

## In the Garden Bird Identity Activities and Aids

This is the time of year that birds are at their loudest. During this relatively brief window from early April until the end of May birds are on the move. The summer brings about an influx of birds from the south moving into Ireland.



Know your birdsong! Click through our quick guide to the calls of common Irish birds

<https://greennews.ie/know-your-birdsong-click-through-our-quick-guide-to-the-calls-of-common-irish-birds/>

similar: <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2019/04/identify-bird-song/>



### BirdNET App (Android)

Cornell Lab of Ornithology

free

The Easiest way to identify birds by sound featuring 984 of the most common species of North America and Europe. The mic in the Cornell Lab of Ornithology BirdNET app use the native sound recording feature of smartphones and tablets as well as the GPS-service to make predictions based on location and date.



### Merlin Bird ID by Cornell Lab (IOS and Android)

Identify Every Bird You See

Cornell University

#21 in Reference  
★★★★ 4.8, 18K Ratings  
Free

It asks you to enter email, but you can skip this. You then must choose a free bird pack, I choose Western Palearctic. There are 671 birds in this pack.

**ID by 5 questions:** First, Merlin asks you a few simple questions. Then, almost like magic, it reveals the list of birds that best match your description. Pick your bird, then delve into more photos, sounds, and ID tips about your bird!

1. Where did you see the bird?
2. When did you see the bird?
3. What size was the bird?
4. What were the main colours?
5. Was the bird... eating at a feeder, swimming or wading, on the ground, in trees or bushes, on a fence or wire, soaring or flying?

**Photo ID:** You can also chose photo from your gallery or take photo and the App will identify it.

**Explore Birds:** Finally you can explore birds likely in your location

***Bird Bingo! Activity Sheet;*** Our garden birds are busy building nests and preparing for their young at the moment. What birds can you spot in your own garden or out your window? If you don't have a home printer don't worry, you can still play. Just follow the directions in the activity sheet.

<http://botanicgardens.ie/2020/03/30/bird-bingo-kids-activity-sheet/>

### ***Bird Watch Cork***

The Great Stay at home Bird Watching Challenge

<http://birdwatchcork.com/4th-april-the-great-stay-at-home-birdwatching-challenge/>

Download the identification poster.



### **Tree ID British Trees**

(IOS App store / Android)

Identify trees with our Tree ID app. Use our free Tree ID app for Android and iPhone to identify the UK's native and non-native trees. It's an A-Z tree guide in your pocket.

### **Woodlands Trust (UK)**

- Be a super Spotter: How many trees can you identify  
<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/media/48345/leaf-id-sheet.pdf>
- Be a real Nature Detective: Identify trees by looking at their leaves  
<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/media/48346/leaf-idial-sheet.pdf>
- Twig ID: Get twiggy with it! Will you spot these sticks on your travels?  
<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/media/48347/twig-id-sheet.pdf>
- Ready to get detecting? Spot frothy blossom and furry catkins  
<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/media/48350/blossom-and-catkin-id-sheet.pdf>

***Spring-Themed Nature Hunt*** to help you and your kids to engage with the outdoors. There is no need for you to go anywhere crowded for this, as you should be able to find most of these things in your own garden or local green space.

<http://botanicgardens.ie/2020/04/01/spring-nature-hunt-activity-sheet-for-kids/>