



Counting birds

From 7 years and up

Learning outcomes: Bird identification, numeracy.

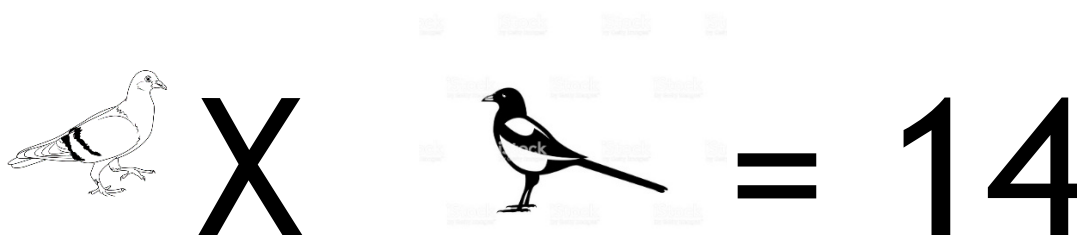
You will need: A window, balcony or garden.

Use the attached identification sheets to count the birds that you can see. Each species is worth a certain number of points, see who can score the highest in 15 minutes of watching. Try different times of day, windows and watching times. You can add birds and give them a point value as you see them!

Species	Points
Wood pigeon	2
Black bird	8
Robin	10
Magpie	7
Great tit	15
Crow	9
Gull	3
Woodpecker	18

Extension: write coded maths questions by drawing a picture of birds instead of using the numbers.

e.g.



Identification sheets:

Woodland trust nature detectives - http://www.treetoolsforschools.org.uk/activities/pdfs/pdf_garden_birds_spotter_sheet.pdf

Wildlife trust -

<https://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/images/Downloads/spotters/garden%20bird%20detective.pdf>