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**INSTRUCTIONS AND 20 PAGE
FACT FILLED BIRD GUIDE**

WINDOW

BIRD

FEEDER



**Attracts a wide variety
of Garden Birds!**

WARNING!

For children over 5 years of age only.

For use under adult supervision.

Read the instructions before use.

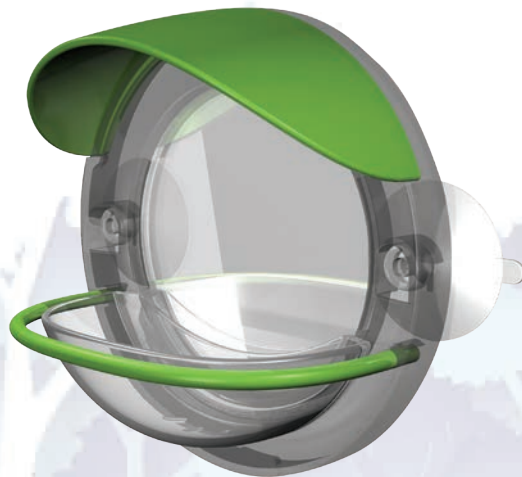
Follow them and keep them for reference.

Not suitable for children under 36 months due to small parts that could represent a choking hazard.

None of the accessories in this kit should be allowed to come into direct contact with foodstuffs.

Wash hands after using this kit or the activities contained in this booklet.

Use only on windows safely accessible from outside the property - normally only on ground floor windows.



- Study Garden Birds with naturalist Nick Baker!
- One-way Mirror enables 'Close-up' viewing!
- Just add bird food!



INTRODUCTION

Watching birds at a bird feeder is a thrilling experience; you can see their beautiful plumage, study their natural behaviour patterns and get to know the different species that live in your area. It is also good to know that you are helping them by providing food when it is scarce in winter and in spring when they are busy raising their young.

This kit contains a quality Window Feeder designed so you can see garden birds close up without disturbing them. To get the best results from your feeder, please read and follow the instructions carefully.

WINDOW BIRD FEEDER

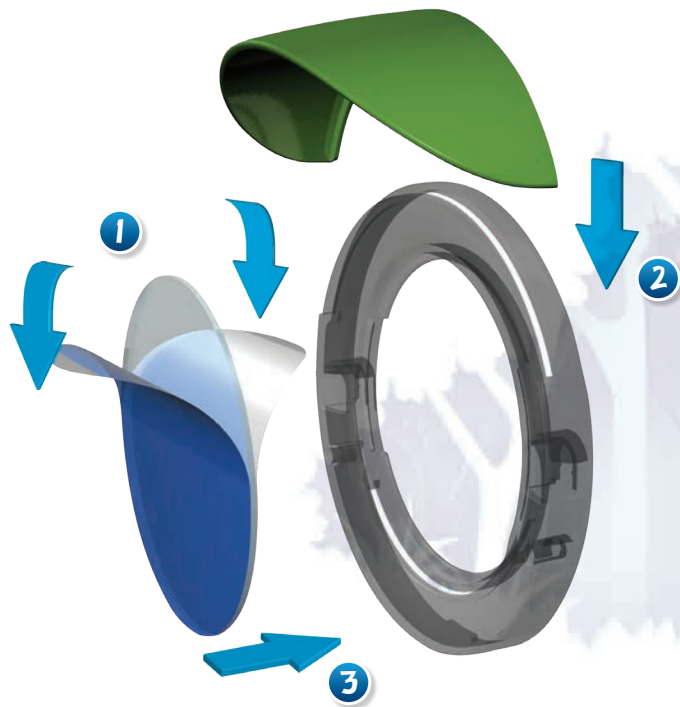
CONTENTS:

- Bird Feeder with One-Way Mirror
- 2 x Sucker for Window Mounting
- 2 x Boss for mounting to Wall or Fence
- Colour Instruction Manual with Garden Bird Guide



ASSEMBLING THE WINDOW BIRD FEEDER

Please follow the diagram below to assemble your bird feeder.



- 1 Peel the protective films** - with the blue film facing forward, peel all protective films from the mirror.
- 2 Attach the cover** - locate the slot on the back of the body of the bird feeder.
- 3 Insert the One-way mirror** - clip the mirror into the centre of the Bird Feeder body.



4 **Attach the seed tray** - locate the slot at the bottom of the body of the bird feeder, clip the seed tray down into this slot.

5 **Attach the perch** - locate the perch into the moulded holes in the Bird Feeder body and push firmly into position.

6 **Attach the window suckers** - push the window suckers into the body of the Bird Feeder and then push up to locate securely.



CHOOSING THE BEST LOCATION FOR YOUR FEEDER

Place the feeder on an outside window, where it is easy for you to access from a safe position on the ground but high enough to be out of reach of squirrels or cats. The birds will only use the feeder if they feel safe, therefore, try to find a quiet location and if possible close to a tree or a bush where the birds can hide if a predator appears.

ATTACHING THE FEEDER

When attaching the feeder to a window, ensure both the window and rubber suckers are clean and free from dirt or dust. Dampen the suckers with a wet cloth and press them firmly on to the window.



Note: If you are not attaching your feeder to a window, use a piece of string threaded through the sucker holes to tie it to a fence or tree etc. For a more permanent fixture, use the two bosses supplied in the kit to screw to a wall or fence and then attach the feeder.



FENCE MOUNTING THE BIRD FEEDER

1 **Assembly** - if you are wall or fence mounting your Bird Feeder please follow assembly instructions numbers 1 - 5 on the previous pages.

2 **Attach the mounting boss** - push the mounting boss into the body of the Bird Feeder and then screw through the Bird Feeder and mounting boss to a fence or other surface using screws of suitable length (screws not supplied).



Image showing the use
of wall mounting fixtures

TYPE OF FOOD TO USE

A rule of thumb is that the better the quality of food, the more chance you will have of attracting birds to your feeder. Sunflower seeds, nyjer seeds and kibbled peanuts attract a whole variety of garden birds including tits and finches. Dried mealworms provide an excellent source of protein and are the favourite of sparrows, robins and wrens. A good quality food mix from a pet shop or garden centre is ideal.

HOW TO GET BIRDS TO USE THE FEEDER

Please don't expect birds to start using the feeder immediately as it will take time for them to recognise it as a source of good food and is safe from predators.

You can encourage your birds to use the Window Feeder if you already have an existing bird table or hanging feeder in your garden. Position them a couple of metres from the Window Feeder. This way the birds will get used to being in the area and will soon discover the new source of food.

Another trick is to not attach the Window Feeder to a window straight away, but initially position it close to existing feeders. When you see that birds are using the Window Feeder, gradually move it in stages (over a period of a few days) closer to the window where it is to be attached.



MAINTENANCE OF THE WINDOW FEEDER

It is important that your Window Bird Feeder is cleaned regularly to avoid the spread of disease within the bird community.

When the seed tray needs filling, remove it and wash thoroughly with warm water and dry before re-filling with food. Every couple of months remove the whole feeder from the window and wash it in warm soapy water or household disinfectant. Regularly clean the ground beneath the feeder, to remove discarded seeds and bird droppings etc.

Do not use a dishwasher as it may damage the plastic of the Bird Feeder.

Note: I tied my Window Feeder to the handle of an old garden fork that I positioned close to existing feeders. Using a fork made it easy to move and re-position closer to the window.



Caution!
Always wash your hands thoroughly after handling the feeder.

COMMONLY SEEN GARDEN BIRDS

Here are some of the most common garden birds you may see using the Window Feeder once it is set up and filled with good quality bird food. Tick the box once you find each bird!



BLUE TIT

FOUND IT!



ROBIN

FOUND IT!



HOUSE SPARROW

FOUND IT!



DUNNOCK

FOUND IT!



GOLDFINCH

FOUND IT!



GREENFINCH

FOUND IT!



CHAFFINCH

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Designed for
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**WOOD
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FOUND IT!



GREAT TIT

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ROBIN

The robin is one of Britain's favourite and most recognizable birds. It is easily identified by its red breast and is often seen hopping about the garden looking for insects and worms. You can entice robins to your Window Feeder by using dried mealworms.



HOUSE SPARROW

Sparrows are happy little chaps commonly seen throughout Britain. The male bird can be identified by the distinct grey cap on its head. They are often seen in groups merrily hopping around tree branches. Sparrows like to eat seeds and nuts but also love dried mealworms.



DUNNOCK

Dunnocks are often mistaken for sparrows because they look similar. However, it has a blue-grey head and breast and a light and dark brown streaky back. Its bill is black and thinner and sharper than a sparrow's because it feeds mainly on insects and not seeds or nuts. Dunnocks will therefore be attracted to the Window Feeder if there are plenty of dried mealworms available.

WREN

Wrens are very small birds and very common throughout the British Isles. They are often difficult to see because they are good at hiding in trees and bushes but can be heard with their loud shrill voices. They can be identified easily by their small size and the cocked angle they hold their tails. They are also keen on dried mealworms to eat.





GOLDFINCH

Goldfinches are beautiful little birds easily identified by their red faces and black and white heads. They have specially adapted beaks to feed on tiny seeds. In winter they can be attracted to your Window Feeder with sunflower seeds. A flock of goldfinches is called a 'charm' and you will understand why if you are lucky enough to witness them in a tree merrily chirping away and hopping from branch to branch.



GREENFINCH

Greenfinches are the largest bird in the finch family and commonly seen throughout the British Isles. The adult male can be identified by its bright yellow and green plumage; the female has slightly duller colouring. They feed on seeds and insects but in winter are particularly partial to peanuts or sunflower seeds in the Window Feeder.



CHAFFINCH

Often seen in rural areas the chaffinch is possibly one of the most common birds you will see. The male has a pinky-brown body and two distinctive white stripes on its wing. The female has similar markings but is much duller in appearance. They feed on seeds and are common visitors to gardens where seeds and nuts are available.

NUTHATCH

The nuthatch is a woodland bird with an unusual skill of being able to hop down tree trunks as well as up. The male has grey blue wings, a light orange body and a white face with a black 'mask' across the eyes. The female has the same markings but not as bright. They feed on insects, seeds and nuts and will visit Window Feeders in winter.





PIED WAGTAIL

The pied wagtail is appropriately named; it is black and white (pied) and it constantly wags its tail. It is easy to spot because of its long tail and distinctive markings.

The underneath of its body is white. It has a black bib and black and white head with black and grey wings. It has a sharp pointed beak to catch small insects and will therefore feed on dried mealworms in the feeder.



WOOD PIGEON

Wood pigeons are the larger country cousin of the feral pigeon found in towns and cities. They can be identified by the white patch on its neck, grey plumage and mauve breast. They feed on seeds, berries and shoots. Like blackbirds, wood pigeons feed on the ground underneath a feeder, picking up the debris made by other birds.



BLACKBIRD

Only the male blackbird is black and distinctive with its yellow bill and yellow eye ring. The female blackbird is brown and her beak is a bit duller than the male. They don't usually use bird feeders but instead pick up any spillages that fall to the ground from the feeder.

COAL TIT

Coal tits are lovely little birds who like to live in and around woodland. They have black heads and necks with distinctive white markings below the eyes. They eat small insects when available and in winter will eat seeds.

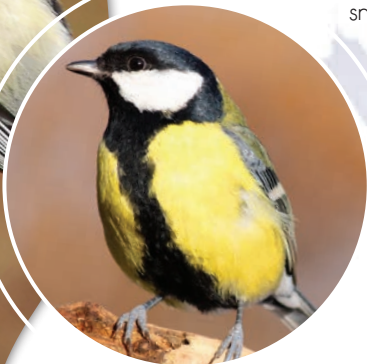




GREAT TIT

The great tit is the largest bird in the tit family and they often live in gardens and are quite happy to use nesting boxes.

They have similar markings to the blue tit but have a distinctive black head with white markings. Their favourite food in summer is caterpillars and small bugs but in winter they eat nuts and seeds and regularly visit feeders.



BLUE TIT

The blue tit is a beautiful little bird with very distinctive markings. They are commonly seen throughout the British Isles and easily identified by their blue cap, white face with a black stripe and yellow belly. They eat seeds and nuts and are regular visitors to feeders in the garden.

USEFUL BOOKS AND WEBSITES

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

The UK's largest nature conservation charity, inspiring everyone to give nature a home and secure a healthy environment for wildlife. Their website includes lots of information about birds!

www.rspb.co.uk

Bird Spot

Learn all about watching and looking after birds. Includes detailed identification guides for over 170 birds!

www.birdspot.co.uk

RSPB Birds of Britain and Europe: The Definitive Photographic Field by Rob Hume

This definitive and bestselling field guide is the perfect companion for nature enthusiasts and birdwatchers.

National Trust: Out and about Bird Spotter by Robin Smyth

Ideal for any budding birdwatchers, this book encourages children to get outside and spot birds in the wild!

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