

# Common Bird ID

## Notes

- Include this lesson as a great way of getting children excited and involved in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch!

## Starter

- Ask the class do they know the names of any birds that they might see in the school grounds or at home?
- Make a list of birds and get the children to describe them to you using colours and technical language such as talons for birds of prey or bills for duck's beaks.
- Explain to the class that they are going to learn some names of different birds by playing a game of pairs.

## Activity

- Have the class work in pairs or small groups with a selection of cards on the table that have been printed and laminated.
- If in pairs then one pack of cards should be sufficient if in small groups you may need to use multiple packs per group.
- Encourage the children to read the names of the birds when they turn them over so they aren't just guessing from the photos.
- Children turn over the facedown cards one at a time to try and get a matching pair if they get a matching pair they keep the cards.
- Players take it in turns until there are no cards left.
- The person with the most cards at the end wins.

## Plenary

- Play a quickfire quiz at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons/quiz-can-you-name-these-common-garden-birds/z262wnb>

## Extension idea

- Design your own ID cards that you can add in to challenge more able children, maybe include some birds of prey.

# Common Bird ID

House sparrow



Starling



Blackbird



Blue tit



House sparrow



Starling



Blackbird

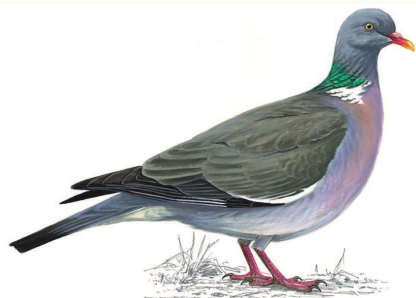


Blue tit



# Common Bird ID

Woodpigeon



Chaffinch



Robin



Great tit



Woodpigeon



Chaffinch



Robin



Great tit



# Common Bird ID

**Magpie**



**Black-headed gull**



**Carrion crow / Hooded crow**



**Song thrush**



**Magpie**



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