

Photo: Steven Fryer



Wren

Photo: Caroline Morgan



Robin

Photo: Rosemarie Parks



Nightingale

Dawn Chorus

On bright, mild days towards the end of winter, the intensity and numbers of birds singing increases. This is triggered by changing day length at the beginning of spring, which marks the start of the breeding season for most bird species.

Every year people around the globe get up early to take part in International Dawn Chorus Day to enjoy one of nature's most amazing audio extravaganzas.

The majority of birds singing are males - maintaining territories and trying to attract females. The singer is broadcasting his condition and sexuality.

You'll need to be an early bird to hear the dawn chorus. If you can drag yourself out of bed at around 4am you could hear it from your bedroom window. If you'd like to experience the dawn chorus in the wild, there are organised walks you can go on. If you can't be bothered to get up that early, don't worry, there's a recording at the link below.

More info at:

www.uksafari.com/chorus.htm