



WILD DUBLIN

Exploring Nature in the City

What is a bird's favourite colour?

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Do you think that birds have a favourite colour? How could you find out? Try this little experiment.

You will need:

1. Some dough for making little dough slugs
2. About 4 or 5 different coloured food dyes
3. A bird table or feeding platform that only the birds can reach.

This is what you need to do:

1. Roll out the dough to make about 20 little dough slugs and use the food dye to paint them in different colours.
2. Place the dough slugs on the feeding table in different piles.
3. Keep an observation tally to record which colours the birds prefer.
4. When you have finished you can make a bar chart to present your results. This will show how many of each colour was eaten.
5. You could also try painting some of the slugs with yellow and black stripes or painting a large eye on top of them.

Colour	Red	Green	Blue	Black	Striped	Eye
Number of slugs eaten						

I think some of the slugs were uneaten because ...

You can find some extra interesting information about Irish birds and activities on the internet:

www.birdwatchireland.ie/KidsZone/BirdsaroundyourSchool/tabid/264/Default.aspx (tinyurl.com/cwpyvd)

www.birdwatchireland.ie/KidsZone/TheMigrationWebsite/tabid/265/Default.aspx (tinyurl.com/d2qbs2)