



Birdwatching



Birds are our most visible and vocal wild friends. No matter where you are, birds and their unique behaviours make for fascinating viewing.

Try and spy some birds when walking around the La Vallette area. This area has been regularly surveyed by birdwatchers from the La Société Guernesaise Ornithology group, who have been recording the birds seen here for many years. Find out the variety of these birds by visiting their website: [Birds & Birding in Guernsey](#)

Help our scientists by taking part in recording the birds you see and submitting your records to iRecord:

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You can go birdwatching at any time of year, and the birds that you see will vary with the seasons. Many birds visit Guernsey as part of a long migration.

Instructions

You'll find different birds in different places. Going to

different parts of Guernsey can help you see a bigger variety of birds - you are more likely to find waders and waterbirds at reserves like La Clare Mare, whilst woodland birds are best found in the valleys such as Fauxquet or Petit Bot. Find some further suggestions of different habitats to visit here:

[Ornithology - La Societe Guernesaise](#)

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Be still and quiet

As exciting as it is to spot a bird, you get a better look if you're quiet - and you might even hear them sing or call too.

Look all around you

On the ground, in the trees and up in the sky.

Listen

If you listen hard and tune into the sounds around you, you will often hear a bird before you see them. Try elephant ears: cup your hands around your ears and turn your head slowly like a satellite dish - be amazed how focused and super-charged your hearing will become. There are some apps that help with identifying birds through their song, such as the Merlin Bird ID:

[Merlin Bird ID](#)

Try binoculars

Once you begin to get the hang of them, they're a great way to see a bird's colouring and shape close-up and help you identify what you're looking at.

Questions to ask yourself

When you see a bird, try and think about what it is doing. Is it flying /hopping /walking /standing still / feeding /something else?

Over time, you will start to recognise some of the different bird species by their sound, appearance, and behaviour.

The RSPB have some excellent resources for learning bird song and species - see: rspb.org.uk. Other resources - *Birds of the Bailiwick by Duncan Spencer*.

Consider joining La Société Guernesiaise for access to regular birdwatching activities for all ages and abilities: [Ornithology - La Societe Guernesiaise](#)

