

Birds and other wildlife recorded in January 2026

Quite a brief list to herald the beginning of the new year. Probably the birds as well as the recorders were not out in force! Woodpigeon and Collared Dove were both observed, but no Stock Dove noted. Great-spotted Woodpeckers were about. Robins were also fairly frequent. Three members of the thrush family were recorded: Song Thrush, Blackbird and Redwing. There was a Chiffchaff, a bird we used to think of very much as a summer visitor, but now some are found still in the UK in the winter months. Wrens were heard fairly frequently. The three common members of the tit family were also recorded: Great Tit, Coal Tit and Blue Tit, as well as their very distant relative Long-tailed Tit (actually in the Babbler family, not a "real" tit at all)

The occasional Nuthatch was spotted, and the common corvids were also fairly frequent: Jackdaw, Magpie, Jay and Carrion Crow. No Rook this month? And no passing Raven? Finally finches: Chaffinch and Goldfinch and some Siskins.

Grey Squirrels were the only mammals recorded, except for a couple of casualties: a dead mouse and a deceased vole, both found on a very cold day.

Please help to build up our sightings for the coming year by sending in a note of what you've seen or heard. Birds, mammals, amphibians, plants – all welcome!

Please keep sending in your records – birds and other wildlife all welcome!