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St Helena Birdwatch, 28 - 30 Jan 2022

We'd love to see what birds you have in your area and how many!

Please join us on our bird watch. To take part in our first St Helena Birdwatch 2022, simply watch the birds in your garden, or a local area for half an hour (30 mins) at some point over the three days the bird watch is taking place.

Your assistance will help to record the birds across the island providing a vital snapshot of which species are thriving or struggling, and perhaps provide clues as to why, and how they can be protected or be deemed as an invasive species. Held at a similar time every year, results can be compared with previous years. Why not try as a fun family activity? Become a citizen scientist!

All you need to do is observe what birds visit the location you are at. We've described some features to distinguish between similar looking birds and included photos of male and females for some species males tend to have more colourful feathers, whereas females are more camouflaged for nesting.

Make a tally of the birds that you see during that time III then record the total. Only count the birds that land, not the ones flying by.



Common Mynah



Feral Pigeon



Peaceful Dove

Tally:

Total:



Java Sparrow

Tally:

Juveniles are greyish-olive and duller bills.

Tally: Total:

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Madagascar (male)

Breeding males. A yellow form rarely occurs.

Tally:

Total:



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Non-breeding females and Heavily streaked upper parts.

Tally: Total:



Yellow canary

Males - yellow brow band. Females are greenish-grey, no pink tint. juveniles. pale streaked breast.

> Tally: Total:

Juveniles similar to females.



Avadavat/common waxbill

Juveniles have dark bills and

Tally: Total:











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Pheasant (Female)

Tally: Total:



Tally: Total:



Pheasant (Male)

Tally: Total:

Tally:

Total:



Wirebird

Tally: Total:

Duck

Tally:

Total:



Chuka Partridge

Tally: Total:



Turkey

Tally: Total:

Name(optional):....

Date: 28th Jan | 29th Jan | 30th Jan | Location/area:

If you would like to provide extra information, circle below:

Time: am | midday | pm Weather: hot | clear | cloudy | drizzle | rain | windy

Vegetation/plants present: grass | flowers | vegetables | wild flowers | weeds | other.....

Thank you for your time!

You can pop your completed sheets into the return box at St Helena National Trust, Broadway House by 4th February. Alternately, you can email your results to dennis.leo@trust.org.sh

Participants will be entered into a lucky draw for a lovely reusable bag.

If you have any bird photos that you've captured during this time and would like to share, we'd love to see them!











