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Big Schools' Birdwatch here...**

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29-31 January 2021

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20 **Big
Schools'
Birdwatch 2021**

What will they see? **5 January - 22 February**



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What did you see?

Can you find a way to make it easy for you to note down the highest number of each species that you **see together at the same time**? There is room below each bird's name for you to add your idea for doing this.

Your name



Woodpigeon



Blackbird



Carrion crow



House sparrow



Starling



Black-headed gull



Magpie



Blue tit



Robin



Feral pigeon



Great tit



Chaffinch

What did you see?

How many birds **of the same kind** did you see **at the same time**?



House sparrow

I saw



Blackbird

I saw



Blue tit

I saw



Robin

I saw



Starling

I saw



Chaffinch

I saw



Woodpigeon

I saw



Magpie

I saw

Your name



Carrion crow

Fact file

Size: 46cm **Weight:** 510g

Habitats: Farmland, woods, hills, towns and cities.

On the menu

Eaten by: Goshawks and foxes.

Eats: Most things, including dead animals, birds, worms, mammals, insects, grain and fruit. It is an omnivore.

Where it feeds: On the ground, where it walks or hops.

Strange but true

Crows are intelligent and can solve problems. In Japan, some crows place walnuts in front of cars at traffic lights. They eat the nuts after the cars have cracked the shells.

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Carrion crow by David Norton (rspb-images.com). 327-0089-20-21



House sparrow

Fact file

Size: 15cm **Weight:** 34g

Habitats: Gardens, parks, buildings, farms and towns.

On the menu

Eaten by: Sparrowhawks and cats.

Eats: Adults eat seeds, grain and household scraps (herbivores). Chicks are fed insects and caterpillars (carnivores).

Where it feeds: Mainly on the ground or bird feeders.

Strange but true

House sparrows have been introduced to every continent in the world, except Antarctica.

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House sparrow by Ray Kennedy (rspb-images.com). 327-0089-20-21



Woodpigeon

Fact file

Size: 41cm **Weight:** 450g

Habitats: Farmland, woods, gardens and towns.

On the menu

Eaten by: Sparrowhawks, peregrines, foxes and cats.

Eats: Mainly plants, such as cabbage and ivy, plus bird seed. It also eats insects and so is an omnivore.

Where it feeds: On the ground or on a bird table.

Strange but true

When it is showing off to other woodpigeons, it claps its wings together above its back before gliding down steeply.

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Woodpigeon by Chris Gomersall (rspb-images.com). 327-0089-20-21



Blackbird

Fact file

Size: 25cm **Weight:** 100g

Habitats: Woods, gardens, parks and farmland.

On the menu

Eaten by: Kestrels, peregrines, sparrowhawks and cats.

Eats: Insects, worms, berries, fruit, and scraps from the kitchen such as cheese. It is an omnivore.

Where it feeds: On the ground or a bird table.

Strange but true

It may be called a blackbird, but the females and young birds are brown.

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Blackbird by Ben Andrew (rspb-images.com). 327-0089-20-21



Magpie

Fact file

Size: 45cm **Weight:** 220g

Habitats: Woods, parks, gardens, farms, moors and towns.

On the menu

Eaten by: Sparrowhawks, peregrines and foxes.

Eats: Most things, including insects, small mammals, young birds, fruit, berries and bird seed. It is an omnivore.

Where it feeds: On the ground or a bird table.

Strange but true

Magpies will hide food when there is lots. They are very good at remembering where they have put it.

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Blue tit

Fact file

Size: 11.5cm **Weight:** 11g

Habitats: Woods, parks, gardens, towns and cities.

On the menu

Eaten by: Sparrowhawks and cats.

Eats: Insects, spiders, caterpillars, berries, nuts, sunflower seeds and kitchen scraps. It is an omnivore.

Where it feeds: In trees, on bird tables and bird feeders.

Strange but true

Blue tit chicks can eat 100 caterpillars a day. To feed 10 chicks, adults need to find 1,000 caterpillars a day.

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Starling

Fact file

Size: 21.5cm **Weight:** 79g

Habitats: Woods, grassland, farms and towns.

On the menu

Eaten by: Sparrowhawks, goshawks, kestrels and peregrines.

Eats: Insects, spiders, worms, caterpillars, soft fruit, nuts and fat balls. It is an omnivore.

Where it feeds: On the ground or bird tables and feeders.

Strange but true

Starlings can make lots of sounds, including whistles, quacking like a duck and making the noise of a barking dog or car alarm.

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Black-headed gull

Fact file

Size: 38cm **Weight:** 290g

Habitats: Lakes, estuaries, farms, grassland and rubbish tips.

On the menu

Eaten by: Peregrines, marsh harriers and foxes.

Eats: Insects, worms, slugs, sea creatures, small fish and bread. It is an omnivore.

Where it feeds: On the ground, often on grass.

Strange but true

You might see it hopping quickly from one foot to the other. This makes worms think it is raining, so they come to the surface and the gull can then eat them.

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Robin

Fact file

Size: 14cm **Weight:** 18g

Habitats: Woods, gardens, parks and farms.

On the menu

Eaten by: Sparrowhawks and cats.

Eats: Insects, spiders, worms, fruits, and seeds, including bird seed and sunflower hearts. It is an omnivore.

Where it feeds: On the ground, bird tables and feeders.

Strange but true

Robins nest in some unusual places. They have been known to nest in a teapot, an old boot, postboxes, flower pots and under the bonnet of a car.

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Feral pigeon

Fact file

Size: 33cm **Weight:** 300g

Habitats: Towns and cities.

On the menu

Eaten by: Peregrines, foxes and cats.

Eats: Grain, bread, bird seed and lots of other foods it finds in towns. It is an omnivore.

Where it feeds: On the ground, maybe in the playground.

Strange but true

Feral pigeons can be pure white, almost black, grey, brown and lots of other colours.

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Great tit

Fact file

Size: 14cm **Weight:** 18g

Habitats: Woods, parks, gardens and farms.

On the menu

Eaten by: Sparrowhawks.

Eats: Insects, caterpillars, fruits, seeds, nuts and kitchen scraps such as bread. It is an omnivore.

Where it feeds: On the ground, in trees and on feeders.

Strange but true

Did you know a great tit's song sounds like: 'Teacher, teacher, teacher'? It's a bit like a squeaky bicycle pump too.

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Chaffinch

Fact file

Size: 14.5cm **Weight:** 24g

Habitats: Woods, parks, gardens and farms.

On the menu

Eaten by: Sparrowhawks and cats.

Eats: Insects, caterpillars and seeds, including bird seed. It is an omnivore.

Where it feeds: On the ground.

Strange but true

Lots of the chaffinches we see in the winter have flown across the sea from places such as Norway and Sweden.

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