WWT’s Great GARDEN Bird Spotter Sheet

Your garden and neighbourhood is home to some beautiful birds.

1. **House sparrow**
   - One of the most common garden birds, Sparrows are sociable and noisy. They are usually brown and grey with short tails and live in flocks.

2. **Starling**
   - Starlings are a noisy, communal bird. They have glossy black plumage with a metallic sheen that’s speckled with white, especially in winter.

3. **Blue tit**
   - Its colourful mix of blue, yellow, white and green make the blue tit one of the most attractive resident garden birds.

4. **Woodpigeon**
   - The biggest and most common of the UK’s pigeons. Mostly grey with a white neck patch. They use their beaks as straws to drink.

5. **Blackbird**
   - A member of the thrush family, blackbirds have a beautiful mellow song and can often be seen feeding on berry bushes.

6. **Goldfinch**
   - A highly coloured finch with a delightful liquid twittering song and call, in the past they were prized as caged songbirds.

7. **Great tit**
   - The largest UK tit. Look closely – birds with the broadest, boldest black chest stripe are highest up the pecking order.

8. **Robin**
   - The UK’s favourite bird, males and females look identical while young birds are spotted with golden brown and no red.

9. **Long-tailed tit**
   - With tails longer than their body, these small birds move through trees and hedgerows in flocks. Listen for high pitched squeaks.

10. **Magpie**
    - The magpie is a noisy, chattering bird with black plumage that can look an iridescent purplish-blue on the wings and a green on the tail.

These are just some of the beautiful birds you’ll find around you – why not use the blank spaces to draw some of the other birds you see. Look on the internet to see if you can find out what they are called.
Getting close to nature isn’t all about knowing everything. It’s also about thinking about how it makes you feel and noticing what’s special to you. Try these things to connect with nature and feel good in the great outdoors.

1. Can you imagine what the birds are talking about?
   Write or draw pictures of what you think this might be.

2. Write down your favourite bird call you’ve heard.
   How does it make you feel?

3. Write or draw a few things that you like about living here.
   Are some of them the same things that birds might like?

4. What things do you think you could do to help more birds enjoy living near you?
   You might want to check out some of the ideas at: WWT/family hub address

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