

Discover birds in your back yard

Give this 5 minute bird
survey a go!



You will need:

- A timer
- Camera/phone camera
(to take pictures of any
birds you don't recognise)
- Survey sheet (on the back
page or make your own)
- Auckland Zoo's common
NZ birds list

1. Choose a location.
2. Before you start, write down some important details: Date, time, survey location.
3. Set your timer for 5 minutes and start your survey!
Use the survey sheet on the back page.
4. Make a note of any bird you see or hear.
No need to count all of the same bird species,
just note that you saw/heard that species.

Take photos of any bird you cannot identify.

Use the common NZ bird list to help you.
You can also head to nzbirdsonline.org.nz
or inaturalist.nz to help you work out
which birds you saw on your survey.

Identifying common New Zealand birds



Blackbird



Chaffinch



Duck



Goose



Swallow



Magpie



Myna



Pigeon



Pukeko



Rosella



Seagull



Sparrow



Swan



Thrush



Tūi



Kererū



Tauhou
Silvereye



Tōrea
Oyster catcher



Kōtare
Kingfisher



Pīwakawaka
Fantail

Survey sheet

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Find out if the birds you saw were endemic, native or introduced.

Date: _____ **Time:** _____

Survey location: _____

Birds you saw:

How many people you saw:

Circle if you saw a: dog or cat

Notes:

Try doing a survey in a different location or even a different time and compare the difference.