



## Issue: Birds

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1/ 5 (18 per cent) of birds are at risk of extinction across Europe. Birds are losing their habitats for a few reasons, changes to environment, human population growth, transport, and intensive farming

### Facts:

- Birds have hollow bones which help them to fly.
- There are 408 species of birds found in the UK.
- The peregrine falcon which can reach speeds of over 200 mph.

### So What?

Birds are essential to the environment, they control pests, pollinate plants, spread seeds, help coral reefs and even inspire Scientists.

### Activities:

- Create a bird feeder to help your local birds (be patient it may take a few days for the birds to come).
- Encourage birds to your area with a bird bath.
- Find out about nest boxes and then design a bird box.
- Leave nesting materials such as twigs, grass cuttings and other items to help the local birdlife.

### Other Activities:

- The RSPB have lots of additional activities suitable for children of all ages.



- The Big Schools Birdwatch is currently running, this only takes an hour, where you count the number of birds in school or at home.