

IN MY GARDEN - BIRDS



In Ireland we have many different types (species) of birds.

Different species of birds eat different foods otherwise there would not be enough food for all of them in the wild

We can tell what a bird likes to eat by the shape of its beak (bill).

Putting out birds feeders with more than one type of food on them will encourage different species of birds into your garden and help them to survive.

ONLINE NATURE:

wicklowmountainsnationalpark.ie

biodiversity.ie

birdwatchireland.ie

met.ie

mothsireland.com

mountaineering.ie

npws.ie

orienteering.ie

wildflowersofireland.net

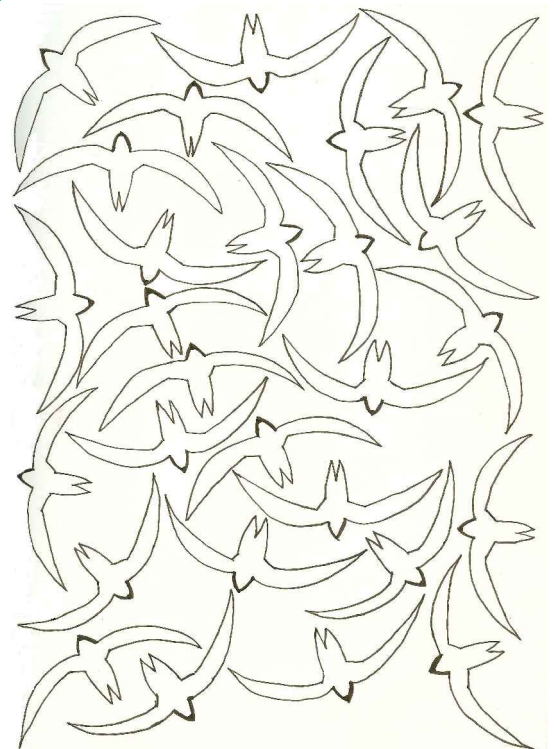
TO DO:

- Identify some of the bird species in your garden. You know more of them than you think. Start with a Robin, Blackbird and Blue tit.

- Pretend you are a Sparrowhawk (bird of prey) that eats other small birds. Chase Mam or Dad around the garden, they are Sparrows (your food)

- Put up a bird nestbox in your garden and Observe (look at) all the activity around and in it.

Search in your garden and see if you can find a feather



Swifts are a Summer visitor to Ireland - How many can you count? Look out this Summer for this shape in the sky.

Hint: It helps if you colour them in.

Draw a picture of it here and colour it in

Some common bill types

Bullfinch



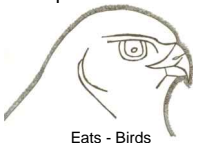
Eats - Seeds

Blackbird



Eats - Worms & berries

Sparrowhawk



Eats - Birds

Great tit



Eats - Insects



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