

Robins like being around people. They will watch us at work in case a juicy worm or grub is dug up! Their old name is 'ruddock' because of their red chest. In Britain we love them so much you will see them on many Christmas cards.

Pale stripe above the eye and thin

white underneath.

Long stiff tail for balancing.

I love spotting treecreepers on tree trunks but if they spot me first, they move around to the other side! They bob up tree trunks, looking for insects

to eat. Their long toes and claws are perfectly designed for climbing.

curved beak.

Mottled brown back and silky

Treecreeper

All together now - collective nouns

There are fun words to describe groups of animals like 'a herd of cows'. Can you match the fun 'collective nouns' for each of our birds.

A scold (a harsh shout)

A blush (red cheeks!)

A cloud (a black cloud)

A spiral (moving around)

A zephyr (a soft breeze)

A wake (a wave of air)

Blackbirds

Jays

Robins

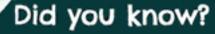
Buzzards

Treecreepers

Long-tailed tits

Follow Kit and friends in the NYMR Activity Book and learn more about the railway, engines and our wildlife.

Answers: A scold of jays, a blush of robins, a cloud of blackbirds, a spiral of treecreepers, a zephyr of long-tailed tits and a wake of buzzards. Designed and printed in North Yorkshire by Colour Heroes Ltd © 2022 www.colourheroes.com



Birds can puff up their feathers with air which is warmed from their body heat. A bit like wearing a duvet!

> How many acorns can you spot on your sheet?

Discover Winter Birds





Hi, I am Kit.

I am a Junior Volunteer with the NYMR and I love wildlife. This winter I have been learning about 6 new birds that I can find in our stations and on the lineside. Can you try too? Tick each bird when you have seen it.

Look up, down and all around!

To find all 6 of our birds you will need to look everywhere! Match the birds below to their shadows and discover the best place to spot them.





Long-tailed tit

Blackbird

Now that the leaves have fallen from most of the trees it is easier to see the birds around us.













Long-tailed tits

I see long-tailed tits flitting among the branches in a group, calling to each other as they fly. A kind of 'si, si, si, si' sound.

busy! They are really tiny, so huddle together to keep warm on a cold winter's night.

White patches on the wing and rump can be seen when they fly. Very long tail!

They are very chatty and always seem



Pink, white and black body with a white stripe on their head.



Yellow beak.

Male is black.

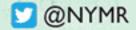
Blackbird

one out on the

branch!

The male is all black apart from a yellow beak and yellow eye ring. The female and young birds are all brown which helps keep them better camouflaged. You will spot them on the ground pulling up worms and in the shrubs, eating berries.

Share what you find with us at:



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Did you know?

In 'The Twelve Days of Christmas', '4 colly birds' means 4 birds as black as coal, what we now call the blackbird!

Jay

lays love oak woodlands and although they are not small birds, they are hard to see because they are shy. Keep an eye out for a white rump patch as they fly between trees and listen out for their loud shouting!

> Blue wing patch.

Light pink with a black tail and white patches.



Jays store up to 5,000 acorns for the winter! They sometimes forget where they all are, leaving the acorns to sprout into new oak trees.

Wide wings with feathers that stick out (called 'fingertips').

Buzzard

Look up high to see the buzzards. They are big birds which soar calling out a squeaky 'pijaah'. They get a perfect view from high in the sky where they can look out for food like voles and rabbits, or animals that have recently died (nothing goes to waste in nature)!

Guide the jay to the acorns, but

beware of the mice and squirrels

who are also trying to find them!

A hooked beak

Short and rounded tail.

