

## 4Bs Survey of Birds during 2025 Big Garden Birdwatch (Jan 24-26)

*The methodology reports the maximum number of birds of any species that lands on a patch over a 1 hour period.*

32 species of bird were reported by the 16 contributors to the 4Bs survey (Table 1). The three species with the largest head counts in the survey are 1 = Blue Tit (65), 2 = Sparrow (39), 3 = Wood Pigeon (35). 13 species had a head count of less than 5.

The most abundant species in the 4B count are similar to this found in Surrey, where the most abundant birds are 1 = Blue Tit, 2 = Wood Pigeon, 3= Sparrow and the national survey, where the most abundant birds are 1= Sparrow, 2= Blue Tit and 3= Wood Pigeon.

*Table 1 Species reported in the 4Bs Big Garden Birdwatch Survey (N=16). The number column is not the number of birds counted in one hour but the aggregate of the maximum number of birds that land in a patch during a one hour period*

Species	Aggregated Number
Sparrow	39
Blackbird	14
Starling	4
Jay	7
Jackdaw	3
Wood Pigeon	35
Robin	19
Blue Tit	65
Long Tailed Tit	24
Great Tit	13
Coal Tit	14
Marsh Tit	1
Pied Wagtail	1
Crow	13
Rook	2
Magpie	18
Song Thrush	3
Nuthatch	11
Pheasant	6
Greater spotted woodpecker	7
Green woodpecker	1
Wren	2
Collared Dove	4
Parakeets	9
Dunnock	8
Goldfinch	2
Chaffinch	4
Blackcap	1
Garden Warbler	1
<i>Greenfinch – heard by Merlin but not seen</i>	1
<i>Skylark – heard but not seen</i>	1
<i>Redkite – flying overhead</i>	1

<b>Other species seen recently by members of the 4Bs group - not included in the count</b>	
<i>Egyptian Goose</i>	
<i>Common Gull</i>	
<i>Mistle Thrush</i>	
<i>Dove</i>	
<i>Rock Pigeon</i>	

Members of the 4Bs Nature Group noted the decline in the number of Greenfinch compared to previous years. This is also part of a national trend linked to an outbreak of trichomonosis, a parasite-induced disease that prevents the birds from feeding properly.