

Birds of the Woodland and Meadow



Birmingham & Black Country



Robin



Wren



Dunnock



Starling



Wood Pigeon



Stock Dove



House Sparrow



Blackbird



Song Thrush



Mistle Thrush



Redwing



Fieldfare



Blue Tit



Coal Tit



Great Tit



Long-tailed Tit



Whitethroat



Chiffchaff



Willow Warbler



Blackcap



Goldcrest



Treetreeper



Nuthatch



Greenfinch



Bullfinch



Goldfinch



Chaffinch



Siskin



Lesser Redpoll



Linnet



Green Woodpecker



Magpie



Carrion Crow



Jay



Jackdaw



Kestrel



Sparrowhawk



Buzzard



Tawny Owl



Great Spotted Woodpecker

Woodland birds are often heard long before they are seen, especially at dawn when each species proclaims ownership of a territory and together their songs combine into the dawn chorus. Many of our birds are shy, very alert and well camouflaged. This can make them difficult to see. The **Great Spotted Woodpecker** will freeze if disturbed so as not to be noticed, the **Green Woodpecker** will move to the other side of a tree trunk to avoid detection. The **Treetreeper**, a very active bird is so well camouflaged it is very difficult to see as it climbs up the trunks of trees in search of insects. Interestingly, this bird never climbs down the trunk, unlike the **Nuthatch** which is the only bird in England that can climb down trees head first.

As you wander through the various habitats of this reserve listen carefully and see if you can pick out the melodious song of the **Robin** or the shrilling of the tiny **Wren**. The **Song Thrush** tends to choose a position high in the tree tops to broadcast its song of characteristically repetitive notes. Parties of **Goldfinches**, known as a 'Charm', are often heard chattering from the canopy, obvious in their gaudy livery and groups of **Long-tailed Tits** are usually given away by their 'tsee tsee tsee' call as they move through the branches.

Our smaller birds have to remain constantly alert to avoid falling prey to the hunting **Sparrowhawk** sometimes seen threading its way through the woodland at high speed. Over the meadow area the **Kestrel** can often be seen hovering whilst on the lookout for small mammals scurrying through the grass. Soaring overhead the majestic **Common Buzzard** completes the scene, its mewing call reminiscent of wild places.

The Friends of Hill Hook LNR are affiliated to The Wildlife Trust for Birmingham and The Black Country. The Nature Reserve is owned by Birmingham City Council. The management of the Nature Reserve follows an ongoing management plan.

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