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## Blackcap

### Sylvia atricapilla

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### About

The Blackcap is a medium-sized warbler mostly found in woodland and tall scrub, but also in gardens, particularly during the winter. Blackcaps were once just summer visitors to the UK, but can now be seen all year-round as winter migrants from Germany and north-east Europe appear from September onwards. Blackcaps will feed on insects in summer and berries and fruit in winter. They nest in hedges or brambles and manage up to two clutches a year of four to six eggs.

### How to identify

Blackcaps are dark grey, the males sporting the black cap they are named after. Females have a gingery-brown cap. Easily confused with the Marsh Tit and Willow Tit, but can be distinguished by the lack of a black bib.

### Where to find it

Widespread, most

### Join us

Protect local wildlife



### Species information

**Common name**  
Blackcap

**Latin name**  
Sylvia atricapilla

**Category**  
Birds  
Tits, goldcrests and warblers

**Statistics**  
Length: 13-14cm  
Wingspan: 22cm Weight: 21g Average Lifespan: 2 years

**Conservation status**  
Common.



### When to find it



### How can people help

You can help to look after Blackcaps and other garden birds by providing food and water for them - it doesn't matter if you have a big garden or live in a high-rise flat, there are plenty of feeders, baths and food choices out there to suit all kinds of situations. To find out more about encouraging wildlife into your garden, visit our Wild About Gardens website: a joint initiative with the RHS, there's plenty of facts and tips to get you started. To buy bird food or feeders, visit the Vine House Farm website - an award-winning wildlife-friendly farm which gives 5% of all its takings to The Wildlife Trusts.

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