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Nuthatch *Sitta europaea*

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Species information

i **Common name**
Nuthatch

Latin name
Sitta europaea

Category
Birds
Thrushes, chats,
flycatchers, starling,
dipper and wren

Statistics
Length: 14cm Wingspan:
24cm Weight: 24g
Average Lifespan: 2
years

Conservation status
Common.

About

A tit-sized bird, the Nuthatch has a short tail, large head and a woodpecker-like bill. Nuthatches climb up and down tree trunks in mature woods and parklands, feeding on insects and nuts and seeds such as hazelnuts and beechmast. Nuthatches nest in holes in trees or abandoned nests, but are happy to use nestboxes too. They start breeding in April and can produce two clutches of up to 13 eggs at a time.

How to identify

Unmistakeable: Nuthatches are grey above, with a black eyestripe, white cheeks and throat, and rusty belly.

Where to find it

England, Wales

Habitats

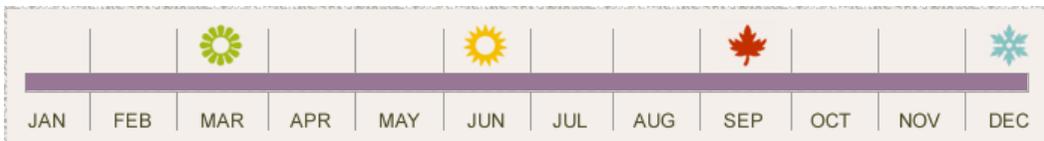
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When to find it



How can people help

You can help to look after Nuthatches 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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