

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE SURVEY FORM

RECORDING

On the front of the form, please complete your name and address.

Please record for each week (Sunday to Saturday) whether you have put out feed during the week and the highest number of birds of each species seen using your garden or other recording area at any one time. For example, if during week 1 you see a maximum of 4 blue tits at any one time, then enter '4' on the form (overleaf) in the blue tit square of week 1's vertical column, and so on for every other species you see using your garden that week. By 'using' we mean activities such as eating, drinking, bathing, roosting, preening etc. Birds of prey flying through should be recorded, as should birds hawking for insects below roof height. Birds such as gulls, geese or starlings just passing over as they move from roost to feeding site should not be recorded. The birds most commonly recorded are already listed on the form, but please add any other species you record on the blank rows at the bottom.

If you wish, you can also help with the analysis by completing the last two columns before returning your form at the end of the survey. **In the first column, headed 'Max', put the highest number of birds of that species recorded in any one week of the survey - NOT the summed total for all weeks.** For the second column, headed 'Weeks', count up the number of weeks in which you recorded each different species, and enter this number against the name of that species.

YOUR GARDEN (or chosen survey area)

Approximate length:.....metres Approximate width:.....metres

SURROUNDING HABITATS

Please put a tick in the first column against any of the following habitats that abut or lie within about 10m of your recording area, and in the second column for any which are within about 100m.

Abut	Nearby	Habitat
		Buildings (other than your own house or outbuildings)
		Grass fields, paddocks, park, playing fields or golf course
		Large gardens, orchard, nursery or allotments
		Small gardens
		Caravan site
		Conifer plantation
		Broad-leaved or mixed woodland, copse or plantation
		River, stream, pond or reedbed
		Sand or gravel pit, lake or marsh
		Arable fields
		Set-aside or open, 'waste' ground
		Scrub
		Other (describe)

Please tick against the relevant statement below if either of these apply:

- Coast within about 1km
- Coast about 1-10km away

Many thanks for completing this survey! All participants will receive a copy of the survey report. Please send the completed form to Anne Goodall, 5 Chambers Farm Cottages, Hoop Lane, Apley, Market Rasen LN8 5JR. For copies of this form please see: http://www.lincsbirdclub.co.uk/information/garden_bird_survey.htm

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