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SELECTED BIRDS OF BRITAIN

MAGPIE (Pica pica)

The conspicuous Magpie is resident throughout Britain with the exception of the north of Scotland. May be seen almost everywhere, even in London parks, but most frequently on arable land and amongst hedgerows. Gives a chattering 'chack-chack-chack' note. Has a varied diet, including small mammals, carrion, insects and grain; its practice of robbing other birds' nests of eggs and young has earned the Magpie the enmity of gamekeepers. Today, with fewer game preserves, it has increased in numbers. This distinctive, short-winged long-tailed bird is commonly seen by itself, but larger 'ceremonial assemblies' may be observed early in the year, during the courting season. Both birds share in the building of a large domed nest high in a tree or in a bush. The nest is made of brambles and sticks, lined with earth and fine roots. Eggs, 5–8 in number, vary in shade from dark green to light blue with closely mottled brown spots. The sexes are alike, reaching 18 in (46 cm) in length, including a tail of 8-10 in (20-26 cm).

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