

# Strictly About Birds

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## Birds Found in Our Gardens

A survey was conducted by a group of grade 7 learners. They set out to discover which birds frequented their gardens.

3 different times of the day were identified:

Early morning before school.

Early afternoon after school.

Early evening just before sunset..

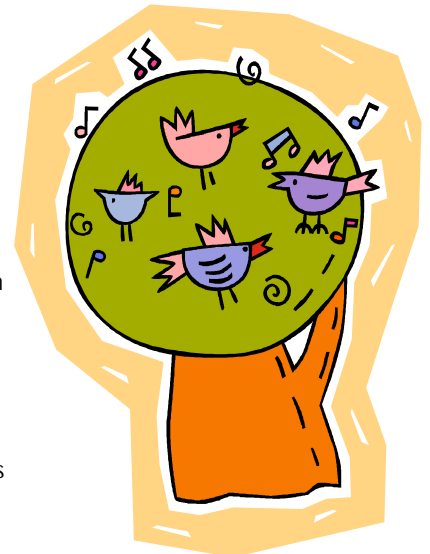
Over a period of a week each learner recorded the bird activity in their garden at the above specified times.

Bird type and the number of each was recorded on a tally table.

Learners had fun comparing their finding.

Learners looked for similarities and differences between residential areas and between different types of gardens.

They collected information about the different plants types found in the gardens, they climatic conditions and the availability of water as well as measures different homes may have taken to encourage or discourage



birds visiting their garden such as bird baths, bird feeders , scarecrows, shining metals etc.

### Look 4 these :

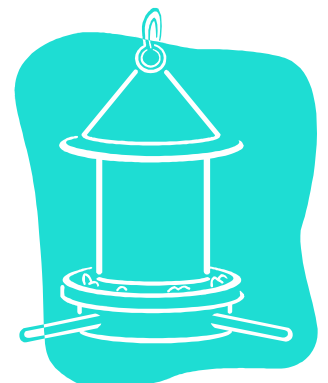
- Bird Idiom Competition
- Bird Games
- Bird Facts
- Bird Feeders

## Bird Feeder Competition

Technology students were give the task of design a bird feeder using at least 80% recycled materials.

The results of this competition was very pleasing. The learners showed an appreciation from preserving the environment by recycling.

The feeders were placed around the school gardens for a week and were judged on there durability and as to how effective there were at attracting birds and attracting a variety of bird.





**Magpie** - a person who talks a great deal, or collects or hoards things indiscriminately, especially objects of poor quality.

1. Give the meaning of the following idioms:

- A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush
- A little bird told me
- Birds of a feather flock together
- Happy as a box of birds
- Kill two birds (with one stone)
- A little bird told me
- Naked as a jay bird
- Strictly for the birds
- The early bird gets the worm



A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush

2. Supply another bird idiom and its meaning.

3. Submit your answers on an A4 sheet of paper with your Name and class and post it in the entry box outside the Science Lab.

## Bird Word Search

A	C	E	M	L	U	C	I	W	L
B	E	W	A	S	S	E	V	H	R
N	E	S	T	R	T	Y	I	I	O
L	Y	H	E	L	K	J	T	T	W
A	M	E	M	B	R	A	N	E	A
C	A	L	B	U	M	E	N	H	N
Y	O	L	K	M	S	G	F	O	P
T	U	T	R	J	D	G	G	P	I
E	O	I	D	U	S	Q	T	E	G
W	P	P	E	T	T	F	S	W	Q

Find the following words about bird reproduction:

1. egg
2. membrane
3. albumin
4. yolk
5. embryo
6. white
7. mate
8. nesting



Ornithology is the study of birds. A scientist who studies birds is called an ornithologist.

## Interesting Facts

**Fastest runner**  
70 km/hr

Lays the largest egg  
1400g

Largest bird



Fastest flyer = Peregrine falcon



National Bird of South Africa

The Blue Crane

Some amazing hunters, like eagles, have eyesight that is five to six times sharper than a person's.