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of Garden Birds**

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Birds in your garden

Gardens come in all shapes and sizes. Each one can be a home for birds. More birds will visit your garden if you give them what they need. Ask a grown-up for help.

All birds need food. They'll take seeds, nuts and other treats from a bird table or feeder. Water is important too, for washing and drinking. Keep a birdbath topped up all year round.



Birds need trees and bushes where they can nest. Put up a nestbox, out of reach of cats. Thistles and other weeds are good because they provide tasty seeds and insects.

Are you ready to meet some garden birds? Read the clues on each GUESS WHO? page and see if you can guess the bird. You'll find the answer on the following page.

Working it out

It can be tricky to know which bird you have seen. These questions will help you decide:



What colour is it? Can you see any special markings, such as spots or stripes?

What shape is its beak? Is it long or short, thick or thin?



What is it doing? Is it hanging from a feeder or hopping along the lawn?



GUESS WHO?

Is that a mouse scurrying about? No, it's a little brown bird with a perky tail.

What a big noise this tiny bird makes! It rattles out its song, then scoots back into the undergrowth.

But who is it?

