

Living With the Sky

PLEASE READ THIS FIRST:

My name is Beth Flynn and I'm conducting this project as part of my MA in Cultural Astronomy and Astrology at University of Wales Trinity Saint David.

This project will investigate how people live 'with' the sky. Do people have - or want - a relationship with the sky nowadays? This project will question whether magpies could act as a link between people and the sky. Do people interact with magpies at all? Do all people interact with magpies in the same way?

All information collected as part of this project will be strictly confidential. This information will be stored electronically and will be password protected. The information will then be analysed in order for me to write an assignment to fulfil part of my MA assessment. No information collected will be shared or used to identify you to anybody other than me, Beth, and I will only use this information to connect questionnaire responses with subsequent interviewees responses.

This survey is split into 5 short sections and will take 10-15 minutes of your time.

***Required**

1. 1.1 Name? *

2. 1.2 Email? *

3. 1.3 Gender? *

Mark only one oval.

☐

Female

☐

Male

☐

Prefer not to say

☐

Other:

4. 1.4 Age? *

5. 1.5 What kind of area did you grow up in? *

Mark only one oval.

☐

Urban (city, large town without city status)

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Rural (smaller market town, village, hamlet)

6. **1.6 How would you describe yourself professionally? (Retired/full-time or part-time employed/full-time or part-time student/unable to work/seeking work/some combination of these?) ***

Your Beliefs

These questions all have "Yes" or "No" answers. They will help me to begin to understand how you see yourself and the world around you.

7. **2.1 Do you feel that you spend a lot of time outdoors? ***

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

8. **2.2 Do you consider yourself to be superstitious? ***

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

9. **2.3 Do you feel that you know a lot about birds? ***

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

10. **2.4 Do you feel that you spend too much time indoors? ***

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

11. **2.5 Would you recognise a magpie if you saw one? ***

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

12. **2.6 Do you consider yourself to have a personal relationship with the sky? ***

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Skip to question 13.

Outdoors and You

Using a scale from 1 to 5, select the one which most clearly reflects your outlook. Please choose one response for each of these questions.

As a guide:

- 1 = Yes, this is always true for me
- 2 = Most of the time
- 3 = Sometimes
- 4 = Not often
- 5 = No, this is never true for me

13. 3.1 I spend most of my time outdoors *

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Yes, Always	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	No, Never

14. 3.2 I notice the sky when I am outdoors *

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Yes, Always	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	No, Never

15. 3.3 I wish I could spend more time indoors *

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Yes, Always	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	No, Never

16. 3.4 I notice birds when I am outdoors *

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Yes, Always	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	No, Never

17. 3.5 I feel a personal connection with the sky *

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Yes, Always	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	No, Never

18. 3.6 When I am indoors, I wish I was outdoors instead *

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Yes, Always	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	No, Never

Skip to question 19.

Magpies and You

These questions will build a picture about your personal ideas about magpies. Your answers can be as detailed or as short as you would like.

19. **4.1 What's the first thing that comes to your mind when you think about magpies? If nothing, please type "Nothing". ***

20. **4.2 When you see a single magpie, what do you do, think, and/or say? If nothing, please type "Nothing". ***

21. **4.3 If you know a counting rhyme involving magpies, please type it here. If you don't, please type "N/A". ***

22. **4.4 Approximately how old were you when you first heard a counting rhyme about magpies? If you have never heard a counting rhyme involving magpies, please type "N/A". ***

23. **4.5 Do you have any particular memories associated with magpies that you would like to share? If yes, please type them below. If no, please type "No". ***

Final Thoughts

24. **5.1** Would you be interested in participating in a one-on-one interview that would build upon the themes introduced in this questionnaire? Please note that only a very limited number of interviewees are needed, so even if you choose “Yes”, you may not be selected for this. *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

25. **5.2** If there is anything you would like to expand upon that this questionnaire hasn't allowed you to do so far, please do so here.

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