

Bird bingo

Play bird bingo with our top stars of the dawn chorus

Fine-tune your ears and listen out for some star singers in the dawn chorus. If you've already picked up a Breathing Places dawn chorus CD then listen along, or log onto: bbc.co.uk/breathingplaces to hear the song of each bird. See how many birds and songs you can identify, using our bingo card, next time you are out.



Blackbird – The male, a striking bird, dressed smartly all in black, has a beautiful, bubbling, warbling song.



Blue tit – This striking, little, blue and yellow bird helps you to “see, see, see” when it calls.



Chiffchaff – Helpfully says its name “chiffchaff chiffchaff” making it easier to recognise.



Goldfinch – Has a high, twittering song rather like a canary.

Top of the shop

See, see, seen

Call it!

Line!



Great tit – Has a distinctive two-note song – “teacher teacher teacher”.



House sparrow – Hardly a song, but the lively “chirps” and chattering of groups of sparrows can brighten up a dull morning.



Robin – Has a sweet singing voice. Its familiar refrain can be heard all over the UK.



Skylark – One of the earliest birds in the dawn chorus, coining the phrase ‘up with the lark’. Only sings when flying.

Teach-you!

Seen

Holy-smoke Batman!

Havin’ a lark!



Song thrush – Has a rich song, marked by repeated phrases. Often one of the first birds to start off the dawn chorus.



Whitethroat – Comes to the UK to breed in summer. Its short, scratchy song can be heard coming from farmland hedgerows.



Woodpigeon – Its distinctive, familiar ‘ooh-ooh, ooooh, ooh-ooh’ can often be heard echoing down chimneypots.



Wren – Makes a lot of noise for such a small bird. Its high-pitched song can be heard in gardens and woods all over the UK.

Early bird

Bird house!

Ooh-ooh-ooooh

Bingo!

Many of these birds can be heard all over the UK, but a few are restricted to certain areas.