

## Report 2002-2019

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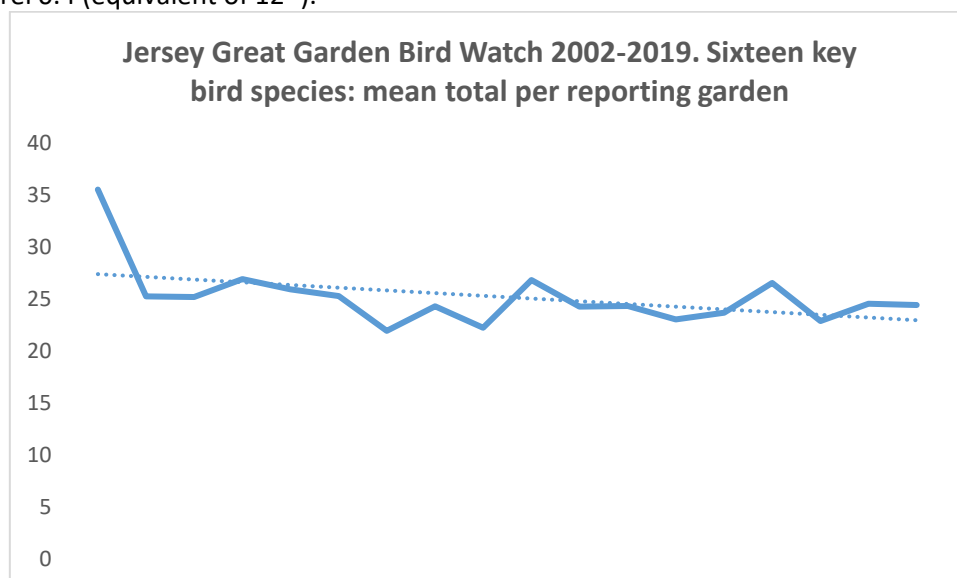
2019 was the 18<sup>th</sup> year of Jersey’s annual Great Garden Bird Watch managed by Action for Wildlife Jersey and Birds On The Edge and supported each year by the Jersey Evening Post. The event has been held each year over one weekend in February.

### The Big 16 in 2019

The Big 16 represents the group of most recorded bird species in the annual Jersey Great Garden Bird Watch since the project began in 2002. Herring gull is omitted from the list as, despite being very common, it is often actively dissuaded from some gardens and figures are hard to assess. In 2019 we received counts from 231 households/gardens and 40 bird species and red squirrel were reported. This year, numbers for the Big 16 were:

*Numbers of birds per reporting garden*

1. House sparrow 6.9
  2. Goldfinch
  3. Chaffinch 1.8
  4. Wood pigeon 1.77
  5. Starling 1.75
  6. Great tit 1.6
  7. Blue tit 1.6
  8. Collared dove 1.4
  9. Magpie 1.4
  10. Robin 1.3
  11. Blackbird 1.0
  12. Greenfinch 0.33
  13. Song thrush 0.26
  14. Pheasant 0.22
  15. Blackcap 0.16
  16. Great spotted woodpecker 0.12
- Red squirrel 0.4 (equivalent of 12<sup>th</sup>).

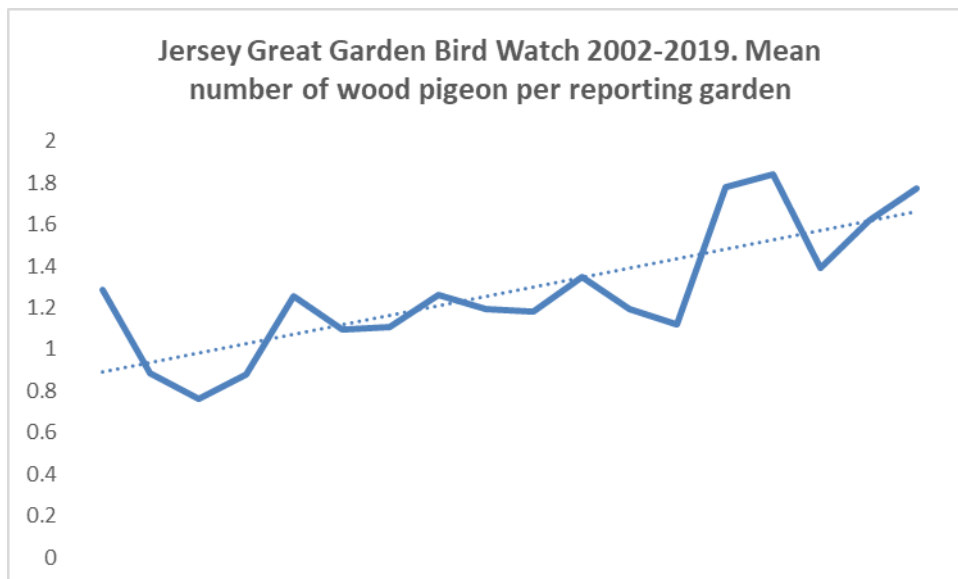
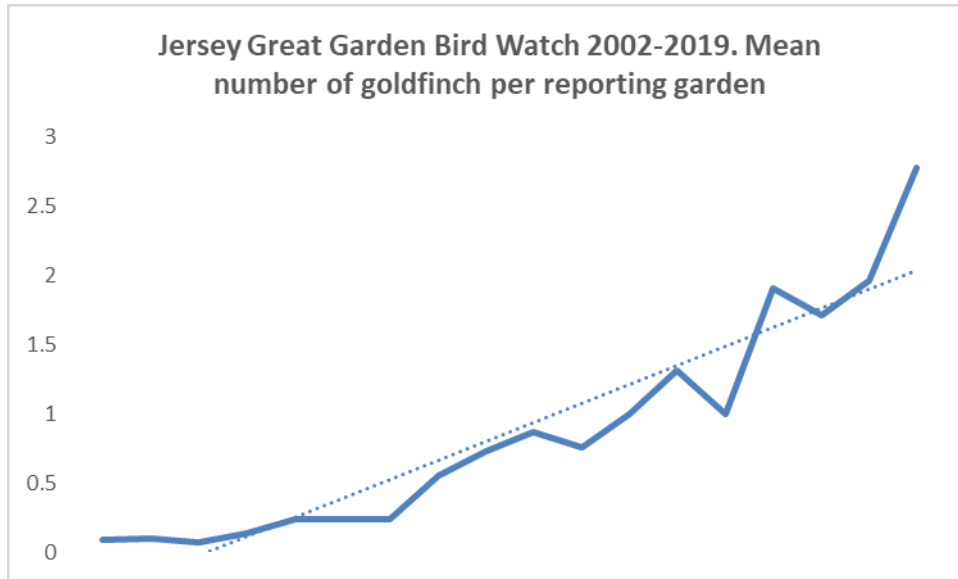


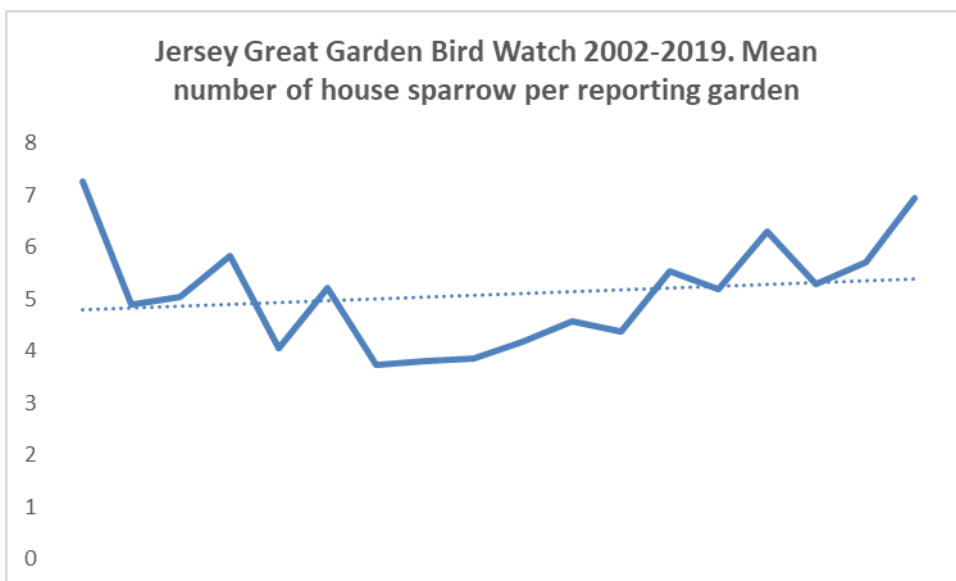
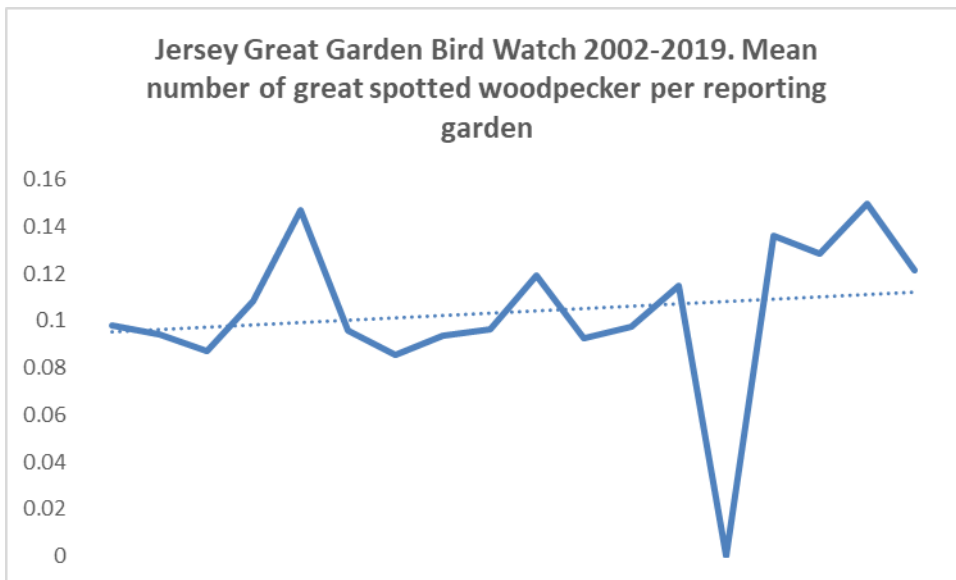
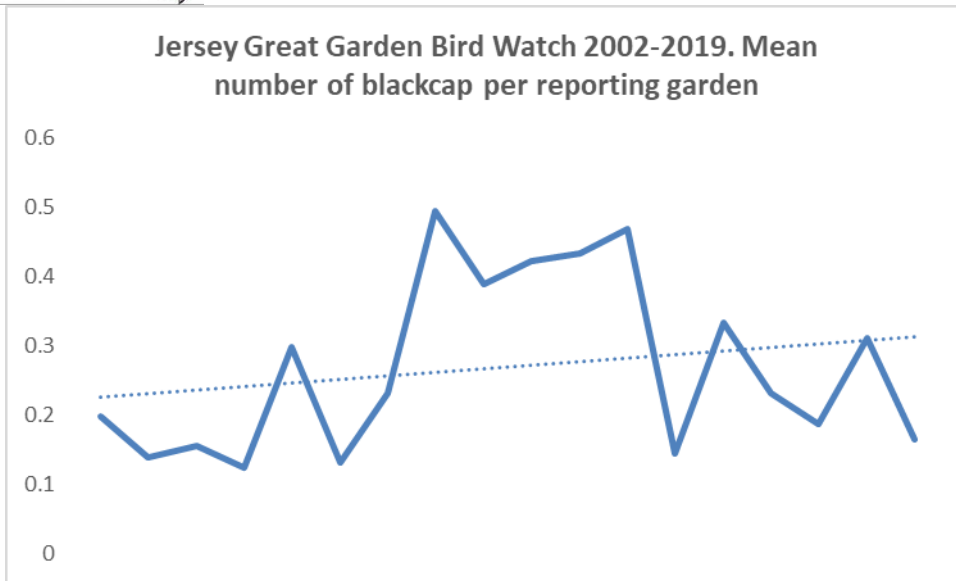
The Big 16 mean total number per reporting garden 2002-20

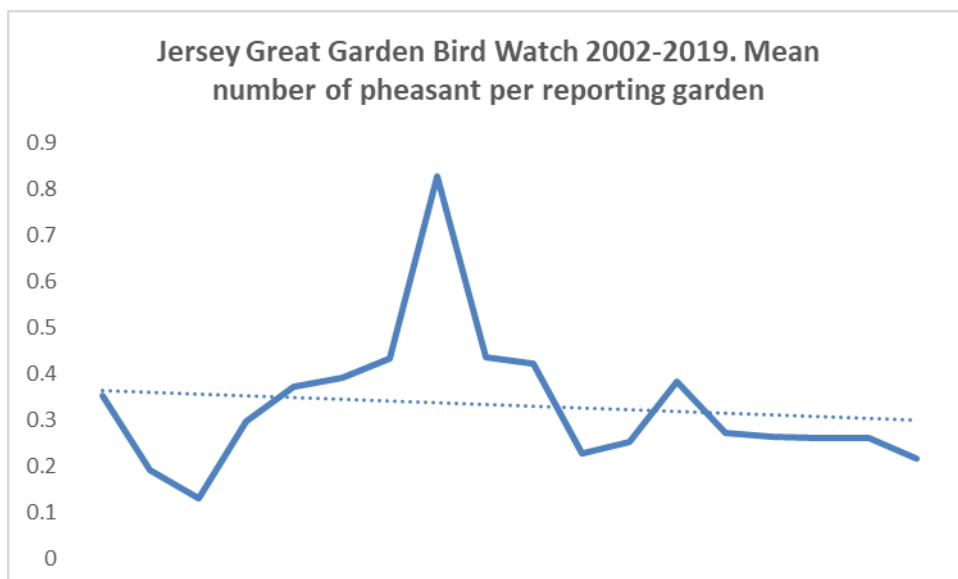
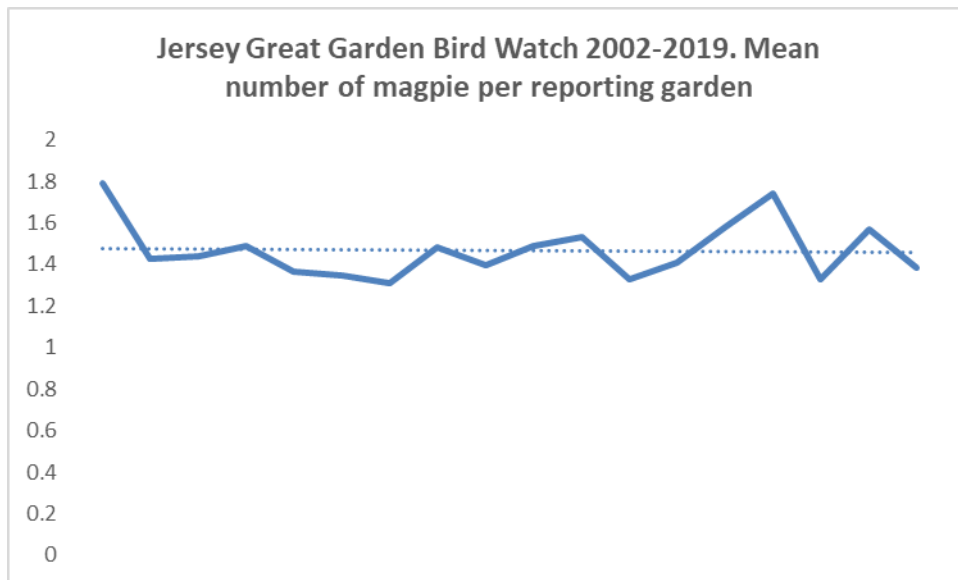
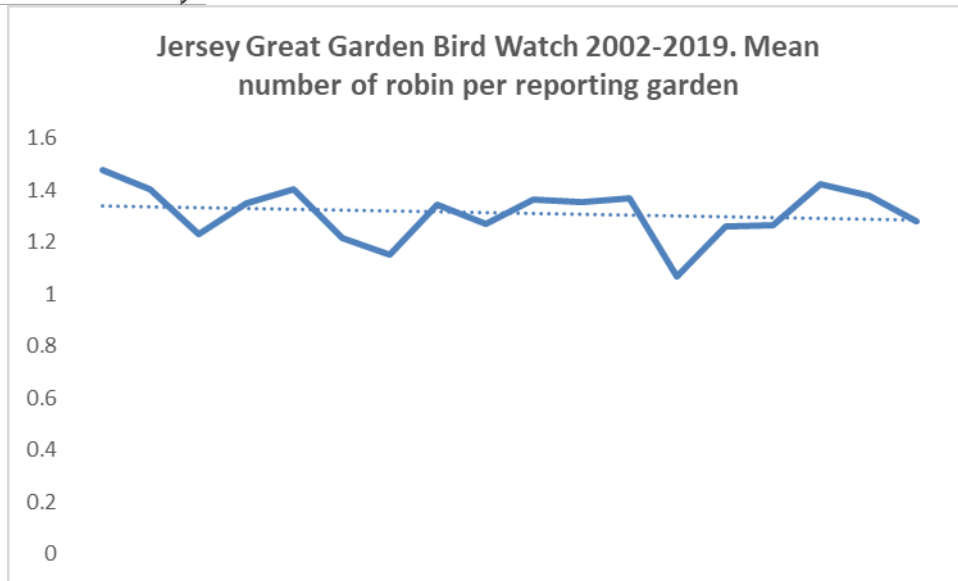
**The Big 16: Winners and losers**

The following tables show those of the Big 16 bird species that are winning in today’s Jersey gardens and those that are sadly in decline. Note that red squirrel was not included in the analysis until 2008 and shows no obvious trend.

**The winners**







**The losers**

