



BIRDS

Top birds to look out for on a visit to English Heritage sites and gardens!



Tick the empty boxes as you go!



1 Blue Tit

If you spot colourful flashes of yellow, blue, white, green, grey and black on a small garden bird, you've found a blue tit! Its small, triangular black beak is perfect for hunting for seeds and nuts as well as catching caterpillars and insects.

Spot me at: Marble Hill



2 Jackdaw

A small, black crow with a silvery sheen on the back of its head and pale eyes, the jackdaw's call, a hard 'tchack' gives this bird its name. The area around Kenwood House is home to London's largest group, or 'clattering' of jackdaws.

Spot me at: Kenwood



3 Robin

Look out for the UK's favourite bird, the robin, at lots of our sites. Both male and female have a distinctive bright red or orange breast. Robins sing all year round, despite their close association with Christmas.

Spot me at: Brodsworth Hall and Gardens



4 House Sparrow

A common sight in gardens and parks all around England is the house sparrow. Both male and female are mainly brown; the male has a black bib under its beak. Listen out for a 'cheep' or 'chirruping' sound to spot a sparrow nearby.

📍 Spot me at: Carisbrooke Castle



5 Wood Pigeon

'Good MORN-ing to you!' coos the wood pigeon. Hear this distinctive, rhythmic, 5-beat call, and look out for a gorgeous grey bird, with a white neck patch and white wing patches. Wood pigeons eat grain, seeds, shoots, buds and berries.

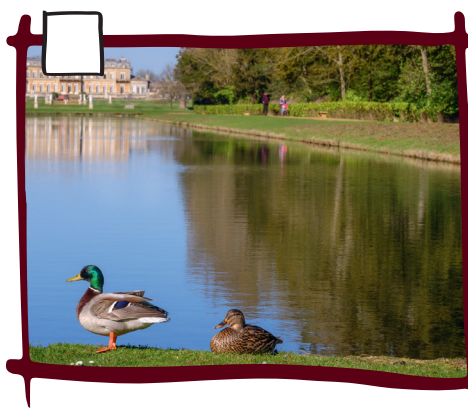
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6 Blackbird

An easy one for bird spotters, the blackbird is a type of thrush with a lovely, mel-low song. Males are all black with a yellow beak and yellow eyes. Don't be fooled by the brown, speckled female with her brown beak: she's a blackbird too!

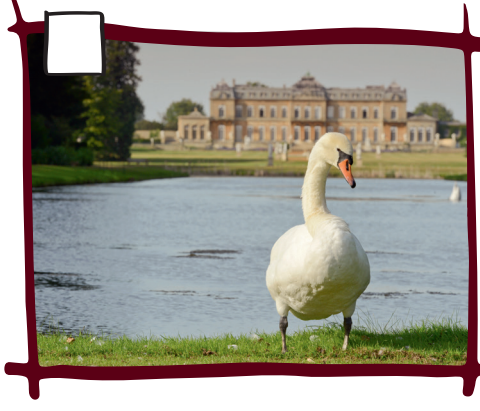
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7 Mallard

Mallards, or wild ducks, are often found at English Heritage sites with lakes or ponds. Look out for the male, who has a dark green head, a yellow bill, a purple-brown breast and a grey body. Female mallards are mainly brown with an orange bill.

📍 Spot me at: Wrest Park



8 Mute Swan

Huge, white and very striking, with black legs and a black-and-orange beak, the mute swan is easy to spot if you're at one of our sites with water features. They aren't really mute. In fact, they make a hoarse, muffled honking sound.

📍 Spot me at: Eltham Palace and Gardens

