Irish Garden Bird Survey

Irish Garden Bird Survey 2026/2027

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Your garden details

Name

Address

County Eircode

E-mail address

Tips on counting your garden birds

- Each week you note the highest number of each bird species that you see *at any one time* when looking at your garden. If you see some birds almost every day, remember that we only want your highest single count for a species in a given week. And then start fresh the following week!
- So, if you see two Blue Tits in the morning and three in the evening, then your number 'to beat' for the rest of the week is three. Never sum your counts between days, or even from different times of the day.
- Count birds that come into your garden, even if they do not feed on the food you put out for them.
- Don't count birds that are in neighbouring fields or flying overhead (except birds of prey seen hunting).
- Count as accurately as possible. Please do not use plus signs, as we do not know if that means at least one or as many as 500!
- If you see a bird that is not on the list overleaf, please add it to the end of the form. If you're not sure of a new species, look it up in a bird book or get in touch with us to help identify it.
- See **bit.ly/GardenBirdInstructions** for more details.

Is your garden... (tick box if answer is 'yes')

Urban (in a town or city centre)?

Suburban (on outskirts of a town or city)?

Rural (in or beside open country or farmland)?

What size is your garden?

Half the size of a tennis court or smaller

Approximately tennis court-sized

Larger than a tennis court but less than an acre

An acre or larger

Do you provide any of the following?

Peanuts

Seeds (sunflower, mixed)

Nyjer seed

Fatballs, suets (any form)

Fruit

Berry bushes

Scraps

Water

Have you completed the survey from this address before? yes no

Did you have feeders in your garden during the summer? yes no

Have you seen a sick bird?

We are asking survey participants to provide a little extra information on sick birds. We are particularly focusing on finch species that are increasingly suffering from trichomoniasis.

Affected birds will appear slow and lethargic and have difficulty swallowing, often with bits of food stuck to their bills. If you see a sick bird with these symptoms in your garden, please let us know the species and put the number in the box for the corresponding week(s). See **bit.ly/SickGardenBirds** if you need more information.

Did you see any sick birds during the survey? yes no

Name of sick species	**Survey weeks** *(showing starting dates)*												
	30 Nov	7 Dec	14 Dec	21 Dec	28 Dec	4 Jan	11 Jan	18 Jan	25 Jan	1 Feb	8 Feb	15 Feb	22 Feb
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Irish Garden Bird Survey

Irish Garden Bird Survey Recording Form

Week starting:

	30 Nov	7 Dec	14 Dec	21 Dec	28 Dec	4 Jan	11 Jan	18 Jan	25 Jan	1 Feb	8 Feb	15 Feb	22 Feb
Sparrowhawk	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
Robin	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
Wren	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
Dunnock	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
Pied Wagtail	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
Starling	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
House Sparrow	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
Blackcap	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
Goldcrest	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
Blackbird	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
Song Thrush	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
Mistle Thrush	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
Blue Tit	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
Great Tit	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
Coal Tit	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
Long-tailed Tit	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
Chaffinch	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
Greenfinch	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
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Bullfinch	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
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Redpoll	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
Woodpigeon	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
Feral pigeon	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
Collared Dove	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
Magpie	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
Jackdaw	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
Rook	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
Hooded Crow	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
Pheasant	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
Linnet	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
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Please return completed form not later than 31st of March 2027. You can email it to gardenbirds@birdwatchireland.ie or post it to:
Irish Garden Bird Survey, BirdWatch Ireland, Unit 20, Block D, Bullford Business Campus, Kilcoole, Greystones, Co Wicklow A63 RW83

Or you can fill out your form online at bit.ly/IrishGardenBirds2026