

The Robin

Consistently voted the nation's most loved garden bird, the European robin (*Erithacus rubecula*) is a comforting sight to many people.

Robins can be seen and heard in gardens and parks and sing nearly all year round. They will even sing at night next to street lights.

Despite their cute appearance, they are aggressively territorial and are quick to drive away intruders.

Questions:

What do you think about when you see a robin?

Did you keep birds as pets?

What's your favourite bird?

Do you enjoy bird watching?

What sayings do you know about birds?

Suggestions for tactile or sensory elements/ additional activities:

Some people might like to sing along to the old song: 'When the Red, Red Robin (Comes Bob, Bob, Bobbin' Along)', recorded by both Al Jolson & Bing Crosby.

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Robin Trivia.

Q. Who killed Cock Robin?

A. The Sparrow with his bow and arrow.

Q. In which decade did Robin, the boy wonder first appear in the Batman cartoon strip?

A. 1940's

Q. Who recorded Rockin Robin in 1958?

A. Bobby Day. It reached number 3 in the UK charts.

Q. Who also recorded this song in 1972?

A. Michael Jackson.

It is claimed that the robin became the iconic bird of Christmas in the Victorian era, when postmen were nicknamed robins due to their red waistcoats. Robins began to appear on Christmas cards to represent the postmen who delivered them.