



THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT BIRDS




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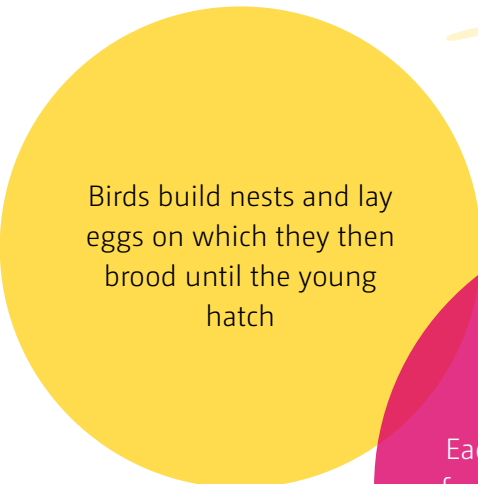
They are often on the ground or in trees looking for food




Birds can fly thanks to their wings and feathers




Some birds stay in the area they live in all year round, others migrate in winter to warm countries where they can find enough food and then come back in spring



Birds build nests and lay eggs on which they then brood until the young hatch



They can hold and break down their food with their bill



Each species has a specific way of communicating and we can tell birds apart by their songs

BLACKBIRD



SHORT PROFILE

Size

23 – 29 cm

Look

males are black with a yellow bill, females are brown

Behaviour

hopping on the ground looking for worms, are not very shy

Habitat

forests, parks, gardens

Food

earthworms, insects, snails, berries, fruits

Observation

the singing can be heard from February to June

BLUE TIT

BIRDS



SHORT PROFILE

Size

11,5 cm

Look

blue wings and tail feathers, bright yellow breast, small beak

Behaviour

they often climb on branches in search of insects, like to take nest boxes for their nests

Habitat

broadleaf and mixed forests, gardens

Food

insects, larvae, spiders, grains

Observation

can be seen and heard all year round

SPOTTED WOODPECKER

BIRDS



SHORT PROFILE

Size

23 – 26 cm tall

Look

black and white wings, dark beak and a light belly, red tail and head

Behaviour

known for „hammering“ on trees

Habitat

deciduous and coniferous forests, large gardens and parks

Food

insects and larvae in wood, soft fruits, spruce and pine seeds

Observation

can be seen and heard all year round

HOUSE SPARROW



SHORT PROFILE

Size

14 – 16 cm tall

Look

grey/brown feathers with light stripes

Behaviour

likes to live together with other birds

Habitat

in all human settlements

Food

grains, buds, seeds

Observation

can be seen all year round

EUROPEAN ROBIN



SHORT PROFILE

Size

12 – 14 cm large

Look

orange breast and throat

Behaviour

are often near beds and not particularly shy

Habitat

woods, gardens, parks

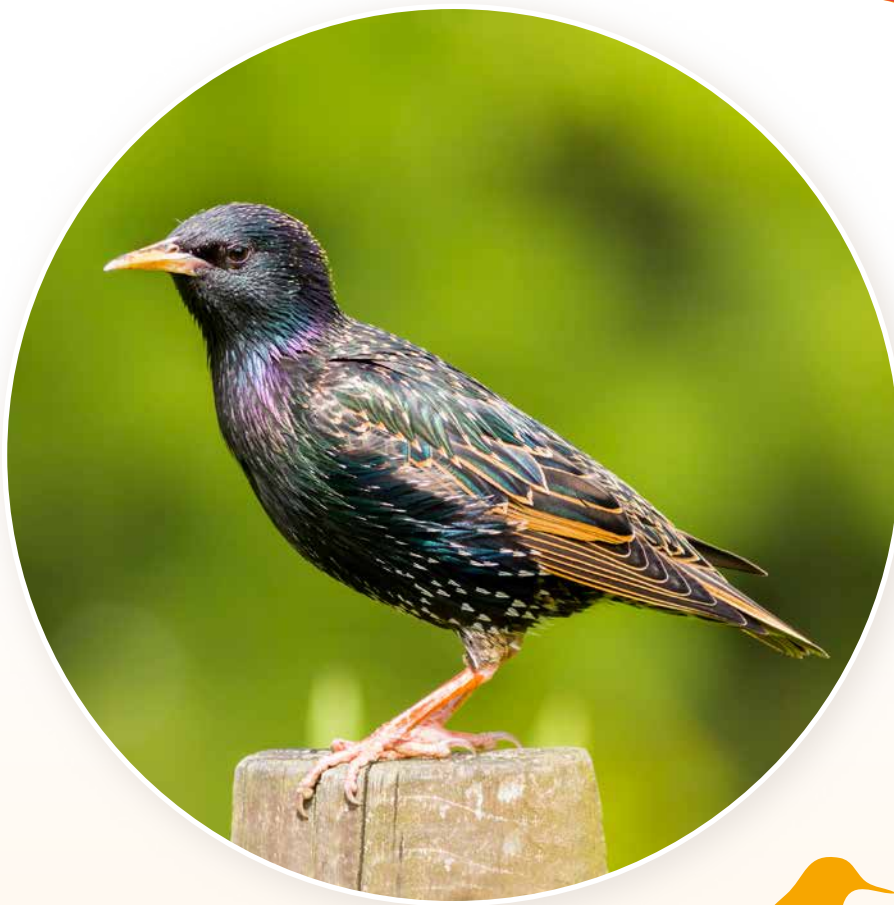
Food

insects, spiders, worms, snails, berries

Observation

sometimes robins move shorter distances to warmer areas in winter

STARLING BIRD



SHORT PROFILE

Size

19 – 20 cm

Look

black plumage with a slight greenish-purple sheen, light white spots

Behaviour

often together with other starlings in larger flocks

Habitat

gardens, woods, near meadows

Food

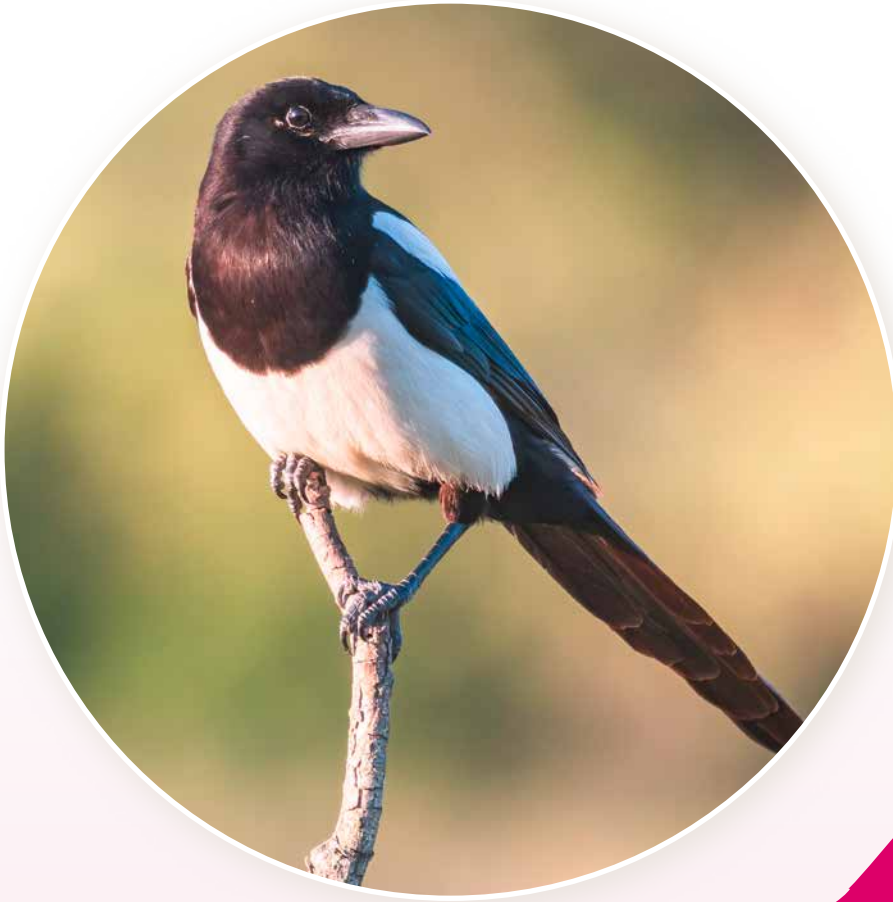
insects, fruit

Observation

they spend the winter in warmer areas of Europe



EUROPEAN MAGPIE



SHORT PROFILE

Size

40 – 50 cm tall

Look

white/black feathers

Behaviour

intelligent and curious animals

Habitat

in fields, gardens, parks

Food

earthworms, seeds, berries, fruits

Observation

in winter they can be seen in larger groups
near their roosts

FINGER GAME BIRDHOUSE

AGE: from 2 years

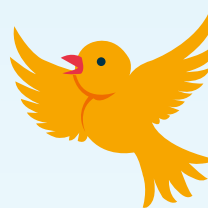


PLAY IDEA:

Talking together.
The appropriate hand
movements are written in cursive.

It's getting cold outside
rub your hands over your upper arms
and white snow will fall soon.
Move your fingers slowly, moving them from top to bottom
The birds fly back and forth
Spread your arms and let them fly
and soon find no more food.
Hold your hands searchingly over your eyes

Come, let's build a house
Fingertips of both hands form a pointed roof
and scatter food in it,
With our fingers we scatter „food“
for our dear flock of birds,
Just like last year.



FINGER GAME – TWO BIRDS ON THE ROOF

Age: from 2 years



GAME IDEA:

Talking together. The appropriate hand movements are written in cursive.

There are two birds sitting on the roof
2 fingers are on the edge of the table

One flies away

one finger flies away

the other flew away

the other finger flies away

one came back

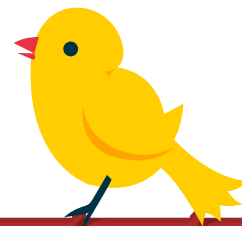
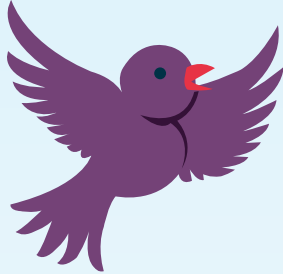
one finger rests on the edge of the table again

the other one came again

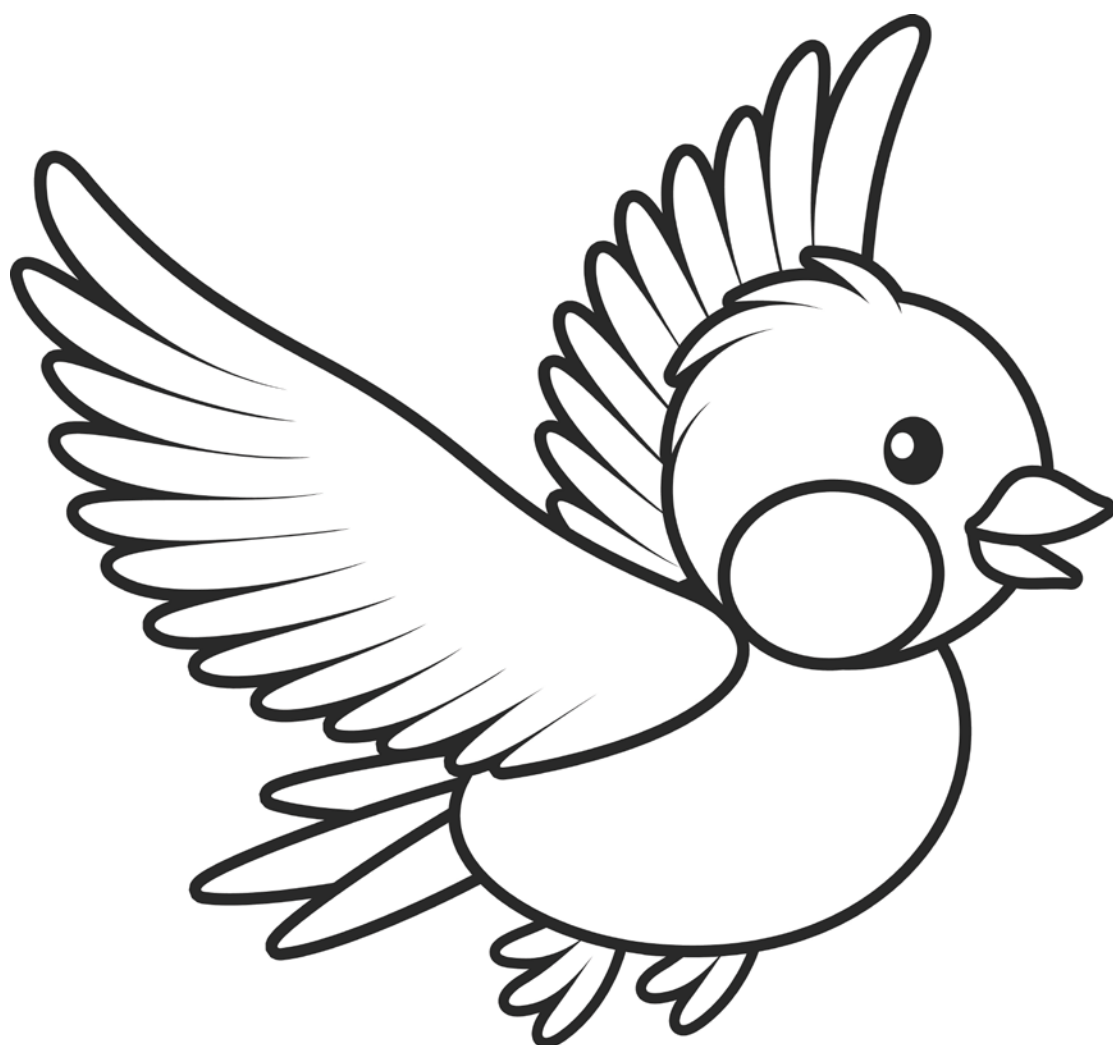
the other finger joins it

there they both sit again!

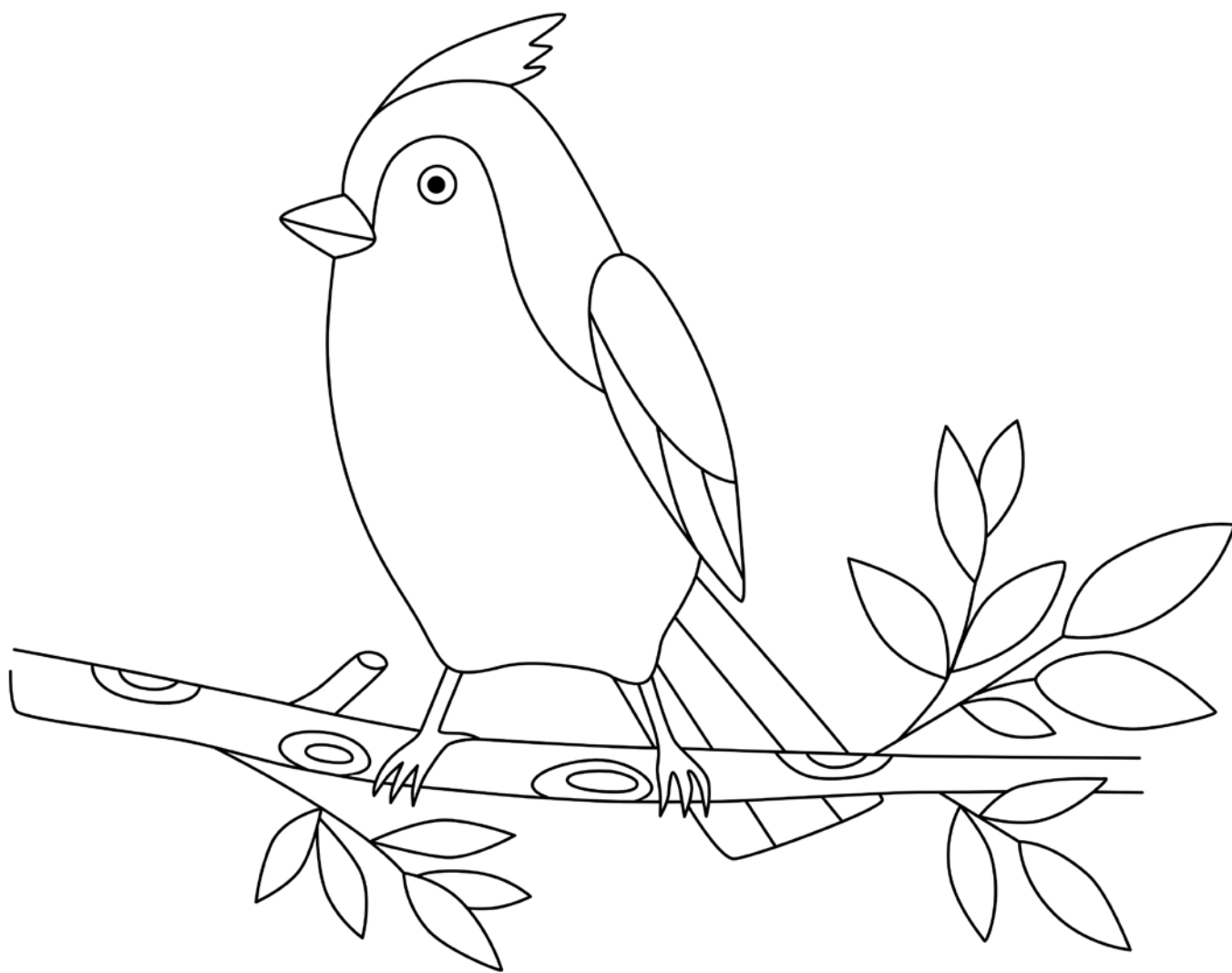
both fingers lie on the edge of the table



COLOURING PICTURE



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COUNTING GUIDE

for garden birds

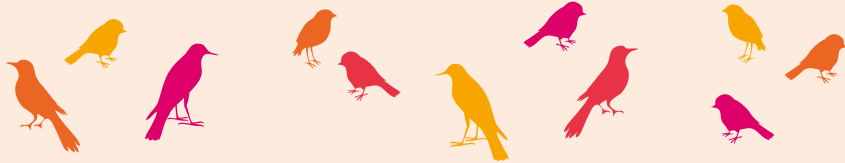


Ready to count? This is the right way to do it: Write down the **highest** number of each bird species that you see **at the same time**.

Counting example:

This is what a week could look like. Fill in the number of blue tits you have seen.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	4	0	3	5



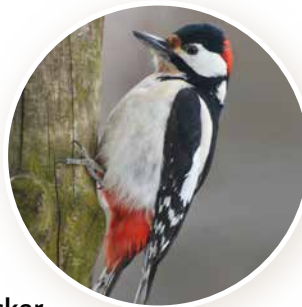
Blue Tit

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri



House Sparrow

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri



Spotted Woodpecker

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri



European Robin

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri



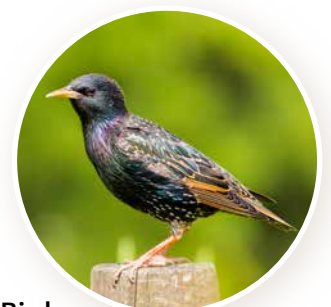
European Magpie

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri



Blackbird

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri



Starling Bird

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri