

Bird Survey - Teacher Guide

Use alongside the Bird ID sheet

Survey Instructions

- Using the suggested Bird ID sheets from the ZSL Biodiversity webpage, choose the appropriate Bird ID sheet for the age of your pupils.
- Travel to one of your 6 sample locations and input the date, time, location number (1-6), weather, air temperature (1 metre above the sample location) and wind conditions on the data collection sheet.
- Stand calmly and quietly for 5 minutes to help the birds get used to your presence. This is a great time to carry out one of the 5-minute Nature Connectedness activities, as long as it doesn't involve moving about.
- Using the ID sheet, look around and note both the species that you see and number of each onto the data sheet. Run the activity for 5 minutes.
- If you are unsure of any of the birds sighted, you can use the Merlin Bird ID step-by-step feature to identify them or the link at the bottom of this page.
- Add the data from your collection sheet onto the digital spreadsheet.



Need to check any of your sightings? Follow the QR code or go to <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/a-z>