



Welcome to your **TARGET LIST** **2026**

Of course, the beauty of birdwatching is that pretty much anything can appear at any time, but the species on this list can all be expected to turn up in the UK over the course of a year, so use it to record what you've seen, and to work out where and when your best chance of seeing each bird is.

Habitats are generalised guides to where each bird is most frequently encountered. They are not hard and fast. Similarly, the indicators of the time of year are just indicators about when a bird is most often seen, not fixed rules.

XXX Common
XX Less common or scarce
X More scarce or rare
R Resident all year
S Summer visitor
W Winter visitor
P Passage
V Vagrant (rare)

BIRD	ABUNDANCE	STATUS	BIRD	ABUNDANCE	STATUS
Mute Swan	XXX	R	Ferruginous Duck	X	V
Bewick's Swan	XX	W	Tufted Duck	XXX	R
Whooper Swan	XX	W	Scaup	XX	W
Taiga Bean Goose	X	W	Eider	XXX	R
Tundra Bean Goose	X	W	King Eider	X	V
Pink-footed Goose	XXX	W	Long-tailed Duck	XX	W
White-fronted Goose	XX	W	Common Scoter	XXX	W
Greylag Goose	XXX	R	Velvet Scoter	XX	W
Canada Goose	XXX	R	Goldeneye	XXX	W
Barnacle Goose	XX	W	Smew	X	W
Brent Goose	XX	W	Red-breasted Merganser	XX	R
Egyptian Goose	XX	R	Goosander	XX	R
Shelduck	XXX	R	Ruddy Duck	X	R
Mandarin	XX	R	Red Grouse	XXX	R
Wigeon	XXX	W	Ptarmigan	XX	R
American Wigeon	X	V	Black Grouse	XX	R
Gadwall	XX	R	Capercaillie	X	R
Teal	XXX	W	Red-legged Partridge	XXX	R
Green-winged Teal	X	V	Grey Partridge	XX	R
Mallard	XXX	R	Quail	X	S
Pintail	XX	W	Pheasant	XXX	R
Garganey	XX	S	Red-throated Diver	XX	R
Shoveler	XXX	R	Black-throated Diver	XX	R
Red-crested Pochard	X	R	Great Northern Diver	XX	W
Pochard	XXX	R	Fulmar	XXX	R
Ring-necked Duck	X	V	Cory's Shearwater	X	V