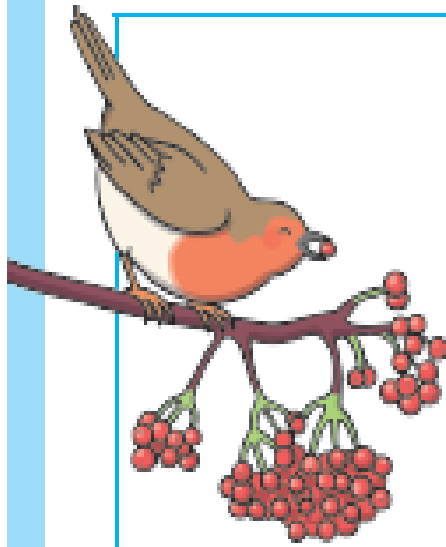


Birds in Your Garden

There are many different types of bird that you might see in your garden. Here are a few of them:

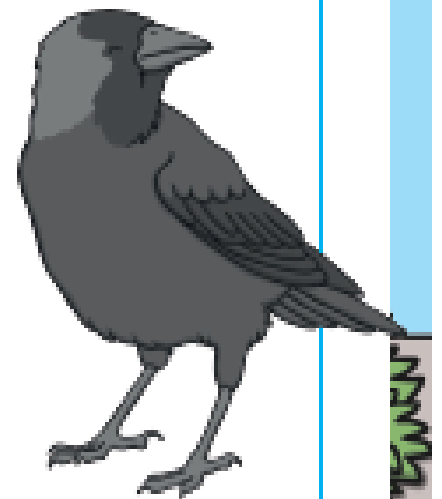


Robin

Robins are very noticeable in your garden. They have a red breast and a brown head and back. They have long legs and a short tail. They are very territorial. This means they live in one area and will defend it very aggressively if another robin tries to live there. They eat insects, fruit, seeds and worms.

Jackdaw

The jackdaw is a noisy bird. You would definitely notice this bird in your garden. They are quite large with grey at the back of their neck, a stubby beak and striking white eyes. They eat insects, dead animals, eggs, young birds and seeds. Jackdaws are known for stealing things; not just food but objects too!



Blue tit

The blue tit is a very small bird with bright yellow and blue feathers. They eat insects, caterpillars, seeds and nuts. They lay eggs between the end of April and May. They often eat from bird tables and live in garden nesting boxes. The male and female blue tits look the same. In winter, family flocks join up with other blue tits as they search for food.

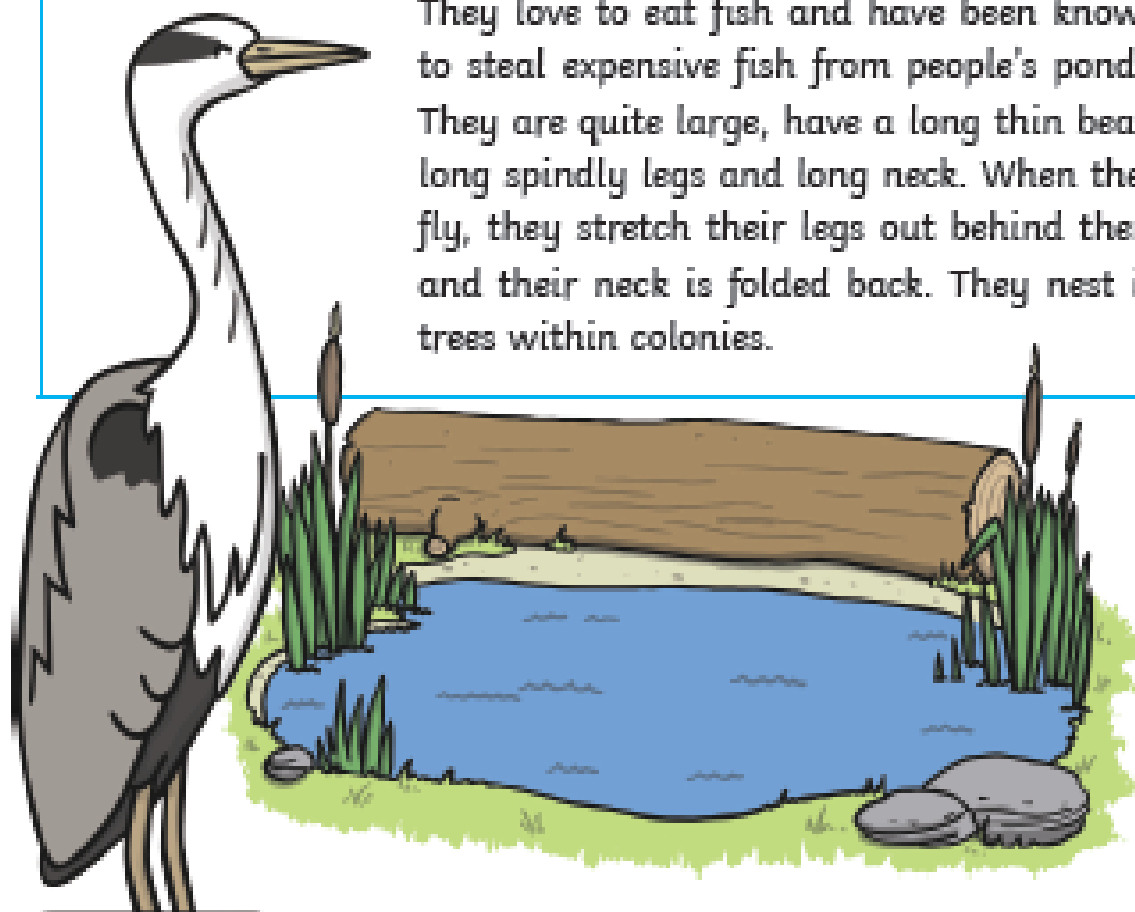


Blackbird

Blackbirds are very common garden birds but they also live in farmland, woodland and near streets and coasts. They eat insects, worms, seeds and fruit. Blackbirds tend to be solitary birds. This means they do not live in flocks, but instead they live on their own. The male is glossy black with an orange beak and an orange ring around its eye. The female is less attractive, being dark brown with a brown beak. They nest in trees and their birdsong is easily recognised.

**Heron**

If you or your neighbours have a pond in their garden, you might see a heron either standing next to the pond or flying nearby. They love to eat fish and have been known to steal expensive fish from people's ponds! They are quite large, have a long thin beak, long spindly legs and long neck. When they fly, they stretch their legs out behind them and their neck is folded back. They nest in trees within colonies.



Questions

1. What colour is a robin's breast? Tick one.
 - ☐ brown
 - ☐ red
 - ☐ black

2. Where do blue tits live? Tick one.
 - ☐ garden nesting boxes
 - ☐ next to ponds
 - ☐ woods

3. Which two things are true about jackdaws? Tick two.
 - ☐ They like to steal things.
 - ☐ They are very noisy.
 - ☐ They are very small.

4. Why do herons live near ponds? Tick one.
 - ☐ They like to swim.
 - ☐ They eat fish.
 - ☐ They like to look at ponds.

5. What does a female blackbird look like? Tick one.
 - ☐ black with an orange beak
 - ☐ dark brown with an orange beak
 - ☐ dark brown with a brown beak

Questions

1. What does a robin eat? Tick one.

- ☐ insects, fruit, worms and seeds
- ☐ fruit, insects and eggs
- ☐ worms, eggs and insects

2. In which season do blue tits work together to find food? Tick one

- ☐ summer
- ☐ spring
- ☐ winter

3. Write 2 adjectives from the text that describe a jackdaw.

4. Put ticks in the table to show which sentences are true and which sentences are false.

Sentence	True	False
A male blackbird has a brown beak.		
Heron have long thin legs.		
Blackbirds usually live on their own.		
When herons fly, they stretch their legs out in front of them.		

5. Why do herons like to stand near garden ponds?

Questions

1. Why would you notice a jackdaw in your garden? Tick one.

- ☐ They're very noisy
- ☐ Their song is easy to recognise
- ☐ They're very colourful

2. Find and copy a word that tells us that blackbirds don't live with other birds?

3. Which two things do herons do when they fly?

4. How are the beaks of the male and female blackbird different?

5. In which months do blue tits lay their eggs? Tick two.

- ☐ July
- ☐ April
- ☐ May

6. Which two birds cannot be trusted and why? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.
