

## Birdwatching at Tatton Park



Birdwatching is a fascinating hobby and is fun for all ages. Each time you birdwatch you can expect to see different types of birds at different times of the day, during different seasons and in different weather conditions. Perhaps you would like to give birdwatching a go?

Tatton Park is a great place to birdwatch on a walk in the Parkland.

**The chart on the following page shows just a few birds that you can expect to see at Tatton Park during each month of the year. Have you spotted any of them? Try our fun birdwatching activities below.**

### Activity 1: Logbook

Before you start birdwatching, it would be a good idea to prepare a birdwatching logbook. In this book, you will record what birds you see each time you go out watching. You can use a notebook or make one from folding paper. Make sure you decorate the front cover and make it look unique!

The page will be a little bit like a diary entry and should record the following information:

- The date you are birdwatching
- The weather conditions
- The location
- The time of day
- The birds you have seen
- If the birds are male or female
- What the birds are doing – feeding, singing etc

TOP TIP: Any birds you don't recognise can be drawn into your logbook and looked up later.

### Activity 2: Research

If you are interested in visiting Tatton Park to birdwatch, it would be a good idea if you research the birds on the chart on the next page. You will be able to identify what you are likely to see in the month you are intending to birdwatch and then you can look at those



birds in more detail. You will be able to find photos of them in books or on the Internet. Perhaps you could print the pictures off and stick them in your logbook, or even draw them yourself and bring them to life using colouring pencils or felt tips. Colour is very important to help you identify the birds!

TOP TIP: You can buy bird identification books that are pocket size and can be taken out with you on a birdwatching trip.

### Activity 3: Equipment and Information

We would recommend visiting the RSPB website for information and top tips on identifying different birds, what behaviours to look out for, how to tell similar species apart and more. They also make some good recommendations for equipment that will enhance your birdwatching experience, such as, binoculars or a telescope.

<b>January</b>	Goldeneye Fieldfare
<b>February</b>	Pochard Raven
<b>March</b>	Great Crested Grebe Skylark
<b>April</b>	Sand Martin Chiffchaff
<b>May</b>	Willow Warbler Swallow
<b>June</b>	Swift Common Tern
<b>July</b>	Little Grebe Kestrel
<b>August</b>	Reed Bunting Goldfinch
<b>September</b>	Wheatear Hobby
<b>October</b>	Jay Stonechat
<b>November</b>	Redwing Trecreeper
<b>December</b>	Robin Siskin

