



# Plumpton & East Chiltington Wildlife Group

## RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 2023

These are the results of the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch for 2023. This year the survey ran between 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January during fairly benign weather with temperatures around 6-8<sup>o</sup>c with mainly light winds (although increasing on Sunday) and mainly sunny skies.

This year people contributed to the survey from 16 locations in Plumpton & East Chiltington and recorded a total of 35 different species as shown below.

Species	Number Seen (previous Year)	2023 Rank	Change from 2022 Rank	Number of Gardens (previous Year)	East Sussex Rank
Jackdaw	102 (47)	1	↔0	9 (8)	10
Blue Tit	72 (41)	2	↔0	16 (12)	3
House Sparrow	55 (34)	3	↔0	11 (9)	1
Great Tit	29 (19)	4	↑3	11 (10)	6
Robin	26 (20)	5	↔0	16 (13)	7
Long-tailed Tit	24 (12)	6	↑8	6 (6)	12
Blackbird	23 (19)	7	↔0	15 (13)	5
Mallard	21 (18)	8	↑1	1 (1)	35
Goldfinch	19 (27)	9	↓5	6 (6)	11
Starling	19 (17)	9	↑1	6 (6)	2
Woodpigeon	17 (20)	11	↓6	9 (10)	4
Chaffinch	12 (14)	12	↓1	6 (6)	17
Magpie	12 (12)	12	↑2	8 (9)	8
Collared Dove	11 (13)	14	↓2	7 (6)	13
Greenfinch	10 (11)	15	↑1	5 (4)	20
Dunnock	8 (13)	16	↓4	7 (8)	14
Coal Tit	7 (4)	17	↑6	6 (4)	16
Great Spotted Woodpecker	7 (2)	17	↑7	6 (2)	23
Carrion Crow	6 (6)	19	↑1	3 (4)	15
Moorhen	6 (5)	19	↑3	2 (1)	37
Nuthatch	6 (7)	19	↔0	5 (5)	22
Rook	6 (10)	19	↓2	2 (4)	26
Teal	6 (6)	19	↑1	1 (1)	75
Wren	5 (1)	24	↑1	4 (1)	18
Song Thrush	4 (1)	25	↔0	4 (1)	21
Stock Dove	3 (0)	26		1 (0)	40
Canada Goose	2 (0)	27		1 (0)	
Little Grebe	2 (0)	27		1 (0)	
Pheasant	2 (1)	27	↓2	2 (1)	25
Feral Pigeon	1 (10)	30	↓13	1 (1)	9
Goldcrest	1 (0)	30		1 (0)	39
Grey Wagtail	1 (1)	30	↓5	1 (1)	47
Kestrel	1 (0)	30		1 (0)	46
Little Egret	1 (1)	30	↓5	1 (1)	
Mistle Thrush	1 (0)	30		1 (0)	48

Jackdaw came top of the chart once again with a substantial increase in numbers over last year, primarily due to a remarkable 56 being recorded in just 3 gardens. It was encouraging to see increases in numbers of Blue Tit and House Sparrows.

Only 2 species (Blue Tit and Robin) were recorded in all 16 gardens.

Many thanks to all the people that submitted records to the Wildlife Group.