

Great Garden Birds

Useful Words

raise

energy

tame

flocks

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Birds love visiting our gardens. They make nests in bushes and trees where they lay their eggs and raise families. Sometimes, people hang bird boxes in their gardens. Birds like these because they can make their nest inside them and it helps to keep them safe.

Bird Food

Gardens are great because there are lots of things for birds to eat in them. Some birds dig around for slugs and snails, some catch insects and others pick fruit off trees and shrubs.

Some people hang bird feeders and fill them with seeds and grains that the birds like to eat. You can hang a bird feeder outside of a window too. This means that you can feed birds even if you don't have your own garden.



Winter

In the winter, birds need lots of food from humans because their normal food isn't around. There are fewer insects to eat and all the fruit has gone. That's why it's good to feed them at this time of the year. Birds like food with lots of energy, like fat balls and seeds. If you feed them at the same time each day, some birds will wait on garden fences and nearby bushes for you!

Common Garden Birds

Blackbird

If I have brown feathers, I am a girl. If I have black feathers, I am a boy.

I love to eat worms from gardens.



I sometimes get angry with other garden birds.

Blue Tit

I have lovely blue and yellow feathers.

I love to eat caterpillars, nuts and seeds.



I make my home in small holes and nest boxes in the garden.

Robin

Some people call me a winter bird but I can be seen all year round.

I have a bright orange chest and I often warn other birds away.

I sing a lot and I can become quite tame.



Goldfinch

I am a colourful garden visitor with red, black and gold feathers.

I love to eat seeds and insects.

In winter, I fly south to warmer places, such as Spain.



Give **three** different things that birds might eat in a garden.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



2 marks

Why do birds need extra food from humans in the winter?

Tick **one**.

- because they like to eat when it snows
- because birds do not eat in the summer
- because humans have lots of food left over
- because their normal food is not around



1 mark

If a blackbird has brown feathers, is it a girl or a boy?

girl

boy

How do you know?



1 mark

Find and **copy two** words which describe a goldfinch's feathers.

1. _____
2. _____



1 mark

Draw **three** lines to match each bird to the fact about it:

blackbird •

• has a bright orange chest

goldfinch •

• loves to eat worms

robin •

• flies south in winter



1 mark



