

Primary Forest School

ONLINE LEARNING – BIG SCHOOLS/GARDEN BIRDWATCH



Activity	Resources Required	Potential Risks	Impact
Skill – Making bird food/ feeder	Fat Balls – fat, bird seed or crushed cereal. Apple Feeder – Apple, sunflower seeds, string	Consumption of lard/ fat, Nuts in bird feed – nut allergies, Use of scissors	Children to make feeders or food to prepare for birds visiting
Main – Participate in Big Schools/ Big Garden Bird watch	Using Big Schools Birdwatch sheets	Possible injury if using binoculars	Children to identify different birds and submit their findings to the RSPB and us
Extended – Identify species and their characteristics, i.e. Beak shape and size...	As above and bird book if you have one or internet resources	As above	Children to identify and classify, finding reasons for differences and similarities
Mindfulness – Listen	A nice spot to sit (preferably outdoors first thing in morning or dusk)	Don't sit in/ on anything yucky!	Listen to the bird song around you – really listen, how many different birds can you hear

The important bit for parents and teachers... but you can have a sneak peek at the activities too!

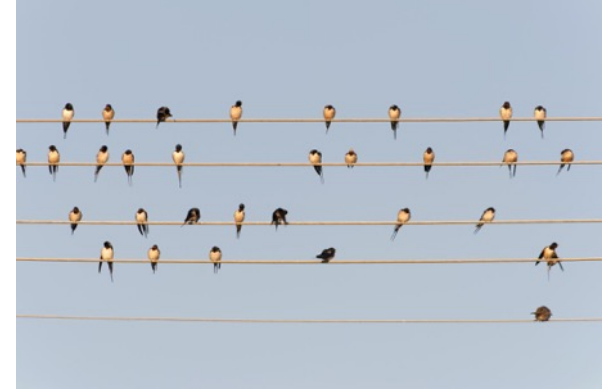
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about...?

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Be our Guest!



How to make Fat Balls;

Step 1: Soften the fat – whether it's lard or left over (cooled) cooking fat

Step 2: Mix the fat with the bird seed/ old cereal. You should have no fat blobs – it should all be mixed with the seeds especially inside the ball!

Step 3: Use your hands to make into a ball shape

Step 4: Put outside (off the ground) and wait for any visitors

Top Tip: Use cookies cutters to make different shapes!



Still a little peckish?

How to make an apple feeder;

Step 1: Get an apple and some sunflower seeds

Step 2: Using the pointy end of the sunflower seed push them into the apple. Add as many seed as possible to your apple!

Step 3: Attach sting to the stalk or place on bird feeder table



Can you make a pattern on your apple with the seeds?



The Main Event!



If your garden isn't very chirpy – don't worry!

Click here to find the Big Garden Bird Watch live webcam
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z2YXRazll4Y>

How many birds can you count on the webcam ?

What do you think the birds are eating?

How many birds can you see here?

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Which was your favourite bird?



How to take part in the survey...

Count the birds
from one place,
for one hour

1 Pick a time

You can choose any hour between Friday 29th and Sunday 31st January 2021. So whether you're an early bird or a night owl, you can still take part.



2 What did you see?

Count the birds you see in your garden, from your balcony or window. To avoid double-counting, just record the **highest number of each bird species you see at any one time** – not a running total.

TOP TIP: Put some bird food out a few days before you count the birds

This year our advice is to take part in the safety of your own home

3 Submit your results

Online: You can submit your results online at <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/> from 29 January until 19 February.



Whose t-who?...



By looking at colours, shape and size we can name the birds we see.

Can you name the birds in your garden or on the live webcam?

Are you able to draw the birds that you have seen?
What colours will you use?



Which bird is the biggest here?

Which bird has a red/ orange chest?

Mindfulness Moment

Watch and listen
to the birds and
other wildlife

Find a nice spot to sit (outside in morning or dusk
if possible!)

Can you Find...

5 birds that you can see?



4 birds that you can hear?



3 places a bird could perch?

2 places a bird could hide?



Can you imagine
that you are a
bird? How would
you feel with
wings?

How did you get on?

What was your
favourite
activity?



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