



# Gwent Wildlife Trust

## Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata*

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### About

Spotted Flycatchers are medium-sized songbirds of open woodland, parks and gardens. They have a relatively long tail which is often flicked while they sit patiently on a perch waiting for a chance to fly out to catch their insect-prey mid-air. During the breeding season, they can be seen across the UK, but leave here in August for their wintering grounds in tropical Africa. Passage migrants can be seen in September.

### How to identify

A streaky, greyish-brown bird, the Spotted Flycatcher is pale underneath, with a streaky crown and breast.

### Where to find it

A widespread summer

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### Species information

**i** **Common name**  
Spotted Flycatcher

**Latin name**  
*Muscicapa striata*

**Category**  
Birds  
Thrushes, chats,  
flycatchers, starling,  
dipper and wren

**Statistics**  
Length: 14cm Wingspan:  
24cm Weight: 17g  
Average Lifespan: 2  
years

**🌍 Conservation status**  
Classified in the UK as a  
Red List species under  
the Birds of Conservation  
Concern review and as a  
Priority Species in the UK  
Biodiversity Action Plan.



## When to find it



## How can people help

The Spotted Flycatcher has suffered dramatic declines recently. To help protect our breeding birds, The Wildlife Trusts are working closely with farmers, landowners and developers to promote wildlife-friendly practices. We are working towards a 'Living Landscape': a network of habitats and wildlife corridors across town and country, which are good for both wildlife and people. You can support this greener vision for the future by joining your local Wildlife Trust.

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