

**Blackbirds only started appearing in urban gardens in the 1830s. Up until this time they lived in woods or heathland.**

**The unobtrusive dunnock doesn't form pairs (like most birds) but breeds in groups of up to three males and three females, with two males and a female being the most common**

**Baby blue tits are very hungry little birds, their parents have to collect around 1000 small insects a day to feed them**

**Robins are resourceful and will make their nests almost anywhere; kettles, flowerpots, behind pianos and even in unmade beds!**



**Worcestershire**

**Great tit nests have been found in the holes of scaffolding tubes and in people's letterboxes!**

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**Within the UK there is a variety in the songs of chaffinches in the North, South, East and West**

**Rather than feed their young on insects, pigeons feed them a milk formed from sloughing off fluid-filled cells in the crop lining - it's more nutritious than human or cow's milk**

**Lesser whitethroat is unique amongst British birds in that it migrates round the eastern side of the Mediterranean (rather than the more direct route through Gibraltar)**

**Wrens are the commonest UK breeding bird, although they suffer declines during prolonged, severely cold winters**

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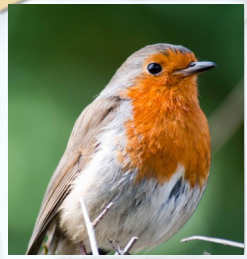
# Garden Birds Spotter Sheet



**Blue Tit**



**Blackbird**



**Robin**



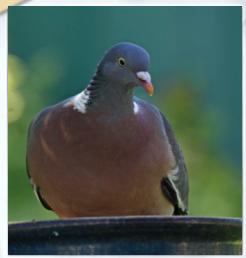
**Wren**



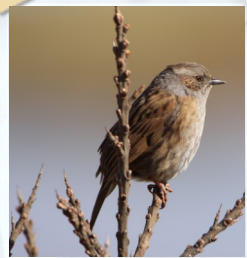
**Chaffinch**



**Great Tit**



**Wood Pigeon**



**Dunnock**



**House Sparrow**



**Goldfinch**

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