giving Go birdwatching nature rspb a home

How many of these birds can you find around where you live? As you spot each bird, write down where you found it.



House sparrow Search in hedges, parks and gardens for small, chirpy, streaky brown birds. Male has grey cap and black chin; female is plainer.

Where?



Woodpigeon Common, big, grey pigeon

with a white band on the wing and white neck patches. Wings make a noisy clatter. Often in flocks.

Where?



Starling

Bigger than a sparrow, but smaller than a blackbird (speckled in winter), short tail, pointed beak and waddling walk. Often in flocks.

Where?

Robin

Where?

A small, perky garden

and woodland bird. The

orange-red face and chest

are unique but not quite as

bright as you might expect.



Blue tit

Tiny green and yellow bird with blue wings and tail. Look for blue cap edged with white. Common in gardens and woods.

Where?



Great tit Smaller than a sparrow but bright, bold and noisy. Has a black cap, big white cheek patches and black stripe down front.

Where?



Magpie

Big, long-tailed black and white bird like nothing else. Makes loud chattering noise. Often in gardens, farmland and woods.

Where?



Blackbird

Common in gardens and woods, between sparrow and pigeon in size. Male black with yellow beak, female brown.

Where?



Goldfinch Brightly-coloured sparrowsized, usually seen in flocks, giving ringing calls.

Where?



Chaffinch

A sparrow-sized bird of gardens, fields and woods. It has two white bars across the wing and white sides to the tail.

Where?





Collared dove A small, slim, pale dove. It has a thin black band around the back of the neck. Often in gardens.

Where?



Wild **Challenge** extra

What did you spot?

Can you **describe two birds** you have found and add a **drawing** or **picture** of each? If you like, you could **send us a picture** of this page to share your experience. Maybe you could also try recording yourself mimicking the sound the bird made.

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Name of bird (if known)

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What was it doing? (flying/hopping/walking/standing still/feeding/something else)

How big was it? (sparrow-sized/pigeon-sized/bigger)

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