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.

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

House sparrow – Hardly a “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.

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.

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