

BIRDS IN GREENSPACES SURVEY OVERVIEW

1 APRIL-30 JUNE 2026

Taking part is straightforward, and these instructions will tell you exactly what you need to do, **whether you are using our mobile phone app or website.**



Survey

1 Choose a greenspace

Select your greenspace from the map, or make a note of this on your recording sheet if you plan to submit data via the website.

2 Record your birds

Walk around the site, recording all the birds you observe, whether by sight, sound or both. Record the species and number of individuals (and possible counts if you're unsure about a bird you've observed!).

3 Check and submit

Check the visit date, start and end time, and greenspace are correct.

Tell us how you identified the birds you saw and add notes if you wish, then submit!

If you prefer you can save your survey and submit later via the mobile phone or website.

If you can, aim to survey your greenspace once per month, April to June – but all visits are valuable!

Quick record

If you want to record a one-off observation, you can do this by submitting a 'quick record'.

Simply record the greenspace, species, count, and time – plus any notes you want to add!

Guidance

- Cover as much of the greenspace as possible, for most greenspaces between 30 minutes and an hour will be enough.
- Record only birds in the greenspace or flying low overhead (e.g. not high up flocks of gulls).
- Only count birds you have observed yourself.
- To avoid double counting, try to cover each area only once and don't count birds flying from behind you.

Visit our webpage for FAQ's and to **find out how to download and use our app** and more!



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