How many of these birds can you see around where you live? As you spot each bird, write down where you saw it.



House sparrow

Look in hedges, parks and gardens for small, chirpy, streaky brown birds. Male has grey cap and black chin; female is plainer.

Where?



Woodpigeon

Common, big, grey pigeon with a white band on the wing and white neck patches. Wings make a noisy datter. Often in flocks.

Where?





Starling

Bigger than a sparrow, but smaller than a blackbird (speckled in winter), short tail, pointed beak and waddling walk. Often in flocks.

There?



Robin

A small, perky garden and woodland bird. The orange-red face and chest are unique but not quite as bright as you might expect.



Collared dove

A small, slim, pale dove. Look for the thin black band around the back of the neck. Often in gardens.



Bluetit

Tiny green and yellow bird with blue wings and tail. Look for blue cap edged with white. Common in gardens and woods.

Mere?



Blackbird

Common in gardens and woods, between sparrow and pigeon in size. Male black with yellow beak, female brown.

Where?



Great tit

Smaller than a sparrow but bright, bold and noisy. Has a black cap, big white cheek patches and black stripe down front.

Where?



Goldfinch

Brightly-coloured sparrowsized, usually seen in flocks, giving ringing calls.

Where?



Chaffinch

A sparrow-sized bird of gardens, fields and woods. Look for two white bars across the wing and white sides to the tail.

Where?



Magpie

Big, long-tailed black and white bird like nothing else. Makes loud chattering noise. Often in gardens, farmland and woods.



Wild Challenge extra

What did you spot?

Can you describe two birds you have seen and add a drawing or picture of each? If you like, you could send us a picture of this page to show us what you saw.



Name of bird (if known)

Where was it? (on the ground/in a tree/on water/ somewhere else)

What was it doing? (flying/hopping/walking/standing still/feeding/something else)

How big was it? (sparrow-sized/pigeon-sized/bigger)

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