





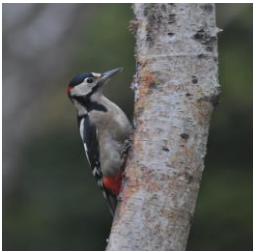













A Widmer End Birds Tick List - How many can you see or hear?

Blackbird	A bird with one of those slightly wrong names because the females are brown!		<input type="checkbox"/>	Carrion Crow	Bit solitary and generally seen in ones or twos.		<input type="checkbox"/>
Song Thrush	Surprisingly hard to spot when not singing. Local birds are sometimes boosted by winter visitors		<input type="checkbox"/>	Jackdaw	Seem to like sitting on roofs and chimneys. Midway in size between Blackbirds and Crows		<input type="checkbox"/>
Robin	Needs no description (but if in doubt see Christmas cards!)		<input type="checkbox"/>	Jay	Most colourful member of the crow family. Very busy in the autumn when collecting and burying acorns.		<input type="checkbox"/>
Magpie	Distinctive and often a bit rowdy.		<input type="checkbox"/>	Starling	Sometimes seen in small flocks. When flying have pointed wings.		<input type="checkbox"/>
Blue Tit	Cute!		<input type="checkbox"/>	Coal Tit	Rather shy and prefers the woods. Has a white line down the back of its head.		<input type="checkbox"/>
Great Tit	Bigger than a Blue Tit and has an amazing range of songs and calls.		<input type="checkbox"/>	Long-tailed Tit	Simply adorable. In the winter they often form extended family groups of 10 to 20 birds.		<input type="checkbox"/>
House Sparrow	Often in chattering little groups.		<input type="checkbox"/>	Dunnock	Not quite as dull and uninteresting as first meets the eye.		<input type="checkbox"/>
Bullfinch	The males are gorgeous and are more often heard than seen. Females are grey.		<input type="checkbox"/>	Goldfinch	Rather gaudy and very chirpy. Call can sound like tinkling metal bells		<input type="checkbox"/>
Chaffinch	The females are duller but still have the white wing flashes.		<input type="checkbox"/>	Greenfinch	A good one seen of a sunny day can be really bright. They often call from the tops of trees sounding like an old man wheezing.		<input type="checkbox"/>
Chiffchaff	Summer visitors more often heard than seen. Their name is a clue to their slightly monotonous song.		<input type="checkbox"/>	Blackcap	Summer visitor with a beautiful song. Again the name is not quite right because the females have brown caps!		<input type="checkbox"/>

Whitethroat	Summer visitors. Lovely little warbler with a short, scratchy song.			Skylark	Often heard singing way up high in the sky over open fields.		
Goldcrest	Smallest bird in Europe. Flitters about restlessly often preferring conifers and holly			Wren	Very noisy for such a tiny bird. Keeps very low in bushes.		
Collared Dove	Slightly boring song sometimes said to sound like "United, United"			Wood Pigeon	Very common. British numbers are swelled in the winter by visitors from Europe.		
Great Spotted Woodpecker	Really colourful. You might see one half way up a tree doing what it's name suggests it should.			Feral Pigeon	Very varied in colour and generally in flocks		
Swallow	Often fly close to the ground when hunting insects.			Green Woodpecker	Often feeds on the ground as it love ants. Call is a mad witchlike cackle!		
Swift	Fly high overhead or in rowdy gangs round the houses.			House Martin	Flying overhead lower than Swifts and higher than Swallows. Have white bottoms.		
Nuthatch	A woodland specialist with a sharp shrill peeping song			Kestrel	Sometimes called a windhover because they are expert at hovering.		
Treecreeper	Woodland specialist. Tiny bird crawling up the trees hunting insects in the crevices in the bark.			Buzzard	As big as but chunkier than a Red Kite with a rounded tail and wings that are held in a slight V when soaring.		
Pied Wagtail	Sometimes seen on roofs or cricket pitches catching insects			Red Kite	What to say? So lucky to have these wonderful birds locally.		
				Pheasant	Easy to recognise this one. Females are a bit smaller and dull brown.	