



**Learning Outcome: I can identify information about a garden bird**

Choose a garden bird.

Find out about the bird.

Complete the profile.

You can choose one of the birds below or another of your choice.



**Garden bird profile**

**Name of bird:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I am...**

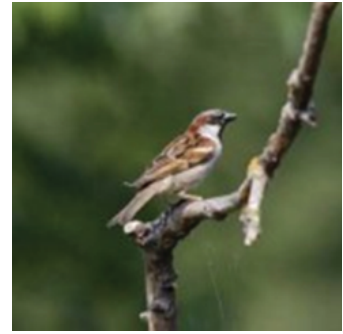
**I eat...**

**I live...**

**I have...**

**Fun facts:**

# Sparrow Factsheet



## SOUNDS

A variety of 'cheep and chirp'

## FEEDING

House sparrows are seed eaters. They means they have beaks that let them crack open the husk and get the seed from inside. Many birds can't do this. House sparrows eat a variety of bird food and scraps.

Some food they enjoy -

- seeds
- peanut granules
- black sunflower seeds
- millet
- Also a variety of kitchen scraps

House sparrows pick insects from spiders webs. They feed their nestlings on insects.

House sparrows steal food from the beaks of other birds.

Sparrows use bird tables, ground feeders and hanging feeders.

## DESCRIPTION

The male house sparrow has

- brown upperparts that are streaked with black
- grey cheeks, rump and crown
- black bin

Female and young birds are -

- more softly patterned
- do not have the grey on the rump and crown
- do not have the black on the head
- They are plainer than the male

## **HABITAT**

House sparrows spend a lot of time in gardens and near buildings. They feed communally.

After the young have fledged the parents use the nest as a warm roost during the winter months.

## **SIZE OF BIRD**

Length 14 cm ( 5 1/2 inches)

Wingspan: 20-22 cm (8-9 inches)

## **EGGS**

- 2-3 clutches of 3-5 eggs
- The eggs are brown blotched white eggs
- The eggs are laid any time from April to August.

## **INCUBATION**

- Eggs are incubated for 11-14 days
- Both parents incubate the eggs

## **FLEDGING**

- Fledging is 11-19 days after hatching

## **NEST**

- Lined with feathers and bits of plants
- The nest is built by both parents
- House sparrows usually nest near buildings
- House sparrows sometimes make a nest which is domed. They make this of different grasses in a tree or a hedge.

## Questions

**What sound do sparrows make?**

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**What do sparrows eat?**

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**Where do sparrows live?**

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**What do sparrows look like?**

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**When do sparrows lay their eggs?**

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**Describe their nest:**

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## Making a Bird Feeder

**You will need:**

- **Pine cone**
- **String**
- **Lard**
- **Raisins**
- **Seeds**

**Method:**

### **Step 1**

**Mush together the seeds, lard and raisins in a mixing bowl.**

### **Step 2**

**Tie a string to your pine cone then cover it with the mix. Don't forget to fill the holes!**

### **Step 3**

**Pop it in the fridge until set, then it's ready for the birds!**

