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BRILLIANT BACK GARDEN BIRDS

(and how to spot them)

Let's play bird bingo on a bird spotting expedition!

There are thousands of birds all around us in nature... but to spot them you have to look and listen really carefully.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Garden birdseed, applecore or berries.
- A bird bath or shallow water (safe from cats).
- Keen eyes (use binoculars if you have them).
- Keen ears (listening is as important as looking).
- A pen/paper or phone to record your findings.

BLUE TIT



Where they nest... safe warm sites in cracks or holes in old trees..

Brilliant because... they are acrobatic and stay in the UK, not venturing far from where they hatched.

CARRION CROW



Where they nest... big solitary nests, usually high up in tall trees.

Brilliant because... they are extremely intelligent and can even use basic tools.

MAGPIE



Where they nest... large domed nests in tall trees or thorned bushes.

Brilliant because... once they find a mate, they often stay together for the rest of their lives.

ROBIN



Where they nest... hidden near or on the ground in hollows and crannies under hedgerows.

Brilliant because... they are bright, cheerful and one of few species that sing throughout winter.

STARLING



Where they nest... in cavities in trees and holes in outbuildings (or even houses).

Brilliant because... they gather in numbers and swoop and dive in the sky in murmurations.

HOUSE SPARROW



Where they nest... close together in bushes and hedgerows, sometimes nooks in buildings.

Brilliant because... they can reach 50km per hour, are intelligent and have one of the largest brains.

Don't ever touch eggs or disturb a nest, as birds are easily spooked and may abandon it!

happy spotting!

