

# Birds in Greenspaces: Supplementary information



## What is Birds in Greenspaces?

Birds in Greenspaces is an exciting new UK-wide survey of birds that use our greenspaces, which will be run by the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) in 2026. We want to find out the importance of greenspaces for national bird populations, so we can work out how best to manage these spaces to benefit birds and people. We also want to motivate people to observe, record and engage with wildlife in their local area and to help us generate this important data!

## What do we mean by a “greenspace”?

Greenspaces are public-access areas of vegetation found in and around built-up areas, such as parks and playing fields, cemeteries and allotments. Birds in Greenspaces aims to cover a wide range of greenspace types in order to get a complete picture of different management regimes, those which can be recommended, and those which are less beneficial for birds and people.

## Why greenspaces?

These spaces are an important habitat, and provide resources for many different types of wildlife in cities, towns, and villages, including birds, as well as connectivity with the surrounding landscape. They are also a space for people to exercise, relax and socialise, and give those living in urban areas a chance to connect with nature, bringing several health benefits. Despite this, greenspaces are widely understudied and their value often underestimated, so we want to highlight and measure their importance.

## Gathering crucial data

We will be asking volunteers to record which and how many birds are using any greenspaces they visit. The data generated will allow us to analyse the importance of greenspaces for bird populations and to work out how different features of greenspaces affect the bird communities that are present. This will enable us to develop detailed habitat management plans for different types of greenspaces in different contexts, and to highlight how vital these areas are for our national bird populations.

## Something for everyone

We will be supporting people with different levels of knowledge and experience of birds in to participate in the project - even complete beginners! Volunteers will be also able to choose from a huge number of UK-wide survey sites, which can be reached by foot, bicycle, or public transport.

## Find out more and get involved

We want this project to engage all groups and organisations, not just those with a background in natural history. We are keen to make the most of the opportunity by collaborating with organisations and groups that have an interest in the social and ecological results. If the project is of interest to you, please get in touch and we would be very happy to discuss options for getting involved.

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