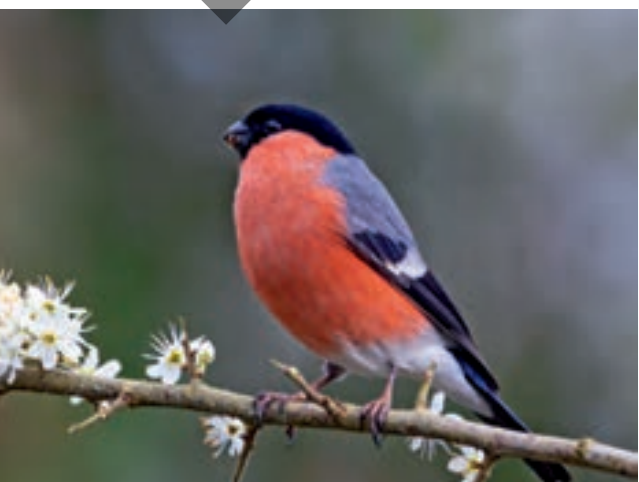


BRITISH BIRDS



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JANUARY 2026

1	Thu	New Year's Day
2	Fri	Bank Holiday (Scotland)
3	Sat	
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27	Tue	
28	Wed	
29	Thu	
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MUTE SWAN (CYGNUS OLOR)

One of the UK's most familiar birds with a heavy orange bill, regularly seen gliding gracefully on our rivers and waterbodies. The mute swan is not very vocal, communicating by grunts and hisses. Swans usually mate for life and take turns in incubating the eggs and parenting. Young cygnets are often carried on the mother's back.

How to identify: very large with an S-shaped neck and an orange bill with a black base and a black bump. It flies with its neck outstretched, making regular, slow 'throbbing' wingbeats.

FEBRUARY 2026

1	Sun	
2	Mon	Bank Holiday (Eire) Wk 6
3	Tue	
4	Wed	
5	Thu	
6	Fri	
7	Sat	
8	Sun	
9	Mon	Wk 7
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17	Tue	
18	Wed	
19	Thu	
20	Fri	
21	Sat	
22	Sun	
23	Mon	Wk 9
24	Tue	
25	Wed	
26	Thu	
27	Fri	
28	Sat	

DECEMBER 2025

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
49		1	2	3	4	5	6
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52	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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JANUARY 2026

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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FEBRUARY 2026

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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MARCH 2026

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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12	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
13	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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MARCH 2026

1	Sun	St David's Day (Wales)
2	Mon	Wk 10
3	Tue	
4	Wed	
5	Thu	
6	Fri	
7	Sat	
8	Sun	
9	Mon	Wk 11
10	Tue	
11	Wed	
12	Thu	
13	Fri	
14	Sat	
15	Sun	
16	Mon	Wk 12
17	Tue	St Patrick's Day (BH N Ireland/Eire)
18	Wed	
19	Thu	
20	Fri	
21	Sat	
22	Sun	
23	Mon	Wk 13
24	Tue	
25	Wed	
26	Thu	
27	Fri	
28	Sat	
29	Sun	British Summer time starts
30	Mon	Wk 14
31	Tue	

APRIL 2026

1	Wed	
2	Thu	
3	Fri	Good Friday
4	Sat	
5	Sun	
6	Mon	Easter Monday Wk 15
7	Tue	
8	Wed	
9	Thu	
10	Fri	
11	Sat	
12	Sun	
13	Mon	Wk 16
14	Tue	
15	Wed	
16	Thu	
17	Fri	
18	Sat	
19	Sun	
20	Mon	Wk 17
21	Tue	
22	Wed	
23	Thu	St George's Day (England)
24	Fri	
25	Sat	
26	Sun	
27	Mon	Wk 18
28	Tue	
29	Wed	
30	Thu	



BULLFINCH (PYRRHULA PYRRHULA)

The chunky, colourful bullfinch is found in gardens, parks, woodland and hedges, nesting in shrubs or bushes. It feeds voraciously on buds, seeds and berries of fruit trees, methodically stripping branches and stems. The male has splendid rosy-pink, grey, black and white plumage while the female is paler. **How to identify:** bright pinkish-red breast and cheeks, grey back, black cap and tail, and bright white rump. The flash of the rump in flight and piping whistled call are usually the first signs of a bullfinch.



FEBRUARY 2026

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MARCH 2026

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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APRIL 2026

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14				1	2	3	4
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MAY 2026

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
18						1	2
19	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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21	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
22	24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

MAY 2026

1	Fri
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31	Sun

APRIL 2026

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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KESTREL (FALCO TINNUNCULUS)

Britain's most common falcon, the kestrel is often spotted circling gracefully in search of unsuspecting prey with its long, pointed wings lowered. It hovers, then strikes from above. The falcon has adapted to both rural and urban habitats, nesting in rock crevices, hollow trees, church towers and high buildings. **How to identify:** light-brown plumage with dark spots. Males have a grey-blue head, while females are all brown. It has pointed wings and its tail appears long in flight and fan-shaped when hovering.

MAY 2026

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JUNE 2026

1	Mon	Bank Holiday (Eire) Wk 23
2	Tue	
3	Wed	
4	Thu	
5	Fri	
6	Sat	
7	Sun	
8	Mon	Wk 24
9	Tue	
10	Wed	
11	Thu	
12	Fri	
13	Sat	
14	Sun	
15	Mon	Wk 25
16	Tue	
17	Wed	
18	Thu	
19	Fri	
20	Sat	
21	Sun	Longest day
22	Mon	Wk 26
23	Tue	
24	Wed	
25	Thu	
26	Fri	
27	Sat	
28	Sun	
29	Mon	Wk 27
30	Tue	

JUNE 2026

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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27	28	29	30				

JULY 2026

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27				1	2	3	4
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JULY 2026

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27	Mon
28	Tue
29	Wed
30	Thu
31	Fri

JUNE 2026

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SNIPE (GALLINAGO GALLINAGO)

This round, dumpy wader has a very long bill and tongue, which it uses to draw up larvae and worms from the mud and water. In springtime it performs a 'drumming' action as it performs its aerial courtship display with its tail feathers beating in the wind. Snipe live and breed on wet grassland, marshes and wetlands throughout the UK.

How to identify: snipe are brown, with an intricate pattern of black and gold bars, and a stripy brown and gold head. They have short, greyish-green legs and a very long, straight bill.

JULY 2026

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AUGUST 2026

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25	Tue
26	Wed
27	Thu
28	Fri
29	Sat
30	Sun
31	Mon

SEPTEMBER 2026

36				1	2	3	4	5
37	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
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40	27	28	29	30				

SEPTEMBER 2026

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OCTOBER 2026

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25	Sun
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29	Thu
30	Fri
31	Sat



SHORT-EARED OWL (ASIO FLAMMEUS)

Although largely nocturnal, short-eared owls are often seen hunting during the day, dawn and dusk, flying low over moorlands, grassland and saltmarshes. In winter, many more birds arrive from Scandinavia, Russia and Iceland to northern, eastern and southern England, especially around the coast. **How to identify:** medium sized with mottled brown bodies with cream/buff, brown, black feathers, pale underwing and yellow eyes. They have short tufts of feathers resembling ears which they display when in a defensive pose.



AUGUST 2026

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35	23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

SEPTEMBER 2026

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
36			1	2	3	4	5
37	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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39	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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OCTOBER 2026

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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41	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
42	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
43	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
44	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

NOVEMBER 2026

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
45	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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49	29	30					

NOVEMBER 2026

1	Sun	
2	Mon	Wk 45
3	Tue	
4	Wed	
5	Thu	
6	Fri	
7	Sat	
8	Sun	
9	Mon	Wk 46
10	Tue	
11	Wed	
12	Thu	
13	Fri	
14	Sat	
15	Sun	
16	Mon	Wk 47
17	Tue	
18	Wed	
19	Thu	
20	Fri	
21	Sat	
22	Sun	
23	Mon	Wk 48
24	Tue	
25	Wed	
26	Thu	
27	Fri	
28	Sat	
29	Sun	
30	Mon	St Andrew's Day (Scotland) Wk 49

DECEMBER 2026

1	Tue	
2	Wed	
3	Thu	
4	Fri	
5	Sat	
6	Sun	
7	Mon	Wk 50
8	Tue	
9	Wed	
10	Thu	
11	Fri	
12	Sat	
13	Sun	
14	Mon	Wk 51
15	Tue	
16	Wed	
17	Thu	
18	Fri	
19	Sat	
20	Sun	
21	Mon	Shortest day Wk 52
22	Tue	
23	Wed	
24	Thu	
25	Fri	Christmas Day
26	Sat	Boxing Day
27	Sun	
28	Mon	Bank Holiday Wk 53
29	Tue	
30	Wed	
31	Thu	



BLUE TIT (CYANISTES CAERULEUS)

A common visitor to bird tables and feeders, the blue tit is one of our most attractive garden visitors. In winter, family flocks join up with other tits as they search for food. The male raises its blue crown making a little crest and flutters its wings in mating displays. They are very acrobatic, perching on the extreme end of branches to feed. **How to identify:** a compact body, bright blue and yellow plumage with a bright blue cap, white face, black stripes across the eyes, yellow breast and blue, green and white wings.



OCTOBER 2026

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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44	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

NOVEMBER 2026

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49	29	30					

DECEMBER 2026

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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JANUARY 2027

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
53						1	2
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4	24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30