

Big Schools' Birdwatch 2026



Big Schools' and Garden Birdwatch 2026



What is it?

This 23-25 January, there's the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers help to build a picture of how garden birds are faring.

Why?

To gather crucial information on bird population to help scientist to work out different ways to help birds from decline and extinction.



Declines, disease and dangers – the issues facing birds

- Habitat loss and degradation
- Deforestation and logging
- The intensification of agriculture is a major contributor, involving increased use of pesticides and fertilizers
- Climate change (affecting migration patterns, breeding cycles, and the availability of food and nesting sites)
- pollution, invasive alien species, hunting, and collisions with human-made structures such as buildings, power lines, and wind turbines.
- Light pollution



What are the effects on humans?

- The loss of birds has cascading effects on ecosystems, as birds play vital roles in pollination, seed dispersal, and pest control.
- Threatens human well-being, including food security, air quality, and mental health
- Approximately 48% of bird species worldwide are undergoing population declines, with many species now at risk of extinction.



How Birds Help us?

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hE8p-xzB3jk>
- KS1 and KS2

Take part in the Big Garden Count!

