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## HOME BASED NATURE ACTIVITIES FOR HOUNSLOW RESIDENTS IN 2021

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# **Welcome to our newsletter!**

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This weekend, there was great excitement as thick flakes of snow fell across London. It was lovely to hear laughter as children were pulled along on sledges and (socially distanced) snowmen popped up in all the parks and playing fields.

Social bubbles were caught up in making family snow games and building snow creatures. Lots of our group went out and captured lovely photos of snow in their local area.

### Your photos

Dal captured this lovely image with just one set of footprints in the snow.

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Najma was up early and caught this lovely sunrise too.



Some of our group preferred to stay closer to home as Amanda lit up her wood burning fire.

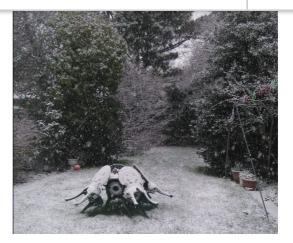


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Mal went out into her garden and snapped her flowering Camellia

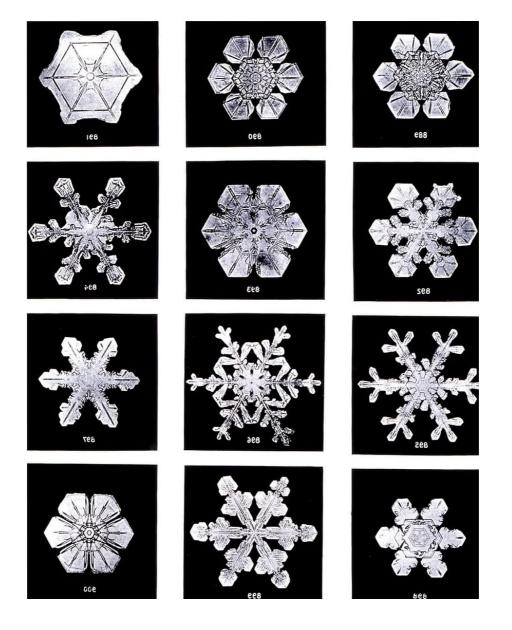


Irene sent in a snap of her garden looking splendid in a fresh covering of snow.

### The wonder of snowflakes

Did you know that no two snowflakes are the same?

Here are some snowflake images.



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A snowflake is a general term. It can mean an individual snow crystal, but it can also mean just about anything that falls from the winter clouds. Often hundreds or even thousands of snow crystals collide and stick together in mid-air as they fall forming flimsy puff-balls we call snowflakes.

Watch the Met Office video about snowflakes



# The Big Bird Watch 2021

#### Don't miss out on the RSPB Big Bird Watch.

It's easy to take part and your information helps the RSPB to find out which birds have not been seen in your area as well as which ones have.

Here's what you have to do :

#### Pick a time

You can choose any hour between 29 and 31 January. So whether you're an early bird or a night owl, you can still take part.

#### Record what you see

Count the birds you see in your garden or from your balcony.

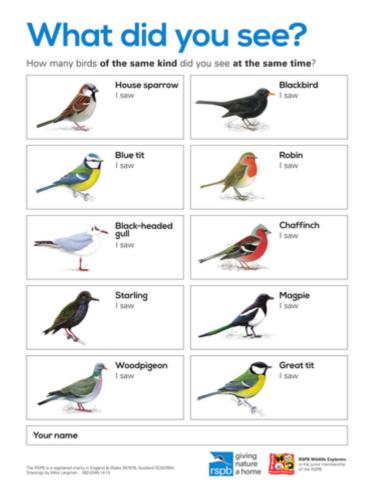
Ignore any birds that are still in flight. To avoid double-counting, just record the highest number of each bird species you see at any one time – not a running total.

#### Submit your results

You can read more about the Big Bird Watch below, learn about the results of the 2020 survey and submit your results online to the RSPB from 29th January to 19th February by using the link below.

We'd love to hear about how you got on and any photos that you take.

**Big Bird Watch** 



### How Well Do You Know Your Local Area?

We are still playing a "Guess the local location" game on social media Here is the latest photo. Keep watching on facebook, twitter and Instagram for more images. You can find all the links at the bottom of the page.

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# **Stay In Touch**

At this time of year, it's really important to stay in touch and bring your cuppa to the phone for a chat.

We are always available for a chat on a Tuesday from 11-12 on our free conference line. Please get in touch if you would like to join in. We always have really interesting conversations and a bit of fun too!



#### Click here to look at our website for more ideas of things to keep you busy over the next few weeks

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