

Do you have some input or want to lend a helping hand in our project?



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MY Garden Birdwatch is a Citizen Science project and here are the reasons why you should count.

- To help raise awareness of birds as indicator of the health of our environment
- To contribute to a long-term record of the garden bird population and distribution in Malaysia
- To actively assist Scientists to collect data

MY Garden Birdwatch

Count for the love of birds



6th & 7th

Of June 2020

A project by

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ABOUT US

The Malaysian Garden Birdwatch (MY Garden Birdwatch aka MYGB) is the first bird count of its kind in Malaysia. The survey was started in 2010 and has continued since.

The project is modelled after the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch in UK. Birdwatchers can do something that will help scientists and conservationists in their efforts to protect their environment. With this objective in mind the MYGB is a survey of birds that are commonly found around our country, in urban as well as in rural areas.

It is to study birds that inhabit our neighbourhood and over time, to observe any changes in their numbers and distribution. Today, besides predation, diseases and natural phenomena; man's economic activities such as the spread of urbanisation and forest clearing have had a major impact on the size and distribution of many species of birds.

Data derived from this survey will be announced on 16th of Sept, in conjunction with Malaysia Day. It provides useful clues and it forms the basis for conservation priority.

HOW TO TAKE PART

The MYGB Count must only be done in 30 minutes **TIME** during the designated weekend. No more or less. Check our website or Facebook Page, MY Garden Birdwatch for this year count dates.



OBSERVE only the perched birds and count the highest number of species seen at one time. Identify the bird and fill up the submission form at MYGB website in the period of 2 weeks after the count weekend.



Do count at a **PLACE** where you can visit every year ie. backyard or nearby park. You can even count from your balcony! Remember to stay at a spot and do not walk far!



WHO CAN TAKE PART

Anyone. You do not necessarily need a binocular. With your naked eyes; just identify, count and record the birds that visit your garden. Having a binocular gives you a farther range.

WHERE TO DO THE COUNT

Any green areas where birds can be found.

WHAT CAN YOU DO

Learn to identify the birds in your garden. MYGB website has a printable count sheet to help you.



Plant trees and shrubs that attract birds to your garden.



Talk to your family, friend, neighbour or even stranger about the joy of birdwatching.