

**At least 4,000
species of bird are
regular migrants.
That's about 40%
of the world's
total.**

**In the UK about half the species
migrate – especially insect-eaters
that can't find enough food
during winter.**

**Winter visitors are birds that
arrive in autumn from the north
and east to spend the winter in
the UK, where the weather is
milder and food is easier to find.**

**In spring, they return to their
breeding quarters.**



Worcestershire

**In winter bramblings form vast
flocks where their food, seeds of
beech trees, is particularly
abundant; some large roosts have
been estimated to contain over
ten million birds.**

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**The fieldfare is particularly
pugnacious in defending its nest
against egg-thieves - often by
bombarding them with faeces.
Smaller birds often nest close by
to benefit from some extra
protection.**

**Many water birds also spend the
winter on the sea around the UK
coast, including common scoters,
great northern divers and
red-necked grebes.**

**Redwings are a classic night-time
migrants - listen out on dark clear
autumn and early winter nights,
particularly in the east of the
country, and you are likely to hear
the thin 'tseep' of migrating
redwings overhead.**

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Winter Migrant Birds Spotter Sheet



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