

Birds that I saw commonly in my garden:

- > blackbird family
- > sparrow
- > seagull
- > pigeon

Uncommon birds that I saw:

- > grey heron
- > bird of prey
- > crow

Blackbirds:

The blackbirds in my garden seem very tame as they have no problem coming close to either me or my mum, we think because we have rescued so many of them from our cat who is probably more of a psychopath than Ted Bundy.

They like to sing throughout the day but do participate in the morning song with the other birds in my garden.

Male blackbirds have a black plumage whereas female blackbirds have a more brown plumage.



Blackbirds can usually be heard at the end of January or early February however the older birds do not sing until well into March. They usually stop singing in the middle of summer so it is weird to hear their song after mid July.

Blackbirds like to sing after the rain (kind of like a goodbye or a thank you in my opinion).

Most blackbirds like to stay where they were born so they never truly leave home.

The population of blackbirds however especially in recent years has decreased dramatically due to the amount of cats and cars increasing, these two are the main cause of death within the blackbird community.

The oldest ringed blackbird that was recovered was over 20 years old.

Most of the nest making is done by the female blackbirds.

There are around 6 million blackbirds in the UK which nearly matches the amount of humans in England!

Fun fact: the song 'sing a song of sixpence, a pocket full of rye, four-and-twenty blackbirds, baked in a pie' this was actually a coded message used to recruit crew members for the pirate Blackbeard.

Sparrows:

There is a nest of sparrows in the big tree in my garden and they love to sing very loudly in the morning which usually wakes me up because my room is right next to their nest.



The sparrow is one of Britain's most common birds however in some places like London they have lost 3/4 of the sparrow population between 1994 and 2000.

They are not native to England, it is thought that they are native to North America.

They are very sociable as they often nest in large groups (colonies).

They have been observed catching moths, attracted to a light, at night.

Grey Heron:

I saw him on the way to sand bay in what looked like a ditch but wider.

Grey herons are the largest birds most of us ever see in our garden: the wing span is around 6ft.

Hérons are sociable birds when nesting, invariably nesting in long-established heronries.

Most heronries are in trees, with the majority of nests at least 25m above the ground. However, reed-bed heronries are not unusual, and they will also nest on cliffs.

