

EIGHT BIRDS YOU MIGHT SEE IN YOUR GARDEN

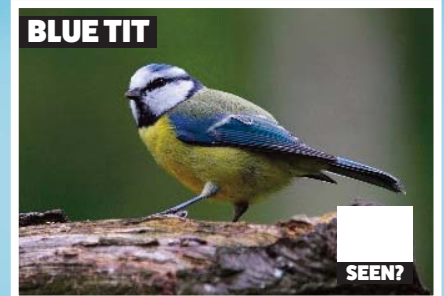
How many can you spot?



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.

