



TOP RECORDS - GARDEN BIRDS CARD GAME

Find out more about some of our favourite garden birds by playing this card game with your family

Print out the cards and cut each one out (ask an adult to help)

The aim: is to collect as many cards as you can. You're 'out' once you've lost all your cards and the last player remaining wins.

How to play

- 1) Share the cards out equally between players without looking at them
- 3) All players take a look at your top card
- 4) Pick someone to go first. This person picks a category (the one they think their bird might be best in)
- 5) Each player reads out their score for that category - the player with the highest score wins and collects the card from each of the other players
- 6) The player who won the round picks the next category, repeating steps 4-5
- 7) Carry on until 1 player has all the cards - they're the winner!

More information about the categories...

Number in the UK - this is the approximate number of breeding birds in the UK

Number of Cheshire Records - this is the number of records we hold in our system from Cheshire (+Wirral, Halton + Warrington) from the last 10 years. The actual number of birds will be more than this because some records could contain more than 1 individual bird

Size - length of the bird

Colourfulness - how colourful the bird is. Do you agree with the ratings?!

Vulnerability - this is the species UK conservation status (1/3=Green; 2/3 = Amber; 3/3=Red). So the higher the number, the more threatened the species is in this country

*Most of the statistics come from www.rspb.org.uk
also... www.bto.org.*



DUNNOCK



Number in UK	4.6 million
Cheshire Records	4001
Size	14cm
Colourfulness	2/10
Vulnerability	2/3
Fun Fact	Sometimes called 'Hedge Sparrow'

BLACKBIRD



Number in UK	10.2 million
Cheshire Records	9618
Size	25cm
Colourfulness	4/10
Vulnerability	1/3
Fun Fact	Girls are brown, boys are black

BLUE TIT



Number in UK	7.3 million
Cheshire Records	6539
Size	12cm
Colourfulness	9/10
Vulnerability	1/3
Fun Fact	Love to nest in nestboxes

MAGPIE



Number in UK	1.2 million
Cheshire Records	5748
Size	46cm
Colourfulness	7/10
Vulnerability	1/3
Fun Fact	One of our cleverest birds

ROBIN



Number in UK	13.4 million
Cheshire Records	6698
Size	14cm
Colourfulness	8/10
Vulnerability	1/3
Fun Fact	Young Robins are speckled brown

GREAT TIT



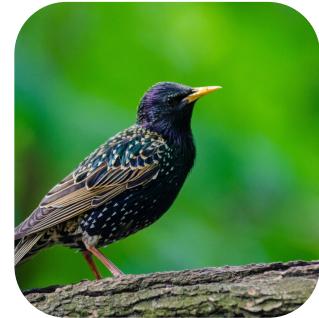
Number in UK	5 million
Cheshire Records	5315
Size	14cm
Colourfulness	8/10
Vulnerability	1/3
Fun Fact	Song sounds like 'Tee-cha'

HOUSE SPARROW



Number in UK	10.6 million
Cheshire Records	4903
Size	15cm
Colourfulness	3/10
Vulnerability	3/3
Fun Fact	Often use the same nest spot all their life

STARLING



Number in UK	5.6 million
Cheshire Records	2782
Size	21cm
Colourfulness	6/10
Vulnerability	3/3
Fun Fact	Form 'murmurations' of 1000s of birds

WOOD PIGEON



Number in UK : 10.8 million
Cheshire Records : 8681
Size : 42cm
Colourfulness : 5/10
Vulnerability : 1/3
Fun Fact : Young pigeons
are called 'squabs'

COAL TIT



Number in UK : 1.36 million
Cheshire Records : 1852
Size : 11.5 cm
Colourfulness : 3/10
Vulnerability : 1/3
Fun Fact : Often store food
to eat later

GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER



Number in UK : 0.28 million
Cheshire Records : 2002
Size : 23cm
Colourfulness : 9/10
Vulnerability : 1/3
Fun Fact : Young have
red heads

GOLDFINCH



Number in UK : 2.4 million
Cheshire Records : 5438
Size : 12cm
Colourfulness : 10/10
Vulnerability : 1/3
Fun Fact : Love eating
teasel seeds

WREN



Number in UK : 17.2 million
Cheshire Records : 3758
Size : 10cm
Colourfulness : 3/10
Vulnerability : 1/3
Fun Fact : Most common UK breeding bird

GREEN FINCH



Number in UK : 3.4 million
Cheshire Records : 4411
Size : 15cm
Colourfulness : 7/10
Vulnerability : 1/3
Fun Fact : Boys are greener than girls

LONG-TAILED TIT



Number in UK : 0.68 million
Cheshire Records : 2775
Size : 14cm
Colourfulness : 8/10
Vulnerability : 1/3
Fun Fact : Often help their family to raise young

CHAFFINCH



Number in UK : 12.4 million
Cheshire Records : 4411
Size : 14.5cm
Colourfulness : 6/10
Vulnerability : 1/3
Fun Fact : Boys are brighter than girls