What birds can you see?

Look out for these birds in your school grounds and see how many different types you can see. Some will be harder to spot than others! Tick the box underneath each one you find.

**Blackbird**
Common in gardens and woods, between sparrow and pigeon in size. Male black with yellow beak, female brown.

**Starling**
Bigger than a sparrow, but smaller than a blackbird with a dark look (speckled in winter), short tail, pointed beak and waddling walk. Often in flocks.

**Dunnock**
A small, dark-looking bird found in gardens and woods, with a thin beak and orange-pink legs. Grey below, streaked on top.

**House sparrow**
Look in hedges, parks and gardens for small, chirpy, streaky brown birds. Male has grey cap and black chin; female is plainer.

**Coal tit**
One of our tiniest birds, found mostly in trees and tall bushes. It has no yellow, blue or green. Look for the white cheeks and white on the back of the head.

**Blue tit**
Tiny, dumpy, flat-headed, green and yellow bird with blue wings and tail. Look for blue cap edged with white. Common in gardens and woods.

**Great tit**
Smaller than a sparrow but bright, bold and noisy. Has a black cap, big white cheek patches and black stripe down front.

**Greenfinch**
Chunky finch with yellow wing flashes. Look for them on garden feeders and in town and country, sometimes in flocks with other finches.

**Chaffinch**
A sparrow-sized bird of gardens, fields and woods. Look for two white bars across the wing and white sides to the tail.

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**Pied wagtail**
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Jackdaw
A pigeon-sized crow, dark sooty grey with a paler neck and black cap. Often in flocks. It calls its name, “Jack”.

Feral pigeon
This town pigeon comes in many shades of blue-grey, grey, white and pale rusty-brown, often with black bars across the wings. It is common in town centres.

Rook
Big, black crow with “baggy trousers” and a white face, often seen in big flocks on fields or in treetops. Builds big nests in large groups.

Hooded crow
Found in Ireland and Western Scotland and closely related to the carrion crow, hooded crows are ashy grey with a black head, throat, wing, tail and thigh feathers.

Magpie
Big, long-tailed black and white bird like nothing else. Makes loud chattering noise. Often in large gardens, farmland and woods.

Woodpigeon
Common, big, grey pigeon with a white band on the wing and white neck patches. Wings make a noisy clatter. Often in flocks.

Collared dove
A small, slim, pale dove, sandy-grey on top, dull pinkish underneath. Look for the thin black band around the back of the neck. Often in gardens.

Black-headed gull
Very common, noisy, squabbling gull, with red beak and legs. White flash on front of wing. Head dark in summer, white with black spot at other times.

Herring gull
The big, silvery-grey and white gull, with black wingtips, red on the beak and pink legs. Young ones are mottled brown. Often found inland.

Carrion crow
Mostly on farmland and heaths but, a few tamer ones in town parks. Big, all black, with strong beak and legs. Loud “caw” noises. Not found in Ireland or Western Scotland.

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To find out more about these birds, visit rspb.org.uk/wildlife/birdguide

Have you seen a different bird?
If you’ve seen a bird but you’re not sure what it is, our bird identifier might be able to help. Visit: rspb.org.uk/wildlife/birdidentifier

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