

Blue tit

Shire - Rhododendron 'Blue Tit'



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21 Facts on Blue Tit

They use alarm-calls to warn others including birds of other species such as the , the or the about the presence of predators in the neighbourhood. They are also opportunists and will often peck through foil milk bottle tops for the cream. It is estimated by the that there are 3,535,000 breeding pairs in the UK.

British Garden Birds

They are amongst the most vocal of all birds, calling continuously in most situations, so much so that they are only ever silent for specific reasons such as avoiding predators or when intruding on a rival's territory.

Blue Tit Bird Information

Caterpillars are a favourite for blue tits, but they also eat other insects, spiders, fruit and seeds. The sexes are similar, but under ultraviolet light, males have a brighter blue crown. They are resident birds and, although they , it is rare for them to travel more than a few miles.

Blue tits and nesting boxes

The begging-call is used by juveniles to beg for food from parents. A series of high-pitched 'zeedling' notes are given by both partners before and during copulation.

Eurasian blue tit

They are territorial during the breeding season and often joining mixed-species feeding flocks during the non-breeding season. Juvenile is dull with a green crown, wings and tail; cheeks are yellow. These may well pass through your garden, and hopefully dally a while if there is good feeding.

Blue Tit (*Cyanistes caeruleus*)

It should be the most satisfying moment of the cycle and yet I also find it quite sad. The clutch is usually laid from late April to early May, and

incubation takes round 15 days. Sadly only one dove has appeared in the garden this year.

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