds of each species that you see in your garden. For example, if five is the highest number of Blue Tits that you see, enter '5' on the recording form overleaf. If you don't see any that week, leave the space blank.
- Count as accurately as possible. Please do not use plus signs as we do not know whether that means at least one or as many as 500!
- Birds of prey seen hunting in or over your garden should be counted (e.g., a hovering Kestrel).
- Feral pigeons and racing pigeons should be counted.
- If you see a bird that is not on the list overleaf, please add it to the end of the form.
- Count birds that come into your garden even if they do not feed 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.
- If you can, hang your feeders on or near a tree or bush so birds can approach safely and retreat quickly into cover.
- Make sure the birds have a regular supply of food. Keep the feeders topped up and also provide water. A wide variety of bird foods is available from BirdWatch Ireland (you can order online).

You can submit your results online

If you can, please submit your results online; it will save us time. Go to **www.birdwatchireland.ie** and click on 'Online Surveys.' If you fill in the online form, there is no need to post the paper form. We need one or the other, but not both! Thank you for taking part in the survey.

Your garden

Please fill in the following details about your garden:

Is your garden... (tick 'yes' or 'no')

Urban (in a town or city centre)? yes no

Suburban (on outskirts of a town or city)? yes no

Rural (in or beside open country or farmland)? yes no

What size is your garden?

Half the size of a tennis court or smaller yes no

Approximately tennis court-sized yes no

Larger than a tennis court yes no

An acre or larger yes no

Food available for birds in your garden

Are berry bushes present? yes no

Do you provide food? yes no

Do you provide any of the following?

Peanuts in feeders yes no

Seeds in feeders yes no

Nyjer seed yes no

Scraps yes no Fruit yes no

Fat, suet or other bird cake yes no

Please donate

Please consider making a donation to help us cover the costs of processing and analysing the Garden Bird Survey results.

Donation:

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Redpoll at feeder
Photo: Shay Connolly

Garden Bird Survey Recording Form

Week starting	2 Dec	9 Dec	16 Dec	23 Dec	30 Dec	6 Jan	13 Jan	20 Jan	27 Jan	3 Feb	10 Feb	17 Feb	24 Feb
Sparrowhawk													
Feral Pigeon													
Woodpigeon													
Collared Dove													
Grey Wagtail													
Pied Wagail													
Wren													
Dunnock													
Robin													
Blackbird													
Fieldfare													
Song Thrush													
Redwing													
Mistle Thrush													
Blackcap													
Goldcrest													
Long-tailed Tit													
Coal Tit													
Blue Tit													
Great Tit													
Magpie													
Jackdaw													
Rook													
Hooded Crow													
Starling													
House Sparrow													
Chaffinch													
Greenfinch													
Goldfinch													
Siskin													
Bullfinch													
Redpoll													
other species													
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Please return completed form not later than 1st April 2014 to
Garden BirdWatch, BirdWatch Ireland, Unit 20, Block D, Bullford Business Campus, Kilcoole, Greystones, Co Wicklow