

British Garden Birds

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Robin



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Favourite Foods

insects spiders worms nuts seeds berries

Blackbird



Blackbirds are one of the larger garden birds. Male Blackbirds are black with a bright orange beak. Female Blackbirds are brown.

Favourite Foods

worms insects berries

House Sparrow



House Sparrows are small, brown birds. They are noisy and live together in groups.

Favourite Foods

buds nuts grains

Blue Tit



Male and female Blue Tits look the same. They have blue and yellow feathers. Blue Tits can hang upside down to get food.

Favourite Foods

insects seeds nuts



Questions

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Garden birds are birds that visit _____ for food and shelter.

- ☐ fields
- ☐ gardens
- ☐ woodlands

2. What colour are young Robins? Tick one.

- ☐ red
- ☐ black
- ☐ brown

3. What is something that Blackbirds eat? Tick one.

- ☐ larvae
- ☐ worms
- ☐ spiders

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- ☐ hang upside down
- ☐ swim

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Common Garden Birds

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Robins spend most of their time alone as they are territorial birds. This means they live in an area that they defend by chasing away any other Robins that come into their territory.

Favourite Foods

insects spiders worms nuts seeds berries

Blackbird

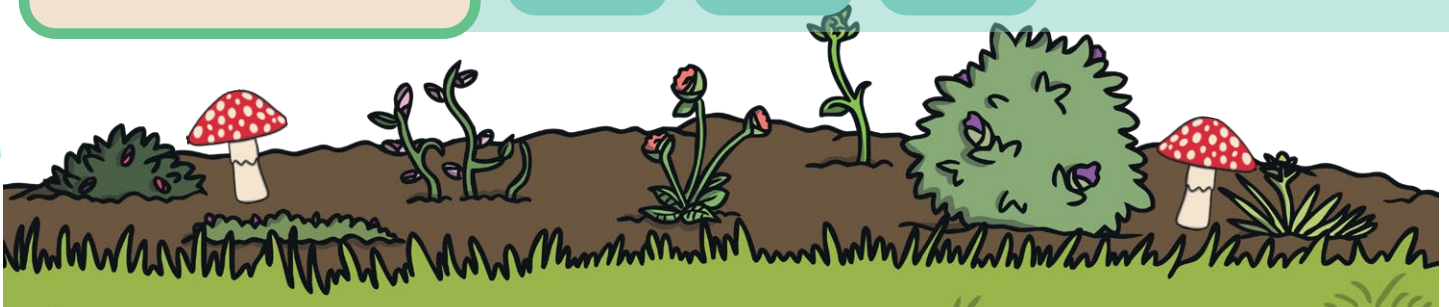


Blackbirds are about 24cm long. They spend most of their time alone as they are also territorial birds.

Male Blackbirds are black with a bright orange beak. Female Blackbirds are brown.

Favourite Foods

worms insects berries



House Sparrow



House Sparrows are small, brown birds. They are about 15cm long. They are noisy birds and live together in groups.

Favourite Foods

buds

nuts

grains

Did You Know...?

House Sparrows live on every continent except Antarctica.

Blue Tit



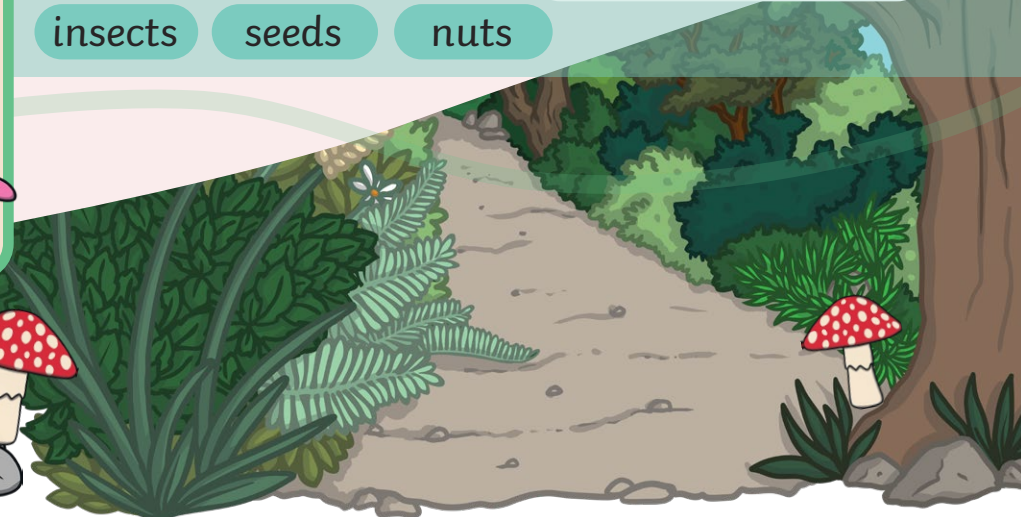
These little birds are only about 12cm long. Male and female Blue Tits look the same as they have blue and yellow feathers. Blue Tits can hang upside down to get food.

Favourite Foods

insects

seeds

nuts





Questions

1. What is the first fact that we learn in this text? Tick one.

- ☐ Garden birds are any birds that visit gardens for food and shelter.
- ☐ Robins are a kind of garden bird.
- ☐ The UK has many kinds of garden birds.
- ☐ Garden birds can also be found in parks and other green spaces.

2. How is a young Robin different from its parents? Tick **two**.

- ☐ A young Robin is brown.
- ☐ A young Robin is brown with a red face.
- ☐ A young Robin does not have a red breast and face.
- ☐ A young Robin is red.

3. Circle one word that shows that House Sparrows are loud.

They are noisy birds and live together in groups.

4. Fill in the missing word.

Robins spend most of their time alone as they are _____ birds.

5. Which continent does **not** have House Sparrows?



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Award 1 mark for:

- **noisy**

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5. Which continent does **not** have House Sparrows?

The continent of Antarctica does not have House Sparrows.

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Glossary

species: A group of plants or animals that are all the same.

larvae: An insect when it has just come out of an egg and looks like a short, fat worm.

Blue Tit



House Sparrows are small, noisy, brown birds that live together in groups. They are about 15cm long. Male and female House Sparrows look different. They both have brown feathers but male House Sparrows have a small, black patch on their front and the top of their head is grey.

Favourite Foods

buds

nuts

grains

Did You Know...?

House Sparrows live on every continent except Antarctica.



These little birds are only about 12cm long. Male and female Blue Tits look the same as they both have blue and yellow feathers. Blue Tits are very acrobatic. They can hang upside down on branches and bird feeders to get food.

Favourite Foods

insects

seeds

nuts

Fun Fact

Blue Tits sometimes drink milk from glass milk bottles left on people's doorsteps. They tap through the foil bottle tops with their beak to get to the cream off the top of the milk.





Questions

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- ☐ Blackbird
- ☐ Owl
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Pupils' own responses, such as: Are there any predators that eat garden birds?