**RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 2022**

In 2022 the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch ran between 28th and 30th January.

This year people contributed to the survey from 13 gardens in Plumpton & East Chiltington and recorded a total of 32 different species as follows:

| Species | Number Seen (previous Year) | 2022 Rank | 2021 Rank | Number of Gardens (previous Year) | East Sussex Rank |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jackdaw | 47 (33) | 1 | ⬆2 | 8 (7) | 9 |
| Blue Tit | 41 (44) | 2 | ⬇1 | 12 (13) | 2 |
| House Sparrow | 34 (29) | 3 | ⬆1 | 9 (7) | 1 |
| Goldfinch | 27 (36) | 4 | ⬇2 | 6 (9) | 11 |
| Robin | 20 (26) | 5 | ⬌0 | 13 (13) | 7 |
| Woodpigeon | 20 (18) | 5 | ⬆5 | 10 (12) | 4 |
| Blackbird | 19 (21) | 7 | ⬌0 | 13 (11) | 5 |
| Great Tit | 19 (22) | 7 | ⬇1 | 10 (11) | 8 |
| Mallard | 18 (20) | 9 | ⬇1 | 1 (1) | 34 |
| Starling | 17 (18) | 10 | ⬌0 | 6 (5) | 3 |
| Chaffinch | 14 (15) | 11 | ⬆1 | 6 (7) | 15 |
| Collared Dove | 13 (6) | 12 | ⬆6 | 6 (5) | 13 |
| Dunnock | 13 (10) | 12 | ⬆3 | 8 (6) | 14 |
| Long-tailed Tit | 12 (14) | 14 | ⬌0 | 6 (4) | 16 |
| Magpie | 12 (9) | 14 | ⬆2 | 9 (8) | 6 |
| Greenfinch | 11 (19) | 16 | ⬇7 | 4 (3) | 20 |
| Feral Pigeon | 10 (5) | 17 | ⬆4 | 1 (2) | 10 |
| Rook | 10 (6) | 17 | ⬆1 | 4 (2) | 27 |
| Nuthatch | 7 (7) | 19 | ⬇2 | 5 (5) | 22 |
| Carrion Crow | 6 (15) | 20 | ⬇8 | 4 (5) | 12 |
| Teal | 6 (3) | 20 | ⬆6 | 1 (1) | 77 |
| Moorhen | 5 (6) | 22 | ⬇4 | 1 (1) | 38 |
| Coal Tit | 4 (3) | 23 | ⬆3 | 4 (3) | 17 |
| Great Spotted Woodpecker | 2 (4) | 24 | ⬇2 | 2 (3) | 23 |
| Buzzard | 1 (1) | 25 | ⬆5 | 1 (1) | 31 |
| Green Woodpecker | 1 (1) | 25 | ⬆5 | 1 (1) | 36 |
| Grey Wagtail | 1 (0) | 25 | | 1 (0) | 41 |
| Kingfisher | 1 (0) | 25 | | 1 (0) | |
| Little Egret | 1 (1) | 25 | ⬆5 | 1 (1) | |
| Pheasant | 1 (4) | 25 | ⬇3 | 1 (3) | 26 |
| Song Thrush | 1 (1) | 25 | ⬆5 | 1 (1) | 21 |
| Wren | 1 (4) | 25 | ⬇3 | 1 (3) | 18 |

The fact that Jackdaw came top of the chart and ranked just ninth in East Sussex demonstrates just how many Jackdaws there are in the village.

Both Great Tit and Blue Tit were spotted in slightly fewer gardens and fewer individuals were also counted but Long-tailed Tits did slightly better.

Slightly surprisingly Goldfinches were recorded in 4 fewer gardens and there was a quite a large corresponding decrease in the total birds seen.