

Request for information

BTO Garden Bird Feeding Survey This survey is checking each winter the species, numbers and food preferences of those birds coming to gardens to take foodstuffs artificially presented (natural foods such as berries on shrubs are omitted). A countrywide sample of 200 varied feeding stations is watched. New participants are not required but observations are welcomed from anybody on the numbers, dates and feeding habits of rare or unusual garden feeders, e.g. Water Rail *Rallus aquaticus*, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos minor*, Treecreeper *Certhia familiaris*, Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin*, Firecrest *Regulus ignicapillus*, Hawfinch *Coccothraustes coccothraustes*. Notes are also welcomed on hawks, falcons, owls and shrikes coming to scavenge food or to chase birds in the feeding area. All records will be gratefully received by **David Glue, Populations Section, British Trust for Ornithology, Beech Grove, Tring, Hertfordshire HP23 5NR.**