

All about ... Birds

In a recent survey, these were the top ten birds that were spotted in UK back gardens. Why not try and spot the following as they visit your school garden area?

Female House Sparrow

House sparrows are noisy little birds. They can be found in both cities and the countryside and can be seen all year round

Starling

Spend their time in flocks and although they look black in colour, they are actually purple and green

Blue Tit

Commonly found in woodland, hedgerows and gardens, blue tits are blue, yellow, white and green in colour

Blackbird

Whilst male blackbirds are actually black, females are often brown with spots and streaks on their breasts.

Female Chaffinch

This colourful finch prefers to hop about underneath bird feeders, than feed openly on them. They have a loud song

Wood Pigeon

The UK's largest pigeon, their cooing call is a well recognised sound

Goldfinch

With a red face, these are very sociable birds. Their long beaks enable them to extract food which may be inaccessible to other birds

Great Tit

Has a distinctive two-syllable song and can be quite aggressive at the feeding table

Robin

Male and females look identical, with the young having no red breast

Collared Dove

They have a distinctive neck collar, deep red eye and reddish feet. Most common in towns and villages

