

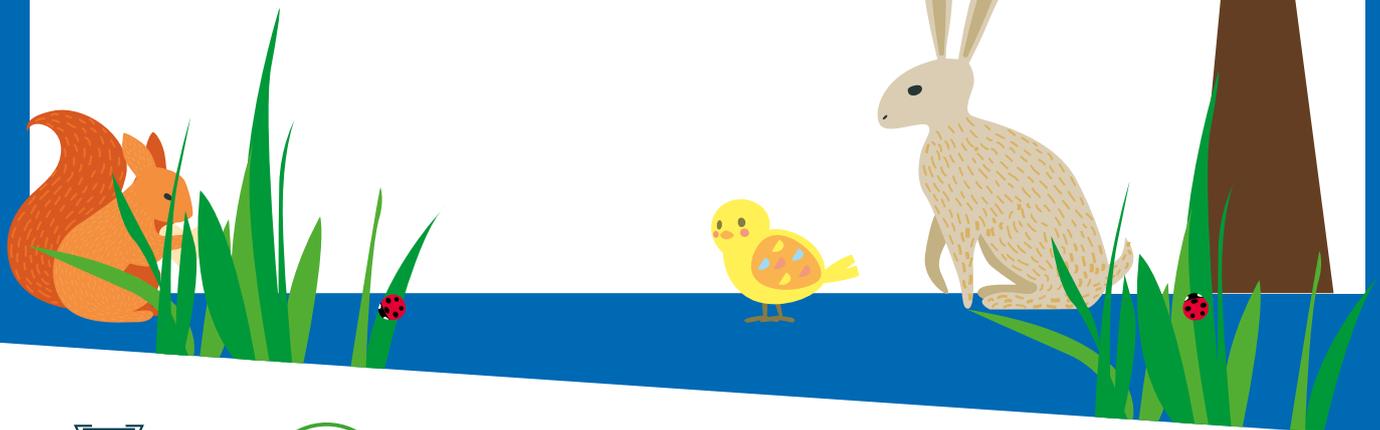
# NATURE - WATCHING AT HOME

## Which birds to look out for in your garden

### Here's some helpful tips to get the most of birdwatching in your garden

- Use a bird feeder or bird table with some bird seed to attract them in. Don't put out too much at once as it may start to grow or go mouldy. Don't put out bread, peanuts or other large seeds at this time of year because young birds can choke on them.
- Put out a shallow bowl or tray of water for them to drink and bathe into.
- Find somewhere where you have a good view of the garden - if you are indoors the birds will not usually notice you.
- If you have a big enough garden you could sit outside but try to keep still and quiet at a reasonable distance from where the birds are likely to be. Keep an eye in any bushes and trees where they may hide. If you have a pair of binoculars you can use them to get a better view.
- Keep listening for the birds singing too, you may be able to spot where they are from their songs to help identify them.
- Use the pictures here to identify some of the more common birds that come into gardens.

You could keep a list of what you see and send them into the NE Scotland Biological Records Centre via their website at [www.nesbrec.org.uk](http://www.nesbrec.org.uk)



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## What birds might you see?

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**1. Blue tits**

A small yellow and blue bird, they move quickly and don't hang around!

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**2. Great tit**

A bit bigger, yellow breast with a black stripe down the middle and a black cap.

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**3. Chaffinch**

A sparrow sized bird, the males have a pink breast and blue-grey heads with white in the wing, the female is more brown and grey.

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**4. Goldfinch**

Unmistakeable with yellow flashes in the wing and bright red patch on the face surrounded by white feathers.

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**5. Bullfinch**

The male has an intense red breast, black cap and a white patch on the rump.

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**6. House sparrow**

The males have a chestnut and black back, a grey cap and a black bib. The females are duller browns and greys. These are often in groups of 10 or more birds.

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**7. Blackbird**

The males are jet black but the female is dark brown. They spend most of the time looking for worms and insects on the ground.

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**8. Dunnock**

Can be a bit secretive searching around for bugs and beasties on the ground or along fences, sometimes visiting a feeder.

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**9. Robin**

These are easy to identify with their orangy red breast and musical call. The males are starting to get territorial now so may chase other robins away.

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**10. Siskin**

This is a more unusual garden bird but is very striking. The male is a bright yellowy green with black streaking and a black cap, the female is also streaky but duller browns and greys.

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**11. Wren**

A tiny brown bird, its tail sticks up in the air. The wren's call is very loud and musical but often hides in the bushes.

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