

# Redwing

*Turdus iliacus*



## What to look for

Smallest thrush in the UK

Distinctive creamy-white eye-stripe

Conspicuous reddish flanks and underwing

High-pitched call "see-ip" often heard from migrating flocks flying overhead at night

## Where found

Widespread in open country and hedgerows; visits gardens in hard weather

Often found with fieldfares

## When to look

Winter visitor from October

Leaves in April

A scarce breeder in northern Scotland

## Not to be confused with...

Song thrush



### Did you know?

Redwings nest in shrubs or on the ground, laying four to six eggs in a neat nest

Redwings are a classic night-time migrant - listen out on dark clear autumn and early winter nights, particularly in the east of the country, and you are likely to hear the thin 'tseep' of migrating redwing overhead

They eat worms and berries, and are known to be picky feeders



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