



Schools can be great places to see birds and wildlife. Scraps of food from lunchtime provide a welcome snack for birds like **Robins**, **Jackdaws** and **Gulls**. Sports fields are a good spot for **Blackbirds** and **Thrushes** to hunt for wriggly worms. Hedges, trees and shrubs offer a safe place for many birds like **Goldfinches** and **Wrens**, to shelter, feed and make their nests. Even school buildings are ideal places for species like **House Sparrows**, **Swallows** and **Swifts** to make their nests.



If you would like to learn more about the birds around your school or if you want to start up your own school's bird project, here are some ways to get started:



Take part in the [Schools Garden Bird Survey](#) or contact gardenbirds@birdwatchireland.ie for more information.



Test your bird I.D. skills with the '[Who Am I? The Big Schools Bird Quiz](#)'



Visit the Birds '[Birds Around Your School](#)' section on the BirdWatch Ireland website for great projects your class can get involved in.



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