

BIRD

IDENTIFICATION WORKBOOK

Name:



What are they? and Why are they Important?

Birds are a group of warm-blooded vertebrates constituting the class Aves, characterised by feathers, toothless beaked jaws, the laying of hard-shelled eggs, a high metabolic rate, a four-chambered heart, and a strong yet light-weight skeleton. Although all birds have wings not all birds can fly.

There are more than 11,000 species of birds worldwide and as of the 13 February 2024, there are 634 species of birds on the British List and over 450 on the Irish List.

Birds are very important to our ecosystem, they help with pollination of plants and are a form of pest control.

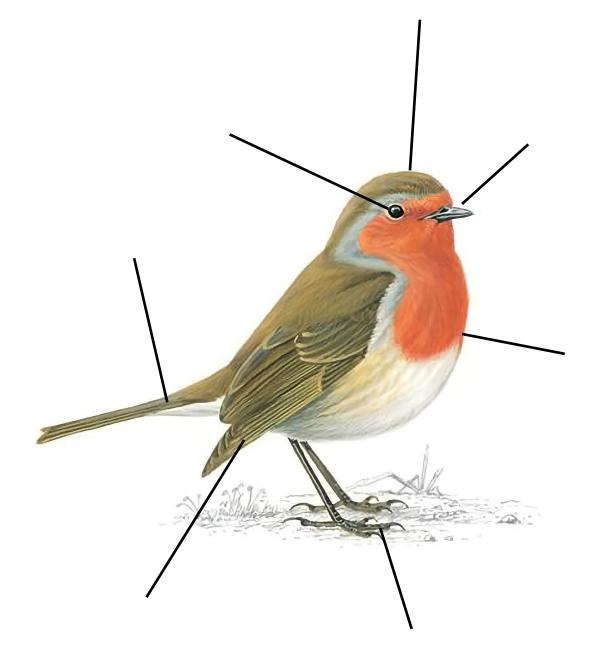
Birds help with pollination through seed dispersion and this can be done in a number of ways; through dropping seeds from their claws and beaks, shaking stuck seeds from their bodies and defecating seeds which they swallow. Birds spread seeds all around the world and can reintroduce plants to destroyed ecosystems.

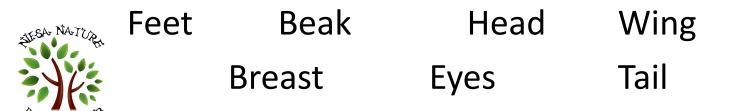
Birds also help with pest control, the primary food of most birds is insects. If birds weren't here to eat the insects we would see big infestations and this would kill plant, crops and woodland so birds play a vital part





Label the Parts of the Robin







Write the name of the bird under it's picture when you

spot one















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Song ThrushHouse sparrowBlackbirdGreat TitRobinChaffinchMagpieWood PigeonCrowBlue Tit

Have a go at making your own binoculars



Make a hole 1/4 of the way down from the top. Tape together. Put the string through the holes, knot and tape down. Your binoculars are ready to go.





Write any interesting things you have seen/heard or any other notes here.

