

Of course, the beauty of birdwatching is that pretty much anything can appear at any time, but the species on this list can all be expected to turn up in the UK over the course of a year, so use it to record what you've seen, and to work out where and when your best chance of seeing each bird is.

Habitats are generalised guides to where each bird is most frequently encountered. They are not hard and fast. Similarly, the indicators of the time of year are just indicators about when a bird is most often seen, not fixed rules.

Abundances are also general indicators as a guide to how expected

XXX Common

XX Less common or scarce

X More scarce or rare

R Resident all year

S Summer visitor

W Winter visitor

P Passage

V Vagrant (rare)



BIRD	HABITAT	ABUNDANCE	STATUS
☐ Mute Swan	Wetland & lakes	XXX	R
☐ Bewick's Swan	Open country & farmland	XX	W
☐ Whooper Swan	Open country & farmland	XX	W
☐ Taiga Bean Goose	Open country & farmland	X	W
☐ Tundra Bean Goose	Open country & farmland	X	W
☐ Pink-footed Goose	Open country & farmland	XXX	W
☐ White-fronted Goose	Open country & farmland	XX	W
☐ Greylag Goose	Wetland & lakes	XXX	R
☐ Canada Goose	Wetland & lakes	XXX	R
☐ Barnacle Goose	Coast & sea	XX	W
☐ Brent Goose	Coast & sea	XX	W
☐ Egyptian Goose	Wetland & lakes	XX	R
☐ Shelduck	Coast & sea	XXX	R
☐ Mandarin	Wetland & lakes	XX	R
☐ Wigeon	Wetland & lakes	XXX	W
☐ American Wigeon	Wetland & lakes	X	V
☐ Gadwall	Wetland & lakes	XX	
☐ Teal	Wetland & lakes	XXX	W
☐ Green-winged Teal	Wetland & lakes	X	V
☐ Mallard	Wetland & lakes	XXX	R
☐ Pintail	Wetland & lakes	XX	W
☐ Garganey	Wetland & lakes	XX	S

BIRD	HABITAT	ABUNDANCE	STATUS
☐ Shoveler	Wetland & lakes	XXX	R
☐ Red-crested Pochard	Wetland & lakes	X	R
☐ Pochard	Wetland & lakes	XXX	R
☐ Ring-necked Duck	Wetland & lakes	X	V
☐ Ferruginous Duck	Wetland & lakes	X	V
☐ Tufted Duck	Wetland & lakes	XXX	R
☐ Scaup	Coast & sea	XX	W
☐ Eider	Coast & sea	XXX	R
☐ King Eider	Coast & sea	X	V
☐ Long-tailed Duck	Coast & sea	XX	W
☐ Common Scoter	Coast & sea	XXX	W
☐ Velvet Scoter	Coast & sea	XX	W
☐ Goldeneye	Wetland & lakes	XXX	W
☐ Smew	Wetland & lakes	X	W
☐ Red-breasted Merganser	Coast & sea	XX	R
☐ Goosander	Wetland & lakes	XX	R
☐ Ruddy Duck	Wetland & lakes	X	R
☐ Red Grouse	Moorland & heathland	XXX	R
☐ Ptarmigan	Moorland & heathland	XX	R
☐ Black Grouse	Moorland & heathland	XX	R
☐ Capercaillie	Woodland	X	R
☐ Red-legged Partridge	Open country & farmland	XXX	R
☐ Grey Partridge	Open country & farmland	XX	R
☐ Quail	Open country & farmland	X	S
☐ Pheasant	Open country & farmland	XXX	R
☐ Red-throated Diver	Coast & sea	XX	R
☐ Black-throated Diver	Coast & sea	XX	R
☐ Great Northern Diver	Coast & sea	XX	W
☐ Fulmar	Coast & sea	XXX	R
☐ Cory's Shearwater	Coast & sea	X	V
☐ Great Shearwater	Coast & sea	X	V
☐ Sooty Shearwater	Coast & sea	X	V
☐ Manx Shearwater	Coast & sea	XX	RS
☐ Balearic Shearwater	Coast & sea	X	V
☐ Storm Petrel	Coast & sea	XX	S
☐ Leach's Petrel	Coast & sea	XX	S
☐ Little Grebe	Wetland & lakes	XXX	R
☐ Red-necked Grebe	Wetland & lakes	X	W
☐ Great Crested Grebe	Wetland & lakes	XXX	R
☐ Slavonian Grebe	Wetland & lakes	X	W
☐ Black-necked Grebe	Wetland & lakes	X	W
☐ Glossy Ibis	Wetland & lakes	X	W
☐ Spoonbill	Wetland & lakes	X	R
☐ Bittern	Wetland & lakes	XX	R
☐ Little Bittern	Wetland & lakes	X	V
☐ Night Heron	Wetland & lakes	X	V
☐ Cattle Egret	Open country & farmland	X	V

BIRD	HABITAT	ABUNDANCE	STATUS
☐ Grey Heron	Wetland & lakes	XXX	R
☐ Purple Heron	Wetland & lakes	X	V
☐ Great White Egret	Wetland & lakes	X	R
☐ Little Egret	Wetland & lakes	XX	R
☐ Gannet	Coast & sea	XXX	S
☐ Shag	Coast & sea	XXX	S
☐ Cormorant	Coast & sea	XXX	R
☐ Honey Buzzard	Woodland	X	P
☐ Red Kite	Open country & farmland	XX	R
☐ White-tailed Eagle	Coast & sea	X	R
☐ Marsh Harrier	Wetland & lakes	XX	R
☐ Hen Harrier	Moorland & heathland	XX	R
☐ Montagu's Harrier	Open country & farmland	X	S
☐ Goshawk	Woodland	X	R
☐ Sparrowhawk	Woodland	XXX	R
☐ Buzzard	Open country & farmland	XXX	R
☐ Rough-legged Buzzard	Open country & farmland	X	W
☐ Golden Eagle	Moorland & heathland	XX	R
☐ Osprey	Wetland & lakes	XX	S
☐ Kestrel	Open country & farmland	XXX	R
☐ Red-footed Falcon	Open country & farmland	X	V
☐ Merlin	Moorland & heathland	XX	R
☐ Hobby	Moorland & heathland	XX	R
☐ Peregrine	Coast & sea	XX	R
☐ Water Rail	Wetland & lakes	XX	R
☐ Spotted Crake	Wetland & lakes	X	S
☐ Corn Crake	Open country & farmland	X	S
☐ Moorhen	Wetland & lakes	XXX	R
☐ Coot	Wetland & lakes	XXX	R
☐ Crane	Wetland & lakes	X	R
☐ Oystercatcher	Coast & sea	XXX	R
☐ Black-winged Stilt	Wetland & lakes	X	V
☐ Avocet	Coast & sea	XX	R
☐ Stone-curlew	Open country & farmland	X	S
☐ Little Ringed Plover	Wetland & lakes	XX	S
☐ Ringed Plover	Coast & sea	XXX	R
☐ Dotterel	Open country & farmland	X	S
☐ Golden Plover	Moorland & heathland	XXX	R
☐ Grey Plover	Coast & sea	XXX	W
☐ Lapwing	Open country & farmland	XXX	R
☐ Knot	Coast & sea	XXX	W
☐ Sanderling	Coast & sea	XXX	W
☐ Little Stint	Coast & sea	XX	P
☐ Temminck's Stint	Wetland & lakes	X	P
☐ White-rumped Sandpiper	Coast & sea	X	V
☐ Pectoral Sandpiper	Wetland & lakes	X	V
☐ Curlew Sandpiper	Wetland & lakes	XX	P

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☐ Purple Sandpiper	Coast & sea	XX	V
☐ Dunlin	Coast & sea	XXX	W
☐ Broad-billed Sandpiper	Coast & sea	X	V
☐ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Wetland & lakes	X	V
☐ Ruff	Coast & sea	XX	W
☐ Jack Snipe	Wetland & lakes	X	W
☐ Snipe	Wetland & lakes	XX	R
☐ Great Snipe	Wetland & lakes	X	V
☐ Long-billed Dowitcher	Wetland & lakes	X	V
☐ Woodcock	Woodland	XX	R
☐ Black-tailed Godwit	Wetland & lakes	XX	W
☐ Bar-tailed Godwit	Coast & sea	XX	W
☐ Whimbrel	Coast & sea	XX	P
☐ Curlew	Coast & sea	XXX	R
☐ Common Sandpiper	Wetland & lakes	XX	S
☐ Green Sandpiper	Wetland & lakes	XX	R
☐ Spotted Redshank	Wetland & lakes	XX	W
☐ Greenshank	Wetland & lakes	XX	P
☐ Lesser Yellowlegs	Wetland & lakes	X	V
☐ Wood Sandpiper	Wetland & lakes	XX	P
☐ Redshank	Coast & sea	XXX	R
☐ Turnstone	Coast & sea	XXX	W
☐ Red-necked Phalarope	Wetland & lakes	X	S
☐ Grey Phalarope	Coast & sea	X	V
☐ Pomarine Skua	Coast & sea	X	P
☐ Arctic Skua	Coast & sea	XX	P
☐ Long-tailed Skua	Coast & sea	X	V
☐ Great Skua	Coast & sea	XX	S
☐ Sabine's Gull	Coast & sea	X	V
☐ Kittiwake	Coast & sea	XXX	S
☐ Black-headed Gull	Wetland & lakes	XXX	R
☐ Little Gull	Coast & sea	XX	P
☐ Mediterranean Gull	Coast & sea	XX	R
☐ Common Gull	Wetland & lakes	XXX	W
☐ Lesser Black-backed Gull	Coast & sea	XXX	S
☐ Herring Gull	Coast & sea	XXX	R
☐ Yellow-legged Gull	Coast & sea	X	R
☐ Caspian Gull	Wetland & lakes	X	P
☐ Iceland Gull	Coast & sea	X	W
☐ Glaucous Gull	Coast & sea	X	W
☐ Great Black-backed Gull	Coast & sea	XXX	R
☐ Little Tern	Coast & sea	XX	S
☐ Whiskered Tern	Wetland & lakes	X	V
☐ Black Tern	Wetland & lakes	XX	P
☐ White-winged Black Tern	Wetland & lakes	X	V
☐ Sandwich Tern	Coast & sea	XX	S
☐ Common Tern	Wetland & lakes	XXX	S

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☐ Roseate Tern	Coast & sea	X	S
☐ Arctic Tern	Coast & sea	XXX	S
☐ Guillemot	Coast & sea	XXX	S
☐ Razorbill	Coast & sea	XXX	S
☐ Black Guillemot	Coast & sea	XX	S
☐ Little Auk	Coast & sea	X	V
☐ Puffin	Coast & sea	XXX	S
☐ Rock Dove	Towns & cities	XXX	R
☐ Stock Dove	Woodland	XXX	R
☐ Woodpigeon	Woodland	XXX	R
☐ Collared Dove	Towns & cities	XXX	R
☐ European Turtle Dove	Open country	XX	S
☐ Ring-necked Parakeet	Towns & cities	XX	R
☐ Cuckoo	Woodland	XX	S
☐ Barn Owl	Open country	XX	R
☐ Snowy Owl	Open country	X	V
☐ Little Owl	Open country	XX	R
☐ Tawny Owl	Woodland	XXX	R
☐ Long-eared Owl	Woodland	XX	R
☐ Short-eared Owl	Moorland & heathland	XX	R
☐ Nightjar	Moorland & heathland	XX	S
☐ Alpine Swift	Open country & farmland	X	V
☐ Swift	Towns & cities	XXX	S
☐ Kingfisher	Wetland & lakes	XXX	R
☐ Hoopoe	Open country & farmland	X	V
☐ Wryneck	Open country & farmland	X	P
☐ Green Woodpecker	Woodland	XXX	R
☐ Great Spotted Woodpecker	Woodland	XXX	R
☐ Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	Woodland	XX	R
☐ Red-backed Shrike	Open country & farmland	X	P
☐ Great Grey Shrike	Open country & farmland	X	W
☐ Woodchat Shrike	Open country & farmland	X	V
☐ Golden Oriole	Woodland	X	S
☐ Chough	Coast & sea	XX	R
☐ Magpie	Woodland	XXX	R
☐ Jay	Woodland	XXX	R
☐ Jackdaw	Towns & cities	XXX	R
☐ Rook	Open country & farmland	XXX	R
☐ Carrion Crow	Open country & farmland	XXX	R
☐ Hooded Crow	Open country & farmland	XXX	R
☐ Raven	Open country & farmland	XX	R
☐ Waxwing	Towns & cities	X	W
☐ Penduline Tit	Wetland & lakes	X	V
☐ Blue Tit	Woodland	XXX	R
☐ Great Tit	Woodland	XXX	R
☐ Crested Tit	Woodland	XX	R
☐ Coal Tit	Woodland	XXX	R

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☐ Willow Tit	Woodland	XX	R
☐ Marsh Tit	Woodland	XX	R
☐ Bearded Tit	Wetland & lakes	XX	R
☐ Wood Lark	Moorland & heathland	XX	S
☐ Sky Lark	Open country & farmland	XXX	R
☐ Shore Lark	Coast & sea	X	W
☐ Sand Martin	Wetland & lakes	XXX	S
☐ Swallow	Open country farmland	XXX	S
☐ House Martin	Open country farmland	XXX	S
☐ Red-rumped Swallow	Wetland & lakes	X	V
☐ Cetti's Warbler	Wetland & lakes	XX	R
☐ Long-tailed Tit	Woodland	XXX	R
☐ Greenish Warbler	Woodland	X	V
☐ Pallas's Warbler	Woodland	X	V
☐ Yellow-browed Warbler	Woodland	X	V
☐ Wood Warbler	Woodland	XX	S
☐ Chiffchaff	Woodland	XXX	S
☐ Willow Warbler	Woodland	XXX	S
☐ Sedge Warbler	Wetland & lakes	XXX	S
☐ Marsh Warbler	Wetland & lakes	X	V
☐ Reed Warbler	Wetland & lakes	XXX	S
☐ Icterine Warbler	Woodland	X	V
☐ Melodious Warbler	Woodland	X	V
☐ Grasshopper Warbler	Wetland & lakes	XX	S
☐ Savi's Warbler	Wetland & lakes	X	S
☐ Blackcap	Woodland	XXX	S
☐ Garden Warbler	Woodland	XX	S
☐ Barred Warbler	Woodland	X	P
☐ Lesser Whitethroat	Woodland	XXX	S
☐ Whitethroat	Woodland	XXX	S
☐ Dartford Warbler	Moorland & heathland	XX	R
☐ Goldcrest	Woodland	XXX	R
☐ Firecrest	Woodland	X	R
☐ Wren	Woodland	XXX	R
☐ Nuthatch	Woodland	XXX	R
☐ Treecreeper	Woodland	XXX	R
☐ Starling	Open country & farmland	XXX	R
☐ Dipper	Wetland & lakes	XX	R
☐ Ring Ouzel	Moorland & heathland	XX	P
☐ Blackbird	Woodland	XXX	R
☐ Fieldfare	Woodland	XXX	W
☐ Song Thrush	Woodland	XXX	R
☐ Redwing	Woodland	XXX	W
☐ Mistle Thrush	Woodland	XXX	R
☐ Spotted Flycatcher	Woodland	XX	S
☐ Robin	Woodland	XXX	R
☐ Nightingale	Woodland	XX	S

BIRD	HABITAT	ABUNDANCE	STATUS
☐ Bluethroat	Wetland & lakes	X	V
☐ Red-breasted Flycatcher	Woodland	X	V
☐ Pied Flycatcher	Woodland	XX	S
☐ Black Redstart	Towns & cities	XX	P
☐ Redstart	Woodland	XX	S
☐ Whinchat	Moorland & heathland	XX	S
☐ Stonechat	Moorland & heathland	XX	R
☐ Wheatear	Moorland & heathland	XX	S
☐ Dunnock	Woodland	XXX	R
☐ Yellow Wagtail	Open country & farmland	XXX	S
☐ Grey Wagtail	Wetland & lakes	XXX	R
☐ Pied Wagtail	Towns & cities	XXX	R
☐ Richard's Pipit	Open country & farmland	X	V
☐ Tawny Pipit	Open country & farmland	X	V
☐ Tree Pipit	Moorland & heathland	XXX	S
☐ Meadow Pipit	Open country & farmland	XXX	R
☐ Rock Pipit	Coast & sea	XXX	R
☐ Water Pipit	Wetland & lakes	X	W
☐ House Sparrow	Towns & cities	XXX	R
☐ Tree Sparrow	Open country & farmland	XX	R
☐ Chaffinch	Woodland	XXX	R
☐ Brambling	Woodland	XX	W
☐ Greenfinch	Woodland	XXX	R
☐ Goldfinch	Woodland	XXX	R
☐ Siskin	Woodland	XXX	W
☐ Linnet	Open country & farmland	XXX	R
☐ Twite	Open country & farmland	XX	R
☐ Lesser Redpoll	Woodland	XX	R
☐ Mealy Redpoll	Woodland	X	W
☐ Arctic Redpoll	Woodland	X	V
☐ Crossbill	Woodland	XX	a
☐ Scottish Crossbill	Woodland	XX	R
☐ Parrot Crossbill	Woodland	X	R
☐ Bullfinch	Woodland	XXX	R
☐ Hawfinch	Woodland	XX	R
☐ Snow Bunting	Coast & sea	XX	W
☐ Lapland Bunting	Coast & sea	X	W
☐ Yellowhammer	Open country & farmland	XXX	R
☐ Cirl Bunting	Open country & farmland	XX	R
☐ Reed Bunting	Wetland & lakes	XXX	R
☐ Corn Bunting	Open country & farmland	XX	R
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