



Town and Garden Birds

- ▶ Starlings like to live near our homes and gardens where there is always plenty of food to be found. Can you remember who told Adam the correct name for his feathered friend?

- ▶ Though you may live in a town or suburb, there are still plenty of wild birds to be seen. Can you name five common birds that visit our gardens? List below and draw an illustration of each bird.

- ▶ If you would like to encourage birds to come and feed in your garden or school, you can start feeding them on a bird-table or you could hang some bird feeders. These can be bought in supermarkets and garden centres, but it is easy to make your own. The small string bags which come with detergents (Persil/Ariel/Bold etc) are ideal when filled with plain bird nuts and hung from trees or branches.

TOP FIVE BIRD-FEEDING TIPS

- ▶ 1. Only put out food that will be eaten in a day or two.
- ▶ 2. Keep feeders and bird-tables reasonably clean.
- ▶ 3. Change location of feeders from time to time.
- ▶ 4. Do not put out salted snacks, uncooked rice, whole bacon rinds or highly-flavoured foods, which can be fatal to birds.
- ▶ 5. Try to have clean water nearby for drinking as well as bathing.

