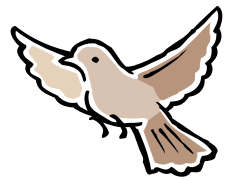




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Nutty Bird Facts



1. Bird song may sound sweet and innocent but it is actually a bird's way of aggressively proclaiming their territory.
2. Nesting boxes are more complicated than you think – their thickness is specially designed to regulate the temperature inside, and keep the babies alive!
3. A great tit's beak is strong enough to crack open a hazelnut.
4. The Nuthatch was originally called a 'nut-hack' – referring to their habit of stuffing nuts into tree bark, then hacking at them with their bills!
5. Jays just love acorns - from September to November when acorns are most abundant, one Jay can collect up to 5000 of them!
6. Birds don't have any teeth. If they did they would be too heavy to fly.
7. A starling's beak is not designed to carry food – instead, they bring their young to the ground with them, and place the food directly into their mouths.
8. Tree sparrows show their interest in a mate by bowing to them.
9. The collective noun for Goldfinches is a 'charm' – and what a charm it is to see these beautiful birds!
10. Because they are so small, Wrens sometimes huddle together to keep warm in winter- 63 wrens were once found in one nest box!
11. In a cat-free environment, Robins can become very tame and even eat straight from a person's hand.
12. If you see a blackbird, with its wings spread and its beak gaping, lying on the ground, don't worry – it's probably just sunbathing!!
13. In winter, small birds, such as Blue Tits and Robins, can consume up to 30% of their own body weight each day!
14. Blue tits feed approximately 10,000 caterpillars to each brood of young!
15. During the winter, a ping pong ball placed in your bird bath will stop the water freezing over.
16. Birds are unable to sweat – instead up to three quarters of the air they breathe is used just to keep them cool.
17. The fictional secret agent James Bond was in fact named after a famous ornithologist!
18. Starlings are fantastic mimics and include imitations of other birds, frogs, mammals and even mechanical noises in their songs.
19. A blue tit weighs the same as a British pound coin.
20. Some birds' songs vary from region to region, a bit like a human accent