



GARDEN BIRDS SPOTTING TRAIL

Vandeleur

WALLED GARDEN & VISITOR CENTRE

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TRY TO FIND EACH BIRD IN THE GARDEN AND MARK THE CHECKBOXES ONCE YOU HAVE FOUND THEM



BLUE TIT
(*CYANISTES CAERULEUS*)
"MEANTÁN GORM"
IN IRISH
IS A SMALL AND VIBRANT BIRD. WITH ITS STRIKING BLUE AND YELLOW PLUMAGE, IT ADDS A SPLASH OF COLOUR TO ITS SURROUNDINGS. THE BLUE TIT IS A SKILLED ACROBAT, OFTEN SEEN HANGING UPSIDE DOWN WHILE FORAGING FOR INSECTS AND SEEDS. ITS MELODIOUS SONG AND ENERGETIC PRESENCE MAKE IT A DELIGHTFUL VISITOR TO GARDENS AND WOODLANDS ALIKE.



EUROPEAN ROBIN
(*ERITHACUS RUBECULA*)
"SPIDEOG"
IN IRISH
IS A SMALL SONGBIRD CHERISHED FOR ITS VIBRANT REDDISH-ORANGE BREAST, CONTRASTING WITH ITS BROWNISH-GREY UPPERPARTS. WITH ITS MELODIC AND CHEERFUL SONG, THE EUROPEAN ROBIN OFTEN GRACES GARDENS AND WOODLANDS THROUGHOUT EUROPE. ITS FRIENDLY AND APPROACHABLE NATURE HAS EARNED IT A SPECIAL PLACE IN FOLKLORE AND HOLIDAY TRADITIONS.



BLACKBIRD
(*TURDUS MERULA*)
"LON DUBH"
IN IRISH. WITH ITS DISTINCTIVE BLACK PLUMAGE AND BRIGHT YELLOW EYERING, ITS MELODIC AND FLUTE-LIKE SONG IS A CHERISHED FEATURE OF MANY GARDENS AND WOODLAND AREAS. AS A VERSATILE AND ADAPTABLE SPECIES, THE BLACKBIRD HAS BECOME WOVEN INTO BOTH URBAN AND RURAL LANDSCAPES, EMBODYING A CONNECTION BETWEEN NATURE AND HUMAN HABITATION.



CHAFFINCH
(*FRINGILLA COELEBS*)
"RI RUA"
IN IRISH
IS A SMALL PASSERINE BIRD WITH A VIBRANT AND COLOURFUL APPEARANCE. WITH ITS DISTINCTIVE BLUE-GREY CROWN, PINK BREAST, AND WHITE BELLY, THE CHAFFINCH IS EASILY RECOGNIZABLE. ITS MELODIC SONG AND FREQUENT VISITS TO BIRD FEEDERS MAKE IT A COMMON SIGHT IN GARDENS AND WOODLANDS ACROSS IRELAND.



GREAT TIT
(*PARUS MAJOR*)
"MEANTÓG MÓR"
IN IRISH
IS A CHARISMATIC SONGBIRD RECOGNIZED FOR ITS VIBRANT PLUMAGE AND DISTINCTIVE BLACK HEAD PATTERN. WITH ITS SCIENTIFIC NAME HINTING AT ITS PROMINENT STATURE, THIS BIRD INHABITS A WIDE RANGE OF WOODLANDS, GARDENS, AND PARKS ACROSS EUROPE AND ASIA. ITS MELODIOUS CALLS AND ADAPTABILITY TO VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTS MAKE IT A CHERISHED SIGHT AMONG BIRDWATCHERS.



STARLING
(*STURNUS VULGARIS*)
"DRUID"
IN IRISH
IS A FAMILIAR SIGHT ACROSS IRISH LANDSCAPES. THIS SPECIES IS RENOWNED FOR ITS IRIDESCENT PLUMAGE AND CAPTIVATING VOCALIZATIONS. WITH ITS DISTINCTIVE AND SYNCHRONIZED AERIAL DISPLAYS, THE STARLING ADDS AN ENCHANTING TOUCH TO IRELAND'S NATURAL BEAUTY.



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PIED WAGTAIL

(MOTACILLA ALBA
YARELLII)

"SEISEARÁN BUÍ"

IN IRISH

IS A SMALL CHARMING BIRD OFTEN SEEN IN URBAN AND RURAL SETTINGS ACROSS IRELAND. THIS LIVELY CREATURE DISPLAYS A DISTINCT BLACK AND WHITE PLUMAGE. WITH ITS CHARACTERISTIC WAGGING TAIL AND ENERGETIC HOPS, THE PIED WAGTAIL ADDS A TOUCH OF LIVELINESS TO VARIOUS LANDSCAPES. ITS LATIN NAME, MOTACILLA ALBAYARELLII, REFLECTS ITS ELEGANT APPEARANCE AND DYNAMIC BEHAVIOUR.



SONG THRUSH

(TURDUS PHILOMELOS)

"SMÓLACH CEOIL"

IN IRISH

RECOGNIZED FOR ITS MELODIOUS SONG, THIS BIRD BOASTS A SPECKLED BREAST AND IS A FAMILIAR SIGHT IN GARDENS AND WOODLANDS ACROSS EUROPE. THE LATIN NAME "PHILOMELOS" HINTS AT ITS MUSICAL NATURE, WHILE ITS IRISH NAME "SMÓLACH CEOIL" CAPTURES ITS SIGNIFICANCE WITHIN IRELAND'S AVIAN TAPESTRY.



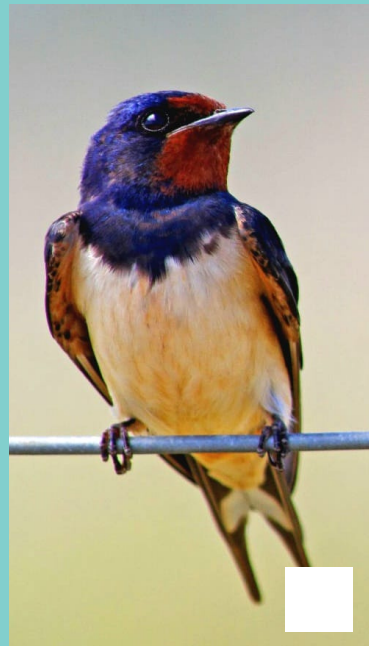
TREECREEPER

(CERTHIA FAMILIARIS)

"SNAG"

IN IRISH

IS A SMALL PASSERINE BIRD OFTEN FOUND IN WOODLANDS AND FORESTS. WITH ITS DISTINCTIVE MOTTLED BROWN PLUMAGE AND CURVED BEAK, IT IS SKILLED IN CLIMBING TREES IN SEARCH OF INSECTS AND SPIDERS HIDDEN IN BARK CREVICES. "SNAG" IS KNOWN FOR ITS REMARKABLE ABILITY TO MOVE UPWARDS ON TREE TRUNKS IN A SPIRAL PATTERN, AN ADAPTATION THAT SETS IT APART IN ITS FORAGING BEHAVIOUR.



SWALLOW

(HIRUNDO RUSTICA)

"FÁINLEOG,"

IN IRISH

IS A MIGRATORY BIRD RECOGNIZED FOR ITS DISTINCTIVE FORKED TAIL AND VIBRANT PLUMAGE. THIS SPECIES IS RENOWNED FOR ITS LONG-DISTANCE JOURNEYS AND REMARKABLE AERIAL ACROBATICS. THE LATIN NAME, "HIRUNDO RUSTICA," REFLECTS ITS COSMOPOLITAN PRESENCE, WHILE ITS IRISH NAME, "FÁINLEOG," EMBODIES ITS GRACEFUL AND AGILE NATURE IN FLIGHT.



MAGPIE

(PICA PICA)

"SNAG BREAC"

IN IRISH

IS A STRIKING BLACK AND WHITE CORVID BIRD NATIVE TO IRELAND AND VARIOUS PARTS OF EUROPE AND ASIA. RECOGNIZED FOR ITS LONG TAIL AND IRIDESCENT PLUMAGE, THE MAGPIE IS AN INTELLIGENT AND SOCIAL CREATURE OFTEN NOTED FOR ITS MIMICRY AND VOCAL CALLS. ITS SCIENTIFIC NAME, PICA PICA, ENCAPSULATES ITS CHARACTERISTIC CHATTERING AND MELODIOUS SOUNDS



GOLDFINCH

(CARDUELIS CARDUELIS)

"LASAIR CHOILLE"

IN IRISH

IS A SMALL PASSERINE BIRD WITH VIBRANT PLUMAGE. ITS LATIN NAME, CARDUELIS CARDUELIS, REFLECTS ITS DISTINCTIVE APPEARANCE, CHARACTERIZED BY A CRIMSON FACE AND STRIKING YELLOW AND BLACK WINGS. THE IRISH NAME, "LASAIR CHOILLE," ECHOES ITS PRESENCE IN WOODLAND AND GARDEN HABITATS, WHERE IT ADDS A SPLASH OF COLOUR AND CHEERFUL SONG TO THE SURROUNDINGS.

