

# Be a National Trust nature spotter

Which of these birds can you find hopping in gardens, perched in trees or flying through the sky?



**Collared doves** eat mostly seeds. You'll often see them in pairs and cooing loudly.



**Blackbird** females are brown - only male blackbirds are actually black!



**Great tit** is the largest tit in Britain and has a glossy black head.



**Chaffinch** males can have very bright feathers. It's one of the most colourful garden birds.



**Wren** is the most common bird in Britain. It's secretive and builds a hidden nest lined with moss and feathers.



**Blue tits** are often seen on bird feeders, or hunting for caterpillars in trees and bushes.



**Magpies** are colourful, clever and often noisy. Other birds don't like them as they can eat their eggs and chicks.



**Robin** is a garden bird, easy to spot with its bright red breast. Often hops around gardeners looking for worms.



**House sparrows** got their name because they often nest in and around houses. They like to have dust baths in the summer.



# Follow the flock and peek for beaks



## What birds have you found today?

Draw a picture of your favourite bird here:

## How many different species can you find?

There are many different bird species in Britain, not just the ones shown here. Visit a nature reserve or park to see how many different birds you can find.

Binoculars are useful to have when you're bird watching. And a book or smartphone can help you identify birds by sight and also by their distinctive songs.

'Go bird watching' is one of the National Trust's top 50 things to do before you're 11  $\frac{3}{4}$ . Tick this one off your list and find the other 49 challenges at [www.50things.org.uk](http://www.50things.org.uk) or get a free scrapbook during your visit.