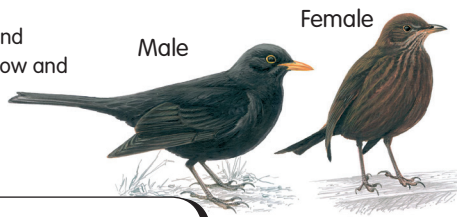


What birds can you see?

Look out for these birds in your school grounds and see how many different types you can see. Some will be harder to spot than others!
Tick the box underneath each one you find.

Blackbird

Common in gardens and woods, between sparrow and pigeon in size. Male black with yellow beak, female brown.

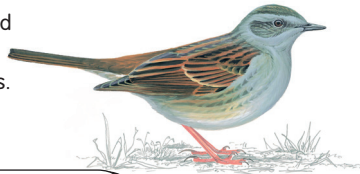


Seen it!

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Dunnock

A small, dark-looking bird found in gardens and woods, with a thin beak and orange-pink legs. Grey below, streaked on top.



Seen it!

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Coal tit

One of our tiniest birds, found mostly in trees and tall bushes. It has no yellow, blue or green. Look for the white cheeks and white on the back of the head.



Seen it!

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Greenfinch

Chunky finch with yellow wing flashes. Look for them on garden feeders and in town and country, sometimes in flocks with other finches.



Seen it!

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Robin

A small, perky garden and woodland bird, with drooping wingtips, thin legs and a short, thin beak. The orange-red face and chest are unique but not quite as bright as you might expect.



Seen it!

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Song thrush

A neat, spotty thrush, smaller and paler than a blackbird. Look for it in woods, gardens and around hedges with berries.



Seen it!

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Starling

Bigger than a sparrow, but smaller than a blackbird with a dark look (speckled in winter), short tail, pointed beak and waddling walk. Often in flocks.



Seen it!

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House sparrow

Look in hedges, parks and gardens for small, chirpy, streaky brown birds. Male has grey cap and black chin; female is plainer.



Seen it!

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Blue tit

Tiny, dumpy, flat-headed, green and yellow bird with blue wings and tail. Look for blue cap edged with white. Common in gardens and woods.



Seen it!

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Great tit

Smaller than a sparrow but bright, bold and noisy. Has a black cap, big white cheek patches and black stripe down front.

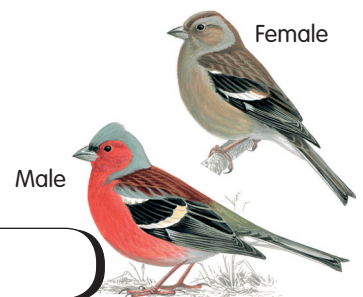


Seen it!

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Chaffinch

A sparrow-sized bird of gardens, fields and woods. Look for two white bars across the wing and white sides to the tail.



Seen it!

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Pied wagtail

This little black, white and grey bird bobs its very long tail up and down as it walks: often on Tarmac paths and car parks.

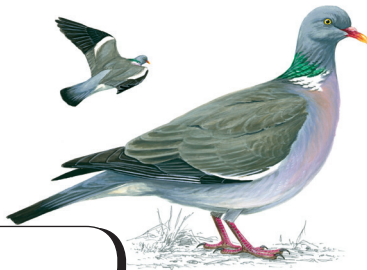


Seen it!

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Woodpigeon

Common, big, grey pigeon with a white band on the wing and white neck patches. Wings make a noisy clatter. Often in flocks.



Seen it!

Feral pigeon

This town pigeon comes in many shades of blue-grey, grey, white and pale rusty-brown, often with black bars across the wings. It is common in town centres.



Seen it!

Collared dove

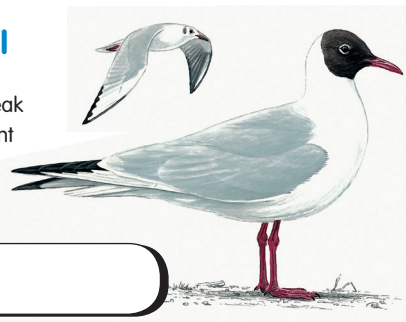
A small, slim, pale dove, sandy-grey on top, dull pinkish underneath. Look for the thin black band around the back of the neck. Often in gardens.



Seen it!

Black-headed gull

Very common, noisy, squabbling gull, with red beak and legs. White flash on front of wing. Head dark in summer, white with black spot at other times.



Seen it!

Herring gull

The big, silvery-grey and white gull, with black wingtips, red on the beak and pink legs. Young ones are mottled brown. Often found inland.



Seen it!

Jackdaw

A pigeon-sized crow, dark sooty grey with a paler neck and black cap. Often in flocks. It calls its name, "Jack".



Seen it!

Carrion crow

Mostly on farmland and heaths but, a few tamer ones in town parks. Big, all black, with strong beak and legs. Loud "caw" noises. Not found in Ireland or Western Scotland.



Seen it!

Hooded crow

Found in Ireland and Western Scotland and closely related to the carrion crow, hooded crows are ashy grey with a black head, throat, wing, tail and thigh feathers.



Seen it!

Magpie

Big, long-tailed black and white bird like nothing else. Makes loud chattering noise. Often in large gardens, farmland and woods.



Seen it!

Rook

Big, black crow with "baggy trousers" and a white face, often seen in big flocks on fields or in treetops. Builds big nests in large groups.



Seen it!

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Have you seen a different bird?

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