

Introduction to Birds

Objective: By the end of the session, attendees will be more confident in identifying a range of different birds and how different resources can help develop ID skills further.

Content: During the session we will cover:

- General overview of birds in Cumbria
- Common species, priority species, under-recorded species
- Species that can be more difficult to identify
- Resources to support bird ID and recording

Venue and date

Newbiggin Village Hall on Saturday 11 April 2026

Trainer

Martin Harris, CBDC Recording Officer

Rough guide to the day (programme subject to change)

Timing	Content	Learning
09:45 – 10:00	Arrival	
10:00 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to the day• Where to look• What to look for• Kit and equipment• Groups, clubs and societies	General overview of birding from the Cumbria perspective with an emphasis on how to get started and how to develop your skills.
11:00- 11:25	COFFEE	
11:25 – 12:25	Species observation and identification: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Common species- Priority species- Under-recorded species- ID issues – similar species and common ID mistakes	Use of identification aides. Knowledge of how to identify species and other ID assistance (apps and field guides).
12:25- 13:00	How to record birds and getting involved in specific projects	Recording apps and how to record in Cumbria. Schemes and projects you can get involved in.
13:00	Final questions and CLOSE	