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**Let's Look for Garden Birds**

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# Favourite foods

Not all birds eat the same things. Look at the shape of their beaks. These tell you a lot about the different types of food they eat.

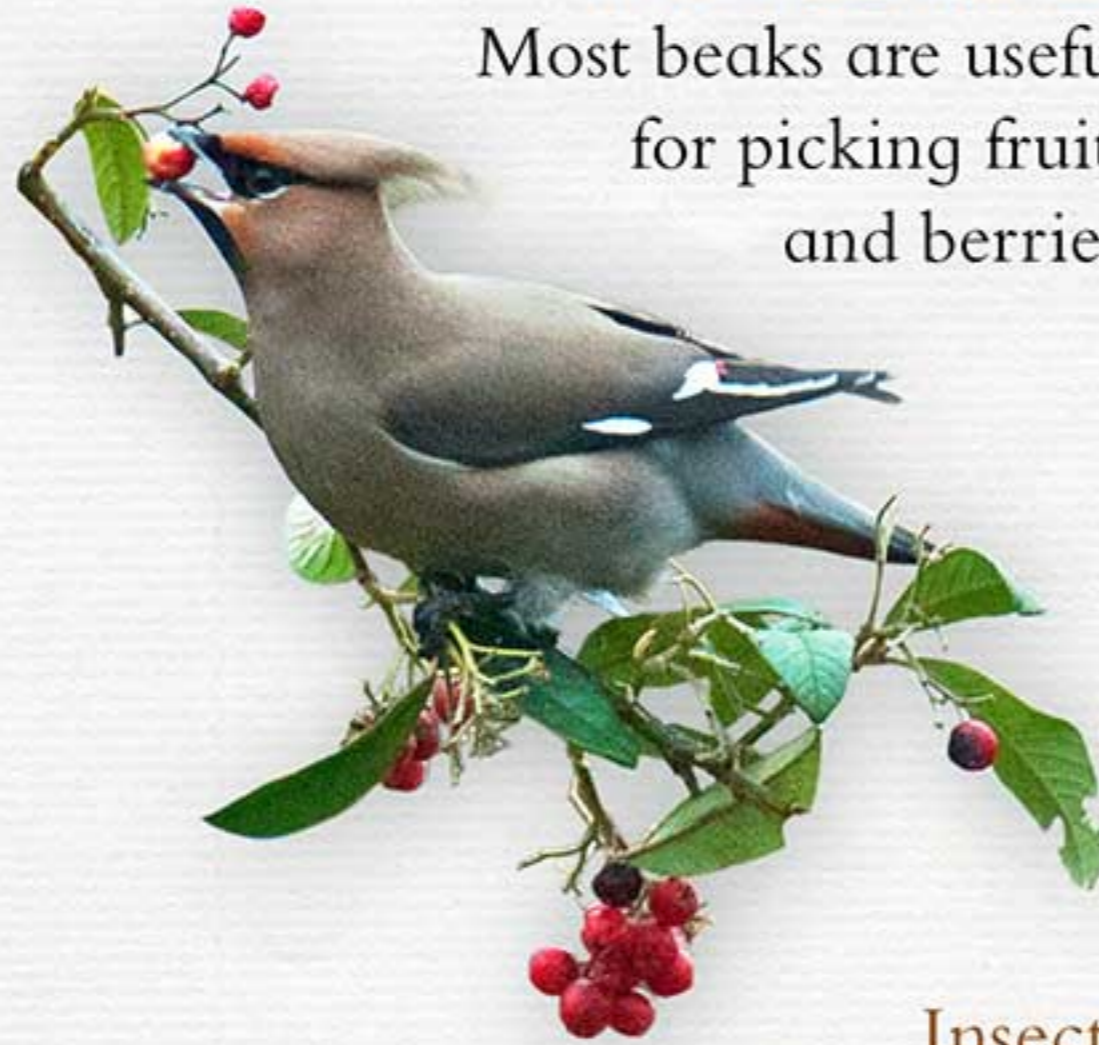
## Worms and snails

Birds, like blackbirds, have thin, pointy beaks – good for pulling up worms.



## Fruit and berries

Most beaks are useful for picking fruits and berries.



## Seeds and nuts

Short, sharp beaks are perfect for pecking at seeds and nuts.



## Insects

Tasty grubs like this make a juicy meal for many birds. Almost any beak will do.



## Fish

Hérons use their long beaks to catch fish from garden ponds.



# Listening to birds

See if you can hear some of these birds when you go outside.

## Great tit

Can you hear the “teacher, teacher” sound made by the great tit?



teacher-teacher

## Carrion Crow

Listen out for the “caw, caw, caw” of this noisy, black crow.



caw! caw! caw!

## Wren

“Chek, chek, chek” sounds the little wren when danger appears.



chek, chek, chek

## Robin

“Twiddle-oo, twiddle-ee-dee, twiddle-oo twiddle” sings the robin.



twiddle-oo,  
twiddle-ee-dee

## Collared dove

“Coo-coo-coo” goes the pretty collared dove.



COO-COO-COO

# Easy-to-spot garden birds

You can see these birds all year round, except for the swallow who flies to Africa when it gets cold.

