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Parts of a Bird

head

eyes

beak

A bird uses its beak to catch food and for collecting things to make a nest.

feathers

Feathers help a bird to keep warm. They are also used to make a soft nest.

wings

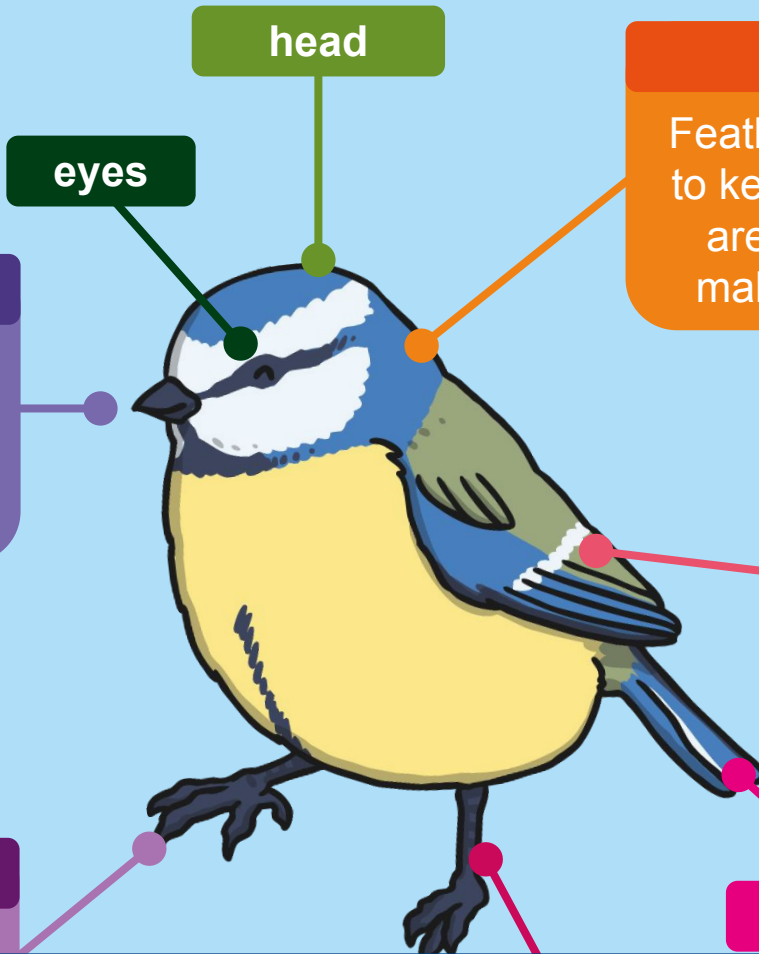
A bird has two wings which are used for flying.

claws

A bird uses its claws

tail feathers

All birds are warm-blooded. They all have feathers and wings and they all lay eggs.



Why Do Birds Build Nests?

This blackbird is collecting twigs for her nest.

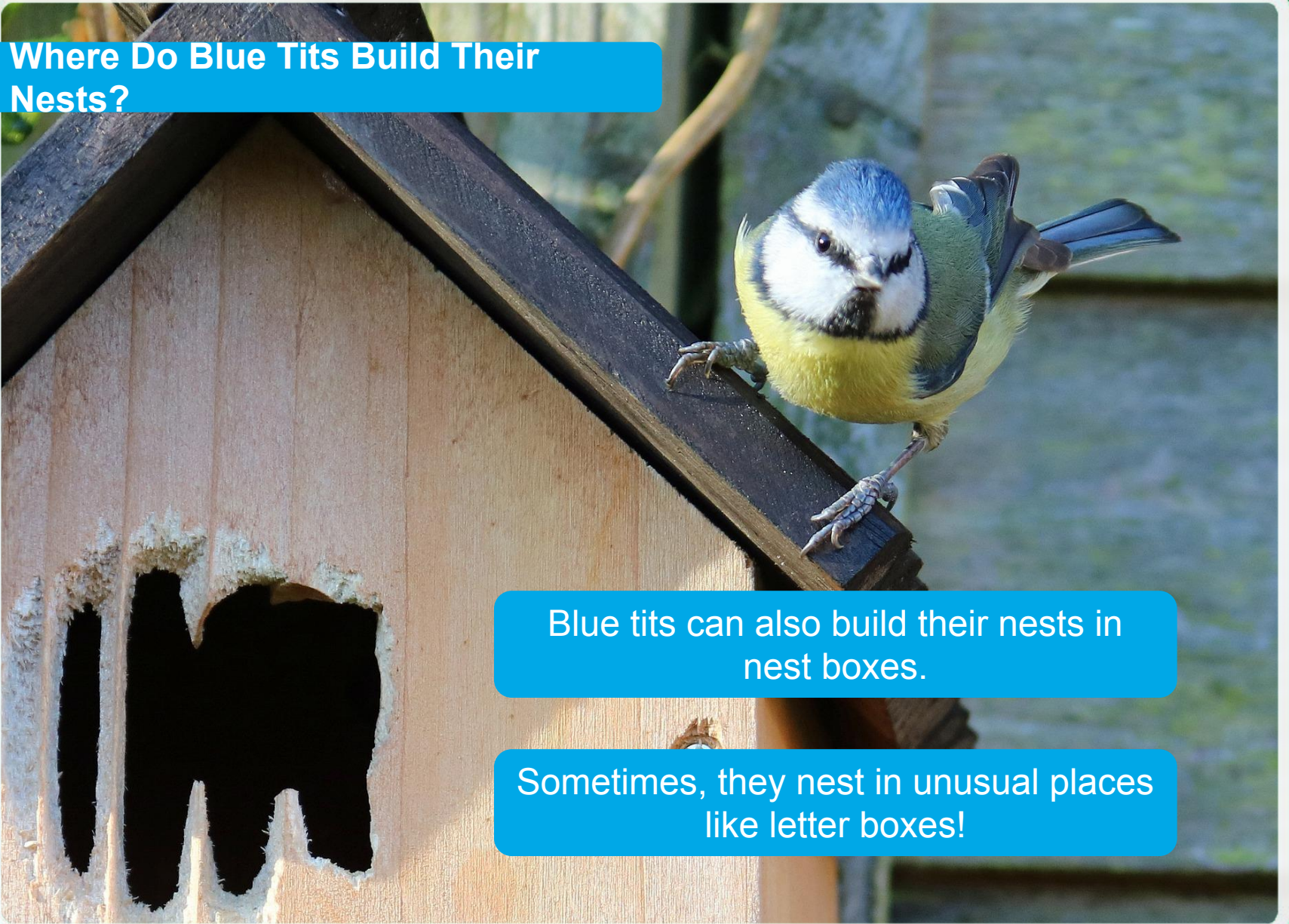
In spring, birds start to build a nest so that they can lay their eggs and raise their chicks.

Where Do Blue Tits Build Their Nests?

A blue tit nests inside a tree.

Blue tits build their nests in holes found in trees and walls.
They usually build their nests in March.

Where Do Blue Tits Build Their Nests?



Blue tits can also build their nests in nest boxes.

Sometimes, they nest in unusual places like letter boxes!

How Do Blue Tits Build Their Nests?

Blue tits use:
moss,
wool,
feathers,
animal hair,
leaves
and spider
webs
to build their
nests!



This is a blue tit's nest. What has been used to make this nest?

What Do Blue Tit Eggs Look Like?

There are seven eggs in this nest.

The female blue tit will lay eight to twelve eggs in her nest!

How many eggs are in this nest?

What Do Blue Tit Eggs Look Like?

The eggs are pale cream with light brown speckles.

What colour are the blue tit's eggs?

Where Do Robins Build Their Nests?

Robins like to build their nests hidden away in holes in tree trunks, hedges, creepers and log piles.

Sometimes, they build their nests in more unusual places like hanging baskets and old kettles!

Robins start to build their nests in January or February.




How Do Robins Build Their Nests?

Robins build their nests using: grass, dead leaves and moss. The nests are often lined with hair.



What has been used to make the nest?

A photograph of a robin nest. The nest is built on the ground, surrounded by dry grass, twigs, and some moss. It contains two small, brown, downy chicks and one brown egg. One chick is looking up with its beak open. The background is a green gradient.

What Do Robin Eggs Look Like?

There are two robin chicks and one egg in this nest.

The female robin can lay up to five eggs in her nest!

How many eggs and chicks can you see in this nest?

What Do Robin Eggs Look Like?

The eggs are pale cream with light brown speckles.

What colour are the robin's eggs?



Where Do Blackbirds Build Their Nests?

Blackbirds build their nests in trees, bushes and hedges.

Blackbirds start to build their nests in March.

Where Do Blackbirds Build Their Nests?




Blackbirds
sometimes
build their
nests
inside a
building!

How Do Blackbirds Build Their Nests?

Blackbirds build their nests from: grass, twigs and straw stuck together with mud.

The nest can take two weeks to build.

This is a blackbird's nest. What has been used to make the nest?



What Do Blackbird Eggs Look Like?

There are four eggs in this nest.

A female blackbird lays up to five eggs in her nest!

How many blackbird eggs can you see in this nest?

What Do Blackbird Eggs Look Like?

The eggs are blueish green with brown speckles.

What colour are the blackbird's eggs?

How Can We Help Nesting Birds?

Helping hands

Leave some natural materials such as pet hair, hair from your hairbrush, hay or straw in a safe place in your garden so that birds can use these for their nests.



