

# Birds in Greenspaces

## Pilot 2025 Project Overview

### What is Birds in Greenspaces?

Birds in Greenspaces is an exciting new UK-wide survey of birds that use our greenspaces, which will be run by the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) in 2026.

We want to find out the **importance of greenspaces for national bird populations**, in order to work out how best to manage them for the benefit of birds and people, and to use these findings to **provide relevant guidance to local park and land managers**.

We also want to **motivate as many people as possible to observe, record and engage with wildlife** in their local area, and to help us generate important data.

### Pilot 2025

We will be **piloting** the project across the UK in **spring 2025**, giving volunteers the chance to help test and provide valuable feedback on the survey and collection methods.

In addition we will be carrying out **targeted pilot work** in the following towns and cities, in order to evaluate project engagement and greenspace mapping: Cambridge, Derry-Londonderry, Glasgow, Hull, Newport, and Thetford.

The pilot will run from **April to June 2025**, with information and **resources available on the Birds in Greenspaces webpage**.

### How it works

There are **two ways** to collect project data:

**Structured survey:** Participants will record all individuals of all bird species in one or more defined greenspaces.

**Casual records:** Participants will record birds within any greenspace, without the need to record all species and individuals.

Date will be collected and/or submitted either through the **BirdTrack app or website**, with paper/postal option available for those who require it.

### What do we mean by a “greenspace”?

Greenspaces are **public-access areas of vegetation** found **in and around built-up areas**, such as parks, playing fields, cemeteries and allotments.

Birds in Greenspaces aims to cover a **wide range of greenspace types** in order to get a complete picture of **different management regimes**, those which can be recommended, and those which are less beneficial for birds and people.

### How you can help

- Sharing the project information with local groups and organisations.
- Letting us know about the greenspaces near you and issues affecting them.
- Letting us know of any relevant local events happening in your area.

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