

Ring-necked Parakeet (*Psittacula Kramen*)

Of all our quite recent British imports, this is the most colourful, the most vocal, and the most fascinating to watch. None of our other birds makes such flexible use of beak, claws and tail.



Long-tailed Tit (*Aegithalos Caudatos*)

You may well see Great Tit, Blue Tit, and Coal Tit, as well as Long-tailed Tit. The Long-tailed Tit seldom comes alone, and is pinky rather than blue or green; and it has a very long tail.



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Meet some of the Birds that live in our grounds

At least 40 species have been seen in or from the church garden, so this is a very small selection of what you might see. You are likely to see more birds if you stay a while, and keep still.

Goldfinch (*Carduelis Carduelis*)



Seldom seen on its own. It likes the company of other Goldfinches. A vision of red and black and gold. Seldom quiet. Goldfinches twitter - a silvery twitter. What did you see it eating?

Starling (*Sturnus Vulgaris*)



Another company bird and talkative bird. Admire the colours: Starlings are beautiful birds. How many colours?

Robin (Erithacus Rubecula)

Of all birds, the most human-friendly. Robins come when other birds fly away. They connect human with food: don't disappoint them; and appreciate them.



The young Robin (on the right) has a speckled, not a red, breast. The Robin is a beautiful singer. and knows it!, Red or orange?

Dunnock (Prunella Modularis) (Hedge Sparrow)

No, they are NOT slightly different House Sparrows; but they do look like House Sparrows although they behave differently. They have a nicer song than the House Sparrow. The slate grey head is a give-away. How do their movements differ from House Sparrows?



Woodpigeon (Columba Palumbus)

Sometimes called Ring Dove. Can you see why? It can do funny things when flying: watch carefully. How would you describe its "song"? What colours do you see?



Pigeon (Rock Pigeon) (Domestic Pigeon) (Columbidae)

The reason for all the wire and spike defences on the church roof. You rarely see just one pigeon. It is quite common to see 30 of them. Once wild Rock Doves, they now appear in many colours and patterns, because people bred them - before they became wild again. How many different patterned pigeons can you see?

