

# Sounds of Spring

Here's how you can recognise and remember the song of six bird species that are singing around you in spring and early summer. Go to the RSPB website to hear each song. Simply Google "RSPB" and the name of each bird.

## 1 Great tit



This bird sounds like it's at school, because it keeps singing "tea-cher, tea-cher".

## 2 Chiffchaff



It's tiny, but it's migrated all the way here from Africa. You'll hear it among trees and bushes singing a random mix of "chiff" and "chaff".

## 3 Robin



The robin in the garden can whistle higher than we can. Its whistling song rises at the end, as if it was asking a question.

## 4 Blackbird



The blackbird has the nearest song to what we would call a real tune. Some people say it sounds fluty. Listen for it at dawn and dusk.

## 5 Collared dove



Listen for the three-note call – "cu-coo-cu".

## 6 Woodpigeon



This call is a lot like that of the collared dove, but it always has five notes – "cu coo cu, cu-cu".

**Action**

Tell us what  
bird sounds  
you have  
heard.

Three  
**COOS** or five coos?

**Wild activities!**

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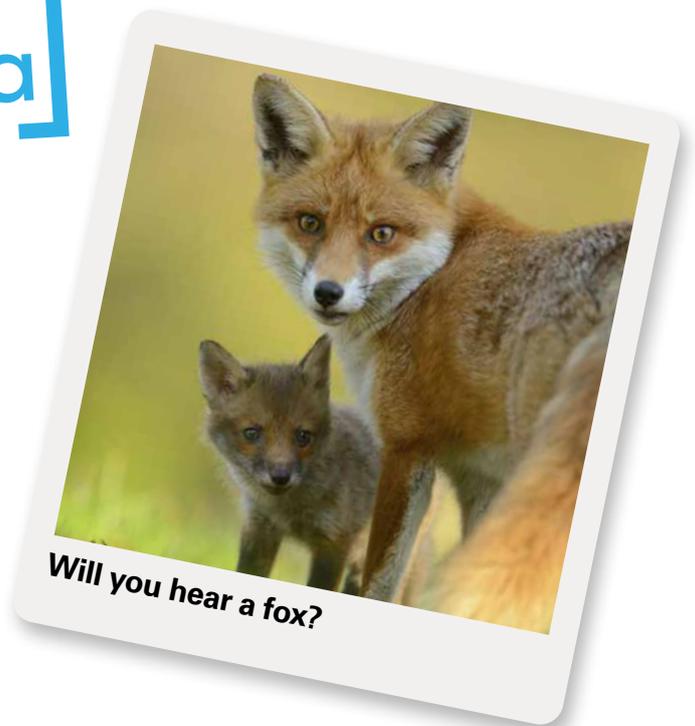
If you enjoyed finding out about bird song, [try this](#).

## Listen to the wild

**How many different natural sounds can you hear?**

### How to do it

1. Wear suitable clothing for the weather, that won't rustle and frighten the wildlife away.
2. Go out early if you can. Birds sing most in the morning and other wildlife is more active when there are not so many people about.
3. Avoid noisy conditions like windy weather and busy roads.
4. Find somewhere quiet with lots of wildlife – a park or nature reserve, maybe.



Will you hear a fox?

**Can you record sounds on your phone or tablet?**

**Sounds I experienced**

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