



Get involved with the RSPB's Bird Friendly Schools Project

The RSPB is once again offering Norfolk Primary schools the opportunity to participate in its exciting Bird Friendly Schools Project. A number of schools from the county have already become Bird Friendly Schools and are enjoying the opportunity this offers to engage their pupils with the natural world all around them in their school and in their home. We are now able to work with new schools for the new academic year beginning this September.

How does it work?

The project works by bringing together high quality curriculum linked learning materials with a trained RSPB volunteer to share their knowledge, enthusiasm and love of the natural world with teachers and children in schools.

Your volunteer will visit your school three times through the school year to offer fun and activities on the theme of birds. There will be a particular focus on identification and conservation with activities such as simple surveys or monitoring nestboxes. Additionally you will receive a starter kit that includes bird feeders, food and nestboxes as well as the *Big Schools Birdwatch* pack, *Discover Birds at School* booklet, a variety of other resources for teachers, take-home goodies for the children, a *Bird Friendly Schools* certificate to display in school and continuing opportunities to be involved with RSPB activities.

The project not only introduces and nurtures childrens' understanding and interest in the natural world but also delivers direct benefits within the National Curriculum, particularly relating to science, mathematics and geography alongside PSHE and Citizenship.

The project is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and there is no charge to schools. However we do hope that schools will continue to join in activities and be 'bird-friendly', after the initial year is complete.

If you would like to find out more about the project or would like to register to participate please contact Sharon Lewis, Bird Friendly Schools Project Officer on 01603 661662 or e-mail: bfs@rspb.org.uk.