



## RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 2024

These are the results of the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch for 2024. This year the survey ran between 26th and 28th January during fairly benign weather with temperatures around 9-10 degrees C with light winds and periods of full sun and sunny intervals. This year 10 people contributed to the survey from Plumpton & East Chiltington and recorded a total of 391 birds of 34 different species as shown below.

Species	Number Seen (PreviousYear)	2024 Rank	Change from 2023 Rank	Number of Gardens (previous Year)	East Sussex Rank
Blue Tit	61 (72)	1	↑1	10 (16)	To follow...
House Sparrow	39 (55)	2	↑1	7 (11)	To follow...
Jackdaw	32 (102)	3	↓2	9 (9)	To follow...
Blackbird	22 (23)	4	↑3	10 (15)	To follow...
Great Tit	22 (29)	4	↔0	8 (11)	To follow...
Mallard	22 (21)	4	↑4	1 (1)	To follow...
Goldfinch	20 (19)	7	↑2	6 (6)	To follow...
Robin	20 (26)	7	↓2	10 (16)	To follow...
Long-tailed Tit	19 (24)	9	↓3	7 (6)	To follow...
Woodpigeon	15 (17)	10	↑1	7 (9)	To follow...
Carrion Crow	13 (6)	11	↑8	4 (3)	To follow...
Teal	13 (6)	11	↑8	1 (1)	To follow...
Collared Dove	12 (11)	13	↑1	8 (7)	To follow...
Dunnock	11 (8)	14	↑2	9 (7)	To follow...
Magpie	10 (12)	15	↓3	7 (8)	To follow...
Starling	10 (19)	15	↓6	5 (6)	To follow...
Coal Tit	7 (7)	17	↔0	5 (6)	To follow...
Great Spotted Woodpecker	6 (7)	18	↓1	5 (6)	To follow...
Feral Pigeon	5 (1)	19	↑11	2 (1)	To follow...
Pheasant	5 (2)	19	↑8	2 (2)	To follow...
Chaffinch	4 (12)	21	↓9	3 (6)	To follow...
Nuthatch	4 (6)	21	↓2	3 (5)	To follow...
Moorhen	3 (6)	23	↓4	1 (2)	To follow...
Coot	2 (0)	24		1 (0)	To follow...
Greenfinch	2 (10)	24	↓9	1 (5)	To follow...
Grey Heron	2 (0)	24		1 (0)	To follow...
Kestrel	2 (1)	24	↑6	2 (1)	To follow...
Stock Dove	2 (3)	24	↑2	1 (1)	To follow...
Canada Goose	1 (2)	29	↓2	1 (1)	To follow...
Little Egret	1 (1)	29	↑1	1 (1)	To follow...
Pied Wagtail	1 (0)	29		1 (0)	To follow...
Rook	1 (6)	29	↓10	1 (2)	To follow...
Treecreeper	1 (0)	29		1 (0)	To follow...
Wren	1 (5)	29	↓5	1 (4)	To follow...

The East Sussex Rank will follow once the RSPB issue their results.

The following three species were the only ones recorded in every garden; Blue Tit, Blackbird and Robin.

Perhaps a little surprisingly a Treecreeper was recorded during the survey for the first time ever.

The Wildlife Group started off the year with a community birdwatch event on Saturday 27th January. This coincided with the national Annual Big Garden Birdwatch Scheme promoted by RSPB. Twenty people descended on the Old Mill House at 9.30am, kindly hosted by Carole and Paul Nicholson.

Those familiar with the Birdwatch know that birds tend to 'do a bunk' when the annual census appears in their diaries; however, apart from the absent redwings, grey wagtail and goldfinches a healthy count of 90 birds turned up. The attendees were split into 3 areas of the garden and changed over half-way through the hour - really to keep the birds interested enough to want to stay! Sightings of teal, grey heron, little egret, great spotted woodpecker and long tailed tits were of particular interest. A hearty breakfast of local pastries was then enjoyed by guests.

Guests were reminded that they can do these counts on a regular basis through the weekly [BTO scheme](#)