

HOUSE SPARROWS NEED HELP!

According to the RSPB, UK house sparrow numbers fell 71% 1977-2008. In many parts of Bromley they are no longer present. Studies suggest their decline is due to lack of invertebrates to feed their young, loss of seeds for adults and loss of nesting sites (hedgerows, scrub, thick ivy, house eaves). They live in groups. Listen for their noisy cheeping and please let us know if you see any, how many you saw together and if you think they are nesting.



Female



Male

E-mail the date, place (postcode or grid reference) and number seen to Bromley Biodiversity Partnership:

bromleybiodiversity@gmail.com

Your information will enable habitat improvements to be put in place to try and increase house sparrow numbers.

How to Help House Sparrows: maintain thick hedgerows & plant hedgerows of native species, promote wild areas in your local park or garden, feed birds in your garden, put up sparrow nest boxes. See www.bto.org/sites/default/files/house_sparrow_nest_box_plan.pdf If you have a cat keep it indoors between dusk and dawn and use a collar with a bell or ultrasonic device.

Bromley Biodiversity Partnership is a partnership of local groups, organisations and individuals with specific expertise committed to protecting, enhancing and celebrating biodiversity within the London Borough of Bromley.