## 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 easy to spot 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 stop other robins from living there too. 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, and have a grey neck, a stubby beak and 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 blue and yellow feathers. The male and female look the same. They eat insects, caterpillars, seeds and nuts. They often eat from bird tables and live in garden nesting boxes. In winter, they meet with other blue tits to make it easier to search for food.

## Blackbird

Blackbirds are very common garden birds. They also live in farmland, woodland and near streets and coasts. They eat insects, worms, seeds and fruit. Blackbirds tend to live on their own. The male is glossy black with an orange beak and an orange ring around his eye. The female is dark brown with a brown beak.


## Heron

Herons like to stand next to garden ponds. This is because they love to eat fish, and sometimes steal very expensive fish from people's ponds! They are quite large and have a long thin beak, long thin legs and skinny neck. When they fly, they stretch their legs out behind them and their neck is folded back.

## Questions

1. What does a robin eat? Tick one.

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worms, eggs and insects
2. In which season do blue tits work together to find food? Tick one

O summer
O spring
O winter
3. Write 2 adjectives from the text that describe a jackdaw.
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4. Put ticks in the table to show which sentences are true and which sentences are false.

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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A male blackbird has a brown beak. |  |  |
| Herons have long thin legs. |  |  |
| Blackbirds usually live on their own. |  |  |
| When herons fly, they stretch their legs out in front of them. |  |  |

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Accept any two of the following: noisy, large, grey, stubby, or white
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Herons like to stand near garden ponds because they eat fish.

