

Calling all teachers!

Are you interested in helping young
people
discover birds and explore wildlife?

If so, your school can join in the

RSPB's BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH January 2003

FREE RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS! For a free colour poster of school grounds birds, national curriculum-related lesson plan and information sheets, phone the Big Garden Birdwatch helpline 0870 608 6301.

To take part:

1. As a **school** on any day between **20-31 January**. (We have extended the dates for schools!) To make up the 1 hour of observation, you may involve several groups for shorter periods, eg. 3 groups of children doing 20 minutes birdwatching in their school garden, wildlife area or playing field. Please use the enclosed leaflet or enter your results on our website www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch. Record the largest number of each species seen at any one time.
2. As **individuals** at the weekend **25-26 January** if you are unable to take part as a school. Please copy the leaflet and encourage pupils to take part at home with their parents.

This is the largest garden bird survey in the world in which over a quarter of a million people in the UK participated last January. The survey provides valuable information on our birds such as starlings and sparrows whose numbers have been declining. By involving children, you are stimulating their awareness of the environment and the wildlife. We do hope you will enjoy taking part and thank you for your co-operation.

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