

# British Birds

2025

## JANUARY 2025

1	Wed	New Year's Day
2	Thu	Bank Holiday (Scotland)
3	Fri	
4	Sat	
5	Sun	
6	Mon	Wk 2
7	Tue	
8	Wed	
9	Thu	
10	Fri	
11	Sat	
12	Sun	
13	Mon	Wk 3
14	Tue	
15	Wed	
16	Thu	
17	Fri	
18	Sat	
19	Sun	
20	Mon	Wk 4
21	Tue	
22	Wed	
23	Thu	
24	Fri	
25	Sat	
26	Sun	
27	Mon	Wk 5
28	Tue	
29	Wed	
30	Thu	
31	Fri	



**GOSHAWK** (ACCIPITER GENTILIS)

The elusive goshawk is the ultimate woodland predator, a powerful and rather fierce-looking raptor with wings designed for weaving through trees to hunt its prey. It flies low and makes short dashes to seize other birds, often quite large ones, or small mammals on the forest edge or open ground. The nest is built close to a tree trunk and reused for several years. **How to identify:** Goshawks are large birds with a prominent brow, broad wings, grey on top and cream or white underneath, long yellow legs and sharp talons.

## FEBRUARY 2025

1	Sat	
2	Sun	
3	Mon	Bank Holiday (Eire) Wk 6
4	Tue	
5	Wed	
6	Thu	
7	Fri	
8	Sat	
9	Sun	
10	Mon	Wk 7
11	Tue	
12	Wed	
13	Thu	
14	Fri	
15	Sat	
16	Sun	
17	Mon	Wk 8
18	Tue	
19	Wed	
20	Thu	
21	Fri	
22	Sat	
23	Sun	
24	Mon	Wk 9
25	Tue	
26	Wed	
27	Thu	
28	Fri	

### DECEMBER 2024

wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
49	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
50	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
51	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
52	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	29	30	31				

### JANUARY 2025

wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1				1	2	3	4
2	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
3	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
4	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
5	26	27	28	29	30	31	

### FEBRUARY 2025

wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5							1
6	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
7	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9	23	24	25	26	27	28	

### MARCH 2025

wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9							1
10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
12	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
13	23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

## MARCH 2025

St David's Day (Wales)

1	Sat
2	Sun
3	Mon
4	Tue
5	Wed
6	Thu
7	Fri
8	Sat
9	Sun
10	Mon
11	Tue
12	Wed
13	Thu
14	Fri
15	Sat
16	Sun
17	Mon
18	Tue
19	Wed
20	Thu
21	Fri
22	Sat
23	Sun
24	Mon
25	Tue
26	Wed
27	Thu
28	Fri
29	Sat
30	Sun
31	Mon

St Patrick's Day (BH N Ireland/Eire)

British Summer time starts

## APRIL 2025

1	Tue
2	Wed
3	Thu
4	Fri
5	Sat
6	Sun
7	Mon
8	Tue
9	Wed
10	Thu
11	Fri
12	Sat
13	Sun
14	Mon
15	Tue
16	Wed
17	Thu
18	Fri
19	Sat
20	Sun
21	Mon
22	Tue
23	Wed
24	Thu
25	Fri
26	Sat
27	Sun
28	Mon
29	Tue
30	Wed



### NORTHERN GANNET (MORUS BASSANUS)

Gannets are able to dive from heights of 30m using their dagger-like beak. A network of air-sacs between their muscles and skin helps cushion this impact and forward-facing eyes give them binocular vision, to hunt for fish underwater. Gannets breed and nest in big noisy colonies on cliffs and offshore rocks and islands, laying only one egg each year. **How to identify:** a large white bird with black wingtips and a yellow head. It can be spotted circling high above the waves before performing its characteristic fishing dive.



## MARCH 2025

wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9							1
10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
12	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
13	23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

## APRIL 2025

wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14			1	2	3	4	5
15	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
16	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
17	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
18	27	28	29	30			

## MAY 2025

wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
18					1	2	3
19	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
21	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
22	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## MAY 2025

1	Thu
2	Fri
3	Sat
4	Sun
5	Mon
6	Tue
7	Wed
8	Thu
9	Fri
10	Sat
11	Sun
12	Mon
13	Tue
14	Wed
15	Thu
16	Fri
17	Sat
18	Sun
19	Mon
20	Tue
21	Wed
22	Thu
23	Fri
24	Sat
25	Sun
26	Mon
27	Tue
28	Wed
29	Thu
30	Fri
31	Sat

Bank Holiday  
Wk 19

Wk 20

Wk 21

Bank Holiday  
Wk 22



### LAPWING (VANELLUS VANELLUS)

A familiar sight on farmland and wetlands, wheeling through the skies in large flocks, the lapwing is named after the 'lapping' sound of its wings in flight. The male performs an acrobatic tumbling display, with a piercing call, giving rise to its other name 'peewit'. The eggs are laid in an exposed ground nest, then, when the chicks hatch, they are led to a safer area with good grass cover. **How to identify:** a long crest, an iridescent green and purple back, black and white patterned front with broad, round wingtips.



## JUNE 2025

1	Sun
2	Mon
3	Tue
4	Wed
5	Thu
6	Fri
7	Sat
8	Sun
9	Mon
10	Tue
11	Wed
12	Thu
13	Fri
14	Sat
15	Sun
16	Mon
17	Tue
18	Wed
19	Thu
20	Fri
21	Sat
22	Sun
23	Mon
24	Tue
25	Wed
26	Thu
27	Fri
28	Sat
29	Sun
30	Mon

Bank Holiday (Eire)  
Wk 23

Wk 24

Wk 25

Longest Day

Wk 26

Wk 27

## MAY 2025

wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
18					1	2	3
19	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
21	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
22	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## JUNE 2025

wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
24	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
25	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
26	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
27	29	30					

## APRIL 2025

wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14			1	2	3	4	5
15	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
16	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
17	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
18	27	28	29	30			

## JULY 2025

wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27			1	2	3	4	5
28	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
29	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
30	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
31	27	28	29	30	31		

## JULY 2025

1	Tue
2	Wed
3	Thu
4	Fri
5	Sat
6	Sun
7	Mon
8	Tue
9	Wed
10	Thu
11	Fri
12	Sat
13	Sun
14	Mon
15	Tue
16	Wed
17	Thu
18	Fri
19	Sat
20	Sun
21	Mon
22	Tue
23	Wed
24	Thu
25	Fri
26	Sat
27	Sun
28	Mon
29	Tue
30	Wed
31	Thu

## AUGUST 2025

1	Fri
2	Sat
3	Sun
4	Mon
5	Tue
6	Wed
7	Thu
8	Fri
9	Sat
10	Sun
11	Mon
12	Tue
13	Wed
14	Thu
15	Fri
16	Sat
17	Sun
18	Mon
19	Tue
20	Wed
21	Thu
22	Fri
23	Sat
24	Sun
25	Mon
26	Tue
27	Wed
28	Thu
29	Fri
30	Sat
31	Sun



### TURTLE DOVE (STREPTOPELIA TURTUR)

This dainty dove is rare in the UK. Turtle doves rely on arable farmland to feed on seeds of crops and woodland plants. They nest in hedgerows and open woodland and migrate to Africa for the winter. Males impress females by puffing out their chests and ducking their heads up and down. **How to identify:** smaller and darker than other doves, pinkish grey, with black and white barring on the neck and pink eye rings. The wings are patterned with black and brown plumage and the tail has white tips, seen when fanned out in flight.



## JULY 2025

wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27			1	2	3	4	5
28	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
29	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
30	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
31	27	28	29	30	31		

## AUGUST 2025

wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31						1	2
32	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
33	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
34	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
35	24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

## SEPTEMBER 2025

wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
36		1	2	3	4	5	6
37	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
38	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
39	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
40	28	29	30				

## JUNE 2025

wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
24	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
25	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
26	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
27	29	30					

## SEPTEMBER 2025

1	Mon	Wk 36
2	Tue	
3	Wed	
4	Thu	
5	Fri	
6	Sat	
7	Sun	
8	Mon	Wk 37
9	Tue	
10	Wed	
11	Thu	
12	Fri	
13	Sat	
14	Sun	
15	Mon	Wk 38
16	Tue	
17	Wed	
18	Thu	
19	Fri	
20	Sat	
21	Sun	
22	Mon	Wk 39
23	Tue	
24	Wed	
25	Thu	
26	Fri	
27	Sat	
28	Sun	
29	Mon	Wk 40
30	Tue	

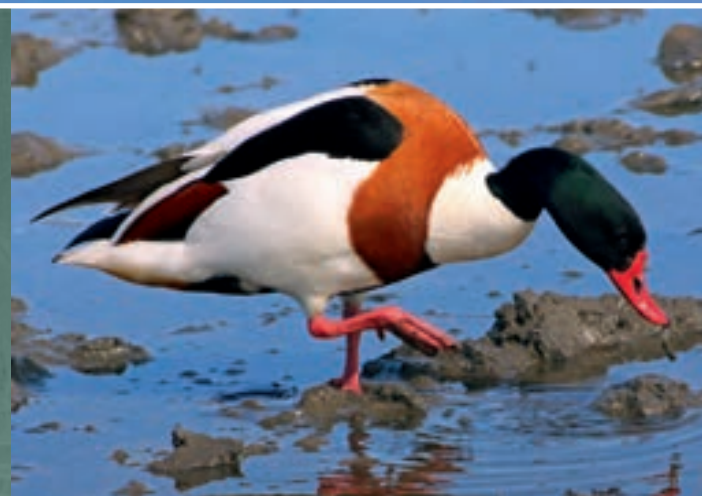
## OCTOBER 2025

1	Wed	
2	Thu	
3	Fri	
4	Sat	
5	Sun	
6	Mon	Wk 41
7	Tue	
8	Wed	
9	Thu	
10	Fri	
11	Sat	
12	Sun	
13	Mon	Wk 42
14	Tue	
15	Wed	
16	Thu	
17	Fri	
18	Sat	
19	Sun	
20	Mon	Wk 43
21	Tue	
22	Wed	
23	Thu	
24	Fri	
25	Sat	
26	Sun	British Summertime ends
27	Mon	Bank Holiday (Eire) Wk 44
28	Tue	
29	Wed	
30	Thu	
31	Fri	



### SHELDUCK (TADORNA TADORNA)

Shelducks feed by digging or dabbling for invertebrates, small fish, worms and seeds. Found on muddy shores, estuaries and salt marshes around the UK coast, they have spread inland to flooded gravel pits. In winter resident shelducks are joined by thousands of migrating birds. Ducklings are often left in crèches, guarded by a single pair of adults. **How to identify:** a medium, goose-like duck with a dark green head and bright red bill. It has a chestnut-brown band around the breast and black patches on the back and wings.



## AUGUST 2025

wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31						1	2
32	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
33	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
34	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
35	24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

## SEPTEMBER 2025

wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
36		1	2	3	4	5	6
37	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
38	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
39	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
40	28	29	30				

## OCTOBER 2025

wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
40				1	2	3	4
41	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
42	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
43	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
44	26	27	28	29	30	31	

## NOVEMBER 2025

wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
44							1
45	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
46	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
47	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
48	23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29

## NOVEMBER 2025

1	Sat
2	Sun
3	Mon
4	Tue
5	Wed
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21	Fri
22	Sat
23	Sun
24	Mon
25	Tue
26	Wed
27	Thu
28	Fri
29	Sat
30	Sun



**ROBIN** (ERITHACUS RUBECULA)

The robin's popularity comes from its tameness - it will enter a freshly dug garden to search for worms even if humans are there. Known as the gardener's friend, it happily perches near people. It is also found in woodland and parks. The male defends his territory by singing a high warbling call and can be aggressive towards other males. He feeds the female, who builds a cup-shaped nest and incubates the eggs. **How to identify:** Both male and female have identical red breast feathers and a small, rounded or slim body shape.

## DECEMBER 2025

1	Mon	Wk 49
2	Tue	
3	Wed	
4	Thu	
5	Fri	
6	Sat	
7	Sun	
8	Mon	Wk 50
9	Tue	
10	Wed	
11	Thu	
12	Fri	
13	Sat	
14	Sun	
15	Mon	Wk 51
16	Tue	
17	Wed	
18	Thu	
19	Fri	
20	Sat	
21	Sun	Shortest Day
22	Mon	Wk 52
23	Tue	
24	Wed	
25	Thu	Christmas Day
26	Fri	Boxing Day
27	Sat	
28	Sun	
29	Mon	Wk 1
30	Tue	
31	Wed	

### OCTOBER 2025

wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
40				1	2	3	4
41	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
42	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
43	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
44	26	27	28	29	30	31	

### NOVEMBER 2025

wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
44							1
45	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
46	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
47	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
48	23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29

### DECEMBER 2025

wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
49		1	2	3	4	5	6
50	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
51	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
52	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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### JANUARY 2026

wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1					1	2	3
2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
4	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
5	25	26	27	28	29	30	31