### Calling all teachers! Join us for the

## The RSPB's 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY Of the BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

#### BIG SCHOOLS' BIRDWATCH 19-30 January 2004

#### Watch birds for ONE hour on any ONE day during this period

FREE RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS! Bird identification posters, helpful leaflets and all the information you need to involve your pupils in this exciting wildlife survey.

# Call our hotline 0870 608 6301.

Taking part in the survey will help children notice the birds that share their school grounds, identify some of them and learn a little about how to look after them. It is particularly compatible with KS1 and KS2 programmes of study but suitable for all ages. Information submitted by pupils helps us to build up a picture, based on this nationwide 'annual snapshot', of the fortunes of our common birds.

> For full details, check out our website www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch



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Please return your completed form by 23 February 2004 to: The RSPB, Big Garden Birdwatch, Freepost ANG10850, 17 Birkheads Road, Reigate, Surrey RH2 9SP.

If you are able to enter your results on our website, www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch, you will save us money and help us to speed up analysis of the results.

The results of this year's Birdwatch will be summarised on our website in April and in our membership magazines.

If you are not a member of the RSPB, please read the following: We promise not to sell your details to anyone else. The RSPB and RSPB Sales Ltd would like to send you information about our conservation, campaigning and fundraising activities. The RSPB may review your details and use them for our market research and analysis. If you prefer us not to use your details this way, please tick here

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## BIRDWATCH Celebrating 25 years of counting garden birds

24-25 JANUARY 2004

# IT'S FUN AND IT'S EASY

Join in with the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch and make it the biggest birdwatch in the world. You'll help to build up an important picture of how well our common birds are doing – and you never know what you might see!





All you need to do is spend one hour during the weekend of 24–25 January watching the birds in your garden, local park or school\*. Then tell us the highest number of each species you see at any one time (not the total number you see, because some birds may visit several times while you're "If you are a teacher and wish to undertak the Birdwatch as a school or elises activity. please phone 0870 008 601 ro 8 lig School\* Birdwatch pack



watching). You only need to record the birds actually in your garden, park or school grounds – not the ones flying over.

Many thanks for taking part – we're looking forward to comparing this year's results with those from previous years.

You can use the form overleaf to tell us what you see – or you can enter your results on our website, www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch.

While we welcome paper forms, if you can use the website, you will save us money and help us to speed up the analysis of the results.