





## Starling

### Fact file

**Size:** 21cm      **Weight:** 78g

**Habitats:** Woods, grassland, farms and towns.

### On the menu

**Eaten by:** Sparrowhawks, Goshawks, Kestrels and Peregrines.

**Eats:** Insects, spiders, worms, caterpillars, soft fruit, nuts and fat balls. It is an omnivore.

**Where it feeds:** On the ground or on bird tables and feeders.

### Strange but true

Starlings can make lots of sounds, including whistles, quacking like a duck and making the noise of a barking dog or car alarm.

Starling by Nick Upton (rspb-images.com).  
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## Black-headed Gull

### Fact file

**Size:** 34cm      **Weight:** 290g

**Habitats:** Lakes, estuaries, farms, grassland and rubbish tips.

### On the menu

**Eaten by:** Peregrines, Marsh Harriers and Foxes.

**Eats:** Insects, worms, slugs, sea creatures, small fish and bread. It is an omnivore.

**Where it feeds:** On the ground, often on grass.

### Strange but true

You might see it hopping quickly from one foot to the other. This makes worms think it is raining, so they come to the surface and the gull can then eat them.

Black-headed Gull by Paul Sawer (rspb-images.com).  
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## Robin

### Fact file

**Size:** 14cm      **Weight:** 18g

**Habitats:** Woods, gardens, parks and farms.

### On the menu

**Eaten by:** Sparrowhawks and cats.

**Eats:** Insects, spiders, worms, fruits, and seeds, including bird seed and sunflower hearts. It is an omnivore.

**Where it feeds:** On the ground and on bird tables and feeders.

### Strange but true

Robins nest in some unusual places. They have been known to nest in a teapot, an old boot, postboxes, flower pots and under the bonnet of a car.

Robin by David Norton (rspb-images.com).  
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## Blue Tit

### Fact file

**Size:** 11.5cm      **Weight:** 11g

**Habitats:** Woods, parks, gardens, towns and cities.

### On the menu

**Eaten by:** Sparrowhawks and cats.

**Eats:** Insects, spiders, caterpillars, berries, nuts, sunflower seeds and kitchen scraps. It is an omnivore.

**Where it feeds:** In trees, on bird tables and bird feeders.

### Strange but true

Blue Tit chicks can eat 100 caterpillars a day. To feed 10 chicks, adults need to find 1,000 caterpillars a day.

Blue Tit by Louise Greenhorn (rspb-images.com).  
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## Magpie

### Fact file

**Size:** 45cm      **Weight:** 220g

**Habitats:** Woods, parks, gardens, farms, moors and towns.

### On the menu

**Eaten by:** Sparrowhawks, Peregrines and Foxes.

**Eats:** Most things, including insects, small mammals, young birds, fruit, berries and bird seed. It is an omnivore.

**Where it feeds:** On the ground or a bird table.

### Strange but true

Magpies will hide food when there is lots. They are very good at remembering where they have put it.

Magpie by Graham Eaton (rspb-images.com).  
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## Feral Pigeon

### Fact file

**Size:** 33cm      **Weight:** 300g

**Habitats:** Towns and cities.

### On the menu

**Eaten by:** Peregrines, Foxes and cats.

**Eats:** Grain, bread, bird seed and lots of other foods it finds in towns. It is an omnivore.

**Where it feeds:** On the ground, maybe in the playground.

### Strange but true

Feral Pigeons can be pure white, almost black, grey, brown and lots of other colours.

Feral Pigeon by Malcolm Hunt (rspb-images.com).  
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## Great Tit

### Fact file

**Size:** 14cm      **Weight:** 18g

**Habitats:** Woods, parks, gardens and farms.

### On the menu

**Eaten by:** Sparrowhawks and cats.

**Eats:** Insects, caterpillars, fruits, seeds, nuts and kitchen scraps such as bread. It is an omnivore.

**Where it feeds:** On the ground, in trees and on feeders.

### Strange but true

Did you know a Great Tit's song sounds like: 'Teacher, teacher, teacher?' It's a bit like a squeaky bicycle pump too.

Great Tit by Grahame Madge (rspb-images.com).  
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## Chaffinch

### Fact file

**Size:** 14.5cm      **Weight:** 24g

**Habitats:** Woods, parks, gardens and farms.

### On the menu

**Eaten by:** Sparrowhawks and cats.

**Eats:** Insects, caterpillars and seeds, including bird seed. It is an omnivore.

**Where it feeds:** On the ground.

### Strange but true

Lots of the Chaffinches we see in the winter have flown across the sea from places such as Norway and Sweden.

Chaffinch by Andrew Mason and Steve Round (rspb-images.com).  
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