



Every year, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) asks people to do a survey of the birds seen in their gardens. In 2011, over half a million people took part and you can see some of the results the RSPB received in the two tables below:

B i r d	Average per Garden	Rank		% of Gardens with the bird	Rank
House_Sparrow	4.160	1	Black bird	95.19	1
Starling	3.914	2	Robin	86.60	2
Blackbird	3.274	3	Blue_Tit	86.49	3
Blue_Tit	3.161	4	Woodpigeon	67.81	4
Chaffinch	2.352	5	House_Sparrow	64.49	5
Woodpigeon	1.932	6	Great_Tit	60.60	6
Great_Tit	1.556	7	Chaffinch	57.07	7
Goldfinch	1.511	8	Dunnock	54.44	8
Robin	1.457	9	Collared_Dove	53.50	9
Collared_Dove	1.335	10	Starling	51.49	10
Long_tailed_tit	1.277	11	Magpie	45.16	11
Dunnock	1.093	12	Coal_Tit	38.65	12
Magpie	0.883	13	Golfinch	33.52	13
Greenfinch	0.772	14	Long_Tailed_Tit	29.98	14
Coal_Tit	0.735	15	Greenfinch	27.24	15
Feral_pigeon	0.644	16	Wren	23.87	16
Jackdaw	0.584	17	Song_Thrush	23.85	17
Carrion_crow	0.543	18	Carrion_crow	22.60	18
Song_Thrush	0.300	19	Jackdaw	17.73	19
Wren	0.280	20	Feral_pigeon	17.72	20

The first column of both tables shows the names of the birds. The second column of the left-hand table shows the average numbers of those birds across all the gardens. The second column of the right-hand table shows the percentage of all the gardens in which those birds were identified.

You may need to have a chat with others to get a clear picture of the meanings of "average per garden" and "percentage of gardens with the bird".

Have a general look at both tables. What can you say about them?

What can you can about the ranking of the starling?

What can you say about the ranking of the robin?