

Common Garden Birds

Which of these common garden visitors can you spot in your garden or local green space? Look out for their different colours and sizes; listen out for their songs and calls.

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 14-15 cm

House Sparrow

Passer domesticus

A familiar bird often seen in large noisy groups in bushes. Males (pictured) have a grey cap and black bib on a grey belly. They have streaky brown and black backs and wings. Females are duller brown.



 22 cm

Starling

Sturnus vulgaris

These sociable birds are often seen in large flocks. Smaller than blackbirds, they have shiny black feathers with a purple and green sheen and a thin yellow beak. Listen for their loud whistles and soft, jumbled warbling.



 24-25 cm

Blackbird

Turdus merula

Often seen searching on the ground for food. Males (pictured) are black with bright yellow beaks and rings around their eyes. Females are brown. They have a pretty, warbling song and shrill alarm call.



 12 cm

Blue Tit

Cyanistes caeruleus

Small colourful birds often seen hanging from branches and feeders. They are smaller than the Great Tit with a pale blue head, white cheeks, green back and yellow belly. Listen for their high-pitched "tsee-tsee-tsee" call.



 44-46 cm

Magpie

Pica pica

Familiar large sociable birds with a loud rattling call. They are black and white with long wedge-shaped tails. Look for the glossy purple, blue and green sheen to their wings and tail feathers.



 12 cm

Goldfinch

Carduelis carduelis

Small colourful birds often seen in groups. They have distinctive red faces, black caps and white cheeks, brown backs and black and yellow wings. Listen for their cheerful twittering song.



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Chaffinch

Fringilla coelebs

These are colourful birds. Males (pictured) have a grey head, brown back and pink belly. Females are dull brown. Both have black and white wing bars. Listen for their repetitive 'pink-pink' call'.



 14 cm

Great Tit

Parus major

Larger than the Blue Tit, with a black head, white cheeks, green backs and blue wings. Their pale-yellow breast has a black stripe down the middle. Listen for their repetitive two-note song.



 14cm

Robin

Erithacus rubecula

Robins are known for their red breast and pretty song. The rest of their body is chestnut-brown above and pale grey below. They are also very territorial, chasing away other birds.



 14 cm

Long-tailed Tit

Aegithalos caudatus

These small, fluffy birds are often seen in large flocks. They have a long black-and-white tail, black, white and pink back, white head and pink belly. Listen for their bubbly 'prrrt-prrrt' calls.



What do they eat?



scraps



insects



fruit & berries



seeds & nuts



scavenger/predator