

# EIGHT BIRDS YOU MIGHT SEE IN YOUR GARDEN

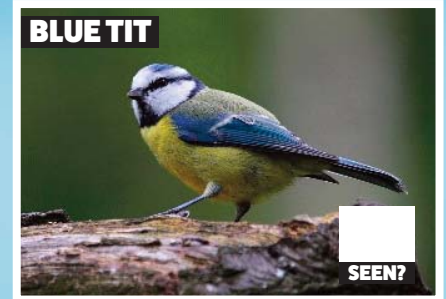
## How many can you spot?



**Britain's national bird:** These cheeky, red-breasted birds can often be seen picking over newly-dug soil – they love eating insects.



**Seed feast:** Birds first store the food they eat in a pouch called a crop, located near their throat, before digesting it slowly during the day.



**Acrobatics:** These birds can hang from almost anywhere.



**Common neighbours:** Sparrows thrive living near to people, even in towns. Their main predators in the UK are cats and birds of prey.



**Magical melody:** The blackbird's song is sometimes thought to be the most beautiful in the UK.



**Smaller is better:** These birds like to eat small seeds. If you would like to attract them to your garden, try adding nyjer seeds to your bird food.



**Murmuration:** In winter, large flocks of starlings perform aerial displays – which look like flowing black clouds – before roosting for the night.



**Cleaning up after smaller birds:** While they can sometimes manage to get food from bird feeders, they prefer eating seeds from the ground, bird tables or trays.



**Don't forget about the mammals!** Putting down cat food (wet or dry) underneath a plastic box with a door hole (to protect the food from cats) and a bowl of water, can help our prickly friends.