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Garden Bird Survey 2018/2019

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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 you see, enter '5' on the form overleaf. If you don't see any that week, leave the space blank.
- If you see some birds almost every day, remember that we only want your highest count for a species in a given week.
- 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 (for example, 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 swans on nearby fields, or birds flying overhead.
- 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.

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

Have you completed this survey in the past...

Did you send us a survey form before? yes no

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Garden Bird Survey Recording Form

Week starting:

3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25
Dec	Dec	Dec	Dec	Dec	Jan	Jan	Jan	Jan	Feb	Feb	Feb	Feb

Sparrowhawk												
Feral Pigeon												
Woodpigeon												
Collared Dove												
Magpie												
Jackdaw												
Rook												
Hooded Crow												
Goldcrest												
Blue Tit												
Great Tit												
Coal Tit												
Long-tailed Tit												
Blackcap												
Treecreeper												
Wren												
Starling												
Blackbird												
Fieldfare												
Song Thrush												
Redwing												
Mistle Thrush												
Robin												
Dunnock												
House Sparrow												
Pied Wagtail												
Chaffinch												
Bullfinch												
Greenfinch												
Linnet												
Redpoll												
Goldfinch												
Siskin												
other species												
other species												
other species												

Please return completed form not later than 31st March 2019 to

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