

The wren is a tiny brown bird with a dumpy body and very short round wings. For such a small bird it has a remarkably loud voice!



Wren

It is extremely colourful and as it flies it shows a flash of white on the wings and outer tail feathers.



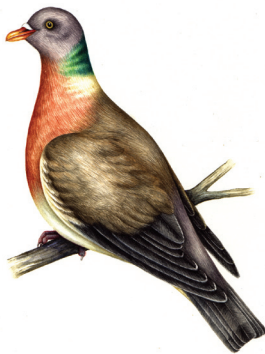
Chaffinch

Smaller than blackbirds, with a short tail, pointed head, triangular wings, starlings look black at a distance but when seen closer they are very glossy with a sheen of purples and greens.



Starling

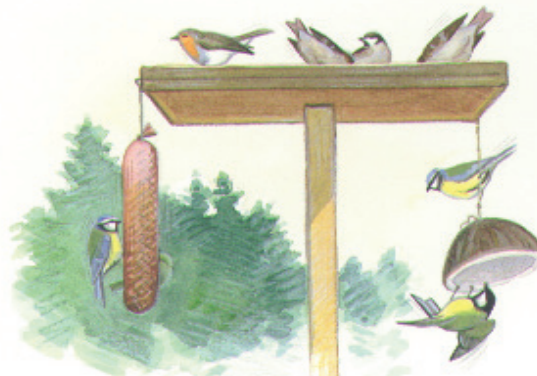
The UK's largest and commonest pigeon, it is largely grey with a white neck patch and white wing patches, clearly visible in flight.



Woodpigeon

If you want to be able to see the birds in your garden and help them to survive over the winter it is a good idea to feed them on a regular basis. Many birds such as tits and finches are very happy to come to feeders which you can hang from trees. Other kinds of birds, like blackbirds for example, prefer to feed on the ground.

A wide variety of bird food and feeders are available in the WWT Slimbridge Wetland Centre shop.



Checklist of Garden birds

Name:.....

Date:.....



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Noisy and gregarious, these cheerful exploiters of man's rubbish and wastefulness, have even managed to colonize most of the world.



House sparrow

A familiar and popular garden songbird whose numbers are declining seriously. Smaller and browner than a mistle thrush with smaller spotting.

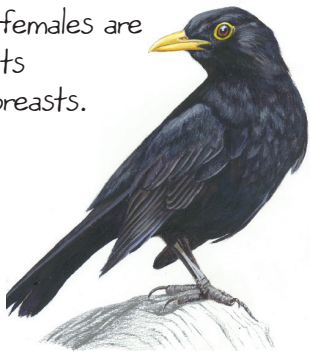


Song thrush

Males are black while females are brown often with spots and streaks on their breasts.



Blackbird



Blue tit



Brambling

Similar in size and shape to the chaffinch, the male has a black head in summer and an orange breast with white belly.



A highly coloured finch with a bright red face and yellow wing patch with a delightful liquid twittering song and call.



Goldfinch



Greenfinch

Its twittering and wheezing song and flashes of yellow and green as it flies, make this finch a truly colourful character.



The largest UK tit – green and yellow with a striking glossy black head with white cheeks and a distinctive two-syllable song.



Great tit

The UK's favourite bird – with its bright red breast it is familiar throughout the year.



Robin