

9 birds you might see in your garden

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Woodpigeon

A familiar visitor to gardens that makes nests out of twigs in trees or on ledges



Starling

A noisy bird, smaller than a blackbird, that nests in crevices and imitates other birds' sounds



Blackbird

Another one we all know well! The female is brown instead black and doesn't have a yellow beak



Robin

Robins sing all year round and both females and males have a bright orange-red chest



Blue tit

Easily recognised by its blue cap and colourful plumage



Great tit

Larger than blue tits and have a black cap instead of blue



Dunnock

An unremarkable wee brown and grey bird with a nice song (same size and shape as a robin)

House sparrow

A common bird chirps loudly and nests in urban areas



Goldfinch

A beautiful bird with a red face, yellow wing bars and a bouncy flight that likes to eat seeds from the flowers of weeds

9 birds you might see on the coast

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Herring gull

One of the most common birds in any coastal town!



Lesser black-backed gull

Similar to a herring gull but with darker wings and yellow legs instead of pink



Gannet

If you look out to sea on a windy day you might see gannets soaring past – they have long narrow white wings with black tips



Grey heron

These distinctive birds stand still in water, waiting to catch passing fish



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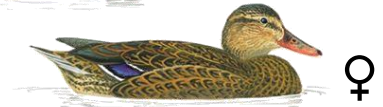
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Eider

Large sea ducks with triangular bills. Look out for their fluffy ducklings in the harbour in June!



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Mallard

The most familiar duck, sometimes seen on the coast



Redshank

A small wader with bright orange-red legs and beaks



Curlew

A larger wader with a long, curved beak and a sad cry



Oystercatcher

A black and white wader with a bright orange beak that it probes in the sand looking for worms or shellfish