

FUN FACTS ABOUT BIRDS

Every bird has something special . . .

Welcome to THE BIG BIRD SEARCH BOOK

Atlantic puffins are also known as "sea parrots" or "clowns of the sea."

The great cormorant eats as much as 400 grams (14 ounces) of fish a day.

The great black-backed gull is the largest gull in the world.

A ruddy turnstone can fly more than 1,000 km (621 miles) a day during migration.

A bearded reedling can raise as many as twenty little ones a year.

The sound of the water rail resembles that of a screaming suckling pig.

The bluethroat is more closely related to the nightingale than to the robin.

The white-tailed eagle is also called the "flying barn door" because of its huge and broad wings.

The European green woodpecker has a long tongue that he can stick out 10 cm (3.9 inches).

When in danger, Eurasian coots attack other birds that are up to 20 times heavier.

People used to think that a calling great spotted woodpecker predicted rain.

The goldcrest is the smallest bird in Europe at 8.5 cm (3.3 inches).

Common starlings can imitate the sound of birds, frogs, and mammals.

A Eurasian jay hides about 5,000 acorns in the earth each fall.

Owls are far-sighted, so they can't see well up close.

Eurasian bullfinches like to sit in gardens and parks in the winter.

With Eurasian spoonbills, the males stay at the nest during the day, while the females guard the nest at night.

The grey heron often begins building the nest as early as January.

European robins become aggressive when they see the color red.

Mute swans are so named because they have a black lump on their forehead just above their orange bill.



IN THE WOODS

Which birds can you find?

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| Eurasian golden oriole | Tawny owl | European crested tit | Goldcrest | Eurasian jay |
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| Hawfinch | Western jackdaw | Eurasian bullfinch | Black woodpecker | Common nightingale |
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| Long-tailed tit | Northern goshawk | Short-toed treecreeper | Eurasian nuthatch | Song thrush |
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| Common chiffchaff | Great tit | Common chaffinch | Eurasian blackbird | Eurasian wren |

Will you search along?

Where's the little boy with the **binoculars**?

Do you know where the **badger** is hidden?

Which bird in the forest has a **red beak**?

Did you know?

... that the **Eurasian wren** weighs only 10 grams (.35 ounces)?

... that the **common chiffchaff** also makes the sound "chiff-chaff"?