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Guide to Birds of Garden, Woodland & Farmland



This small Guide to Birds covers the common species to be seen in garden, woodland and farmland. It is designed to be used for Leaving Certificate Ecology fieldwork.



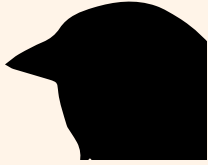
About This Key

There are hundreds of species of bird in Ireland. A comprehensive field guide is required to identify them all. This small Guide should, however, cover most of the species that students are likely to meet whilst carrying out ecology fieldwork in garden, woodland or farmland.

It does not include waterbirds from ponds, lakes, rivers or the sea.



Seedeaters



Sparrows & Finches

Cone shaped beak for cracking seeds.



House Sparrow



Siskin



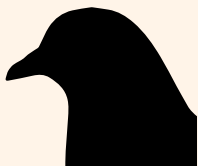
Goldfinch



Greenfinch



Chaffinch



Pigeons & Doves

Small beak for swallowing seeds whole.

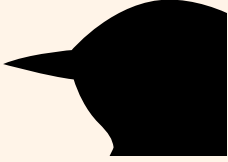


Woodpigeon



Collared Dove

Insect Eaters



Insect Eaters

Small pointed beak for picking up invertebrates.



Robin



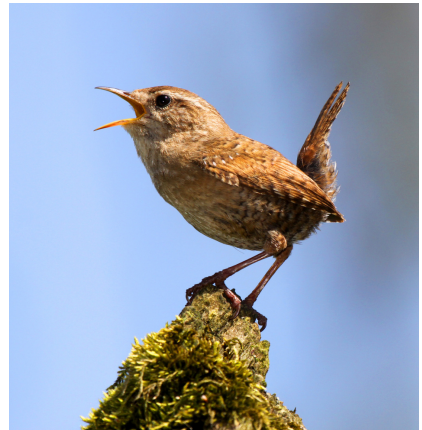
Dunnock



Blackbird



Song Thrush



Wren



Pied Wagtail



Meadow Pipit



Starling

Insect Eaters



Coal Tit



Blue Tit



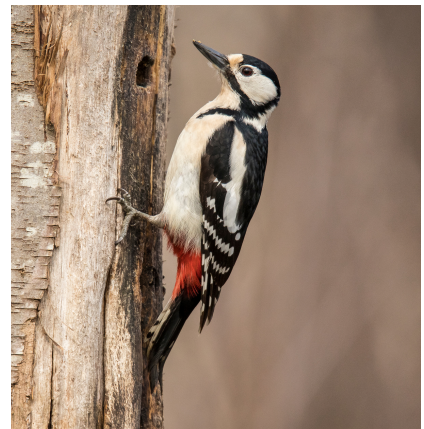
Great Tit



Long-tailed Tit



Treecreeper



**Great Spotted
Woodpecker**



Swallows & Martins

Short wide beak for catching flying insects.



Swallow



House Martin

Birds of Prey



Raptors

Sharp hooked beak for tearing up prey.



Sparrowhawk



Kestrel



Buzzard



Red Kite



Peregrine Falcon



Owls

Nocturnal raptors.
Hooked beaks.

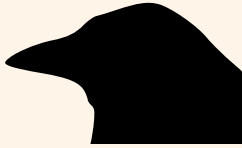


Barn Owl



Long-eared Owl

Crows



Crows

Unspecialized beaks for an omnivore diet.



Jackdaw



Magpie



Rook



Jay



Raven