

Yesterday's answers:

1. All birds have feathers, wings, backbones, they lay eggs, are warm blooded, all can walk etc

2. Birds vary in colour, have different ways of communicating, have different feet designed for different purposes, have different beaks and bills, are different sizes, some fly some don't, some swim some don't, live in different habitats etc

3. Emus - Australia

Ostrich - Africa

Emus have deep brown feathers- difficult to

Ostrich - males black & white females brown feathers

tell females and males apart

Emus - 3 toes

Ostrich - 2 toes

Emus- top speed 30mph

Ostrich - top speed 40 mph







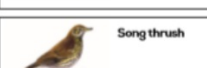




4. A penguin can't fly and a magpie can't swim

5. Size of their eyes, owls nocturnal eagles not, eagle larger










Today you need to find a place outside to observe and count the birds that you see. You could sit in your garden, visit the Prince of Wales Wetlands area, sit by the canal or sit in Gunpowder Park. Sit very still for 30 minutes and keep a tally chart of the birds that you see.

What did you see?

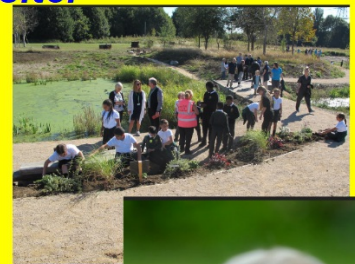
Can you find a way to make it easier for you to note down the highest number of each species that you see together at the same time? There is room below each bird's name for you to add your idea for doing this.

 Black-headed gull	 Woodpigeon
 Collared dove	 Feral pigeon
 Robin	 Blackbird
 Great tit	 Song thrush
 Coal tit	 Blue tit
 Magpie	 Jackdaw

This bird observationsheet is saved separately on the website.

 Carrian crow	 Hooded crow
 Starling	 House sparrow
 Greenfinch	 Chaffinch
 Pied wagtail	 Wren
 Dunnock	 Long-tailed tit

Did you notice anything in particular about the birds you saw? Differences in how they moved or what they were doing? Or perhaps you managed to see and identify a bird not shown here? If so, note these things in the space below or on a separate sheet. Don't forget you can get help from nrgb.org.uk/wildlife/birds/observer



Extension: Do the amount of birds change at different times of the day? How could you find out?