

## Blue tit



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**A colourful mix of blue, yellow, white and green makes the blue tit one of our most attractive and most recognisable garden visitors. In winter, family flocks join up with other tits as they search for food. A garden with four or five blue tits at a feeder at any one time may be feeding 20 or more.**

## What they eat

**Insects, caterpillars, seeds and nuts.**

## Measurements

**Length: 12cm  
Wingspan: 18cm  
Weight: 11g**

## Population

**UK breeding:  
3,400,000  
territories**

# Chaffinch



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The chaffinch is one of the most widespread bird in Britian. Its pattern helps it to blend in when feeding on the ground and it becomes most obvious when it flies, revealing a flash of white on the wings and white outer tail feathers. It does not feed openly on bird feeders – it prefers to hop about under the bird table or under the hedge. You'll usually hear chaffinches before you see them, with their loud song and varied calls.

## What they eat

Insects and seeds.

## Measurements

**Length: 14.5cm**

**Wingspan: 24.5–28.5cm**

**Weight: 18–29g**

## Population

**UK breeding: 5.05 million**

# House Sparrow



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**Noisy and sociable birds. Exploiters of peoples rubbish. The ultimate avian opportunist. Monitoring suggests a severe decline in the UK house sparrow population, recently estimated as dropping by 71 per cent between 1977 and 2008 with substantial declines in both rural and urban populations. While the decline in England continues, Breeding Bird Survey data indicate recent population increases in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.**

## What they eat

**Seeds and scraps.**

### Measurements

**Length: 14–15cm**  
**Wingspan: 21–25.5cm**  
**Weight: 24–38g**

### Population

**5,300,000 pairs**

# Robin



## Robin Red Breast

**With its bright red breast Robins are familiar throughout the year and especially at Christmas! Males and females look identical, and young birds have no red breast and are spotted with golden brown.**

**Robins sing nearly all year round and despite their cute appearance, they are aggressively territorial and are quick to drive away intruders. They will sing at night next to street lights.**

## What they eat

**Worms, seeds, fruits, insects and other invertebrates.**

## Measurements

**Length: 14cm  
Wingspan: 20 – 22cm  
Weight: 14 – 21g**

## Population

**UK breeding:  
7,350,000  
territories**

# Starling



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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. Their flight is fast and direct and they walk and run confidently on the ground. Noisy and gregarious, starlings spend a lot of the year in flocks. Still one of the commonest of garden birds, its decline elsewhere makes it a Red List species.

## What they eat

Invertebrates and fruit.

## Measurements

Length: 21cm  
Wingspan: 37–42cm  
Weight: 75–90g

## Population

1.75 million