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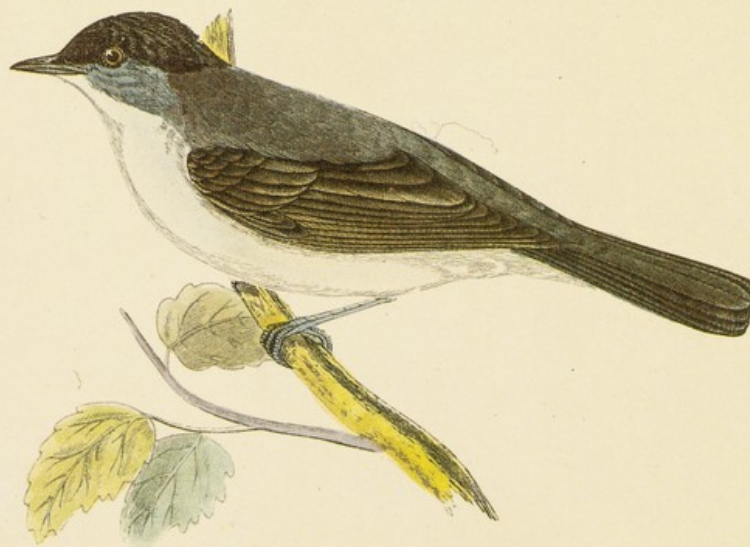
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BLACKCAP.

Ventolin

(salbutamol BP)

INHALER and ROTACAPS

Effective bronchodilator therapy avoiding systemic side effects

PRESENTATIONS AND BASIC NHS COSTS

Ventolin Inhaler is a metered-dose aerosol delivering 100 micrograms salbutamol BP per actuation. Each canister provides 200 inhalations. Basic NHS cost £2.86.
Ventolin Rotacaps 200 and 400 micrograms each contain 200 or 400 micrograms of salbutamol BP, as sulphate. Basic NHS cost of 100 capsules of each is £4.41 and £5.96, respectively.

Ventolin Rotahaler for use with Ventolin Rotacaps. Basic NHS cost is 65p.

INDICATIONS

Routine control of bronchospasm in bronchial asthma, bronchitis and emphysema, or as required to relieve attacks of acute bronchospasm. Doses may be taken before exertion to prevent exercise-induced asthma or before exposure to a known but unavoidable antigen.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Ventolin Inhaler: for adults the single dose is one or two inhalations and for children it is one inhalation but increasing to two, if necessary. For routine maintenance therapy the single dose is repeated 3 or 4 times daily.

Ventolin Rotacaps: for adults the single dose is one Ventolin Rotacap 200mcg or 400mcg and for children it is one Ventolin Rotacap 200mcg.

For routine maintenance therapy the single dose is repeated 3 or 4 times daily. For optimum results in most patients inhaled Ventolin should be administered continuously 3 or 4 times daily. Rotahalers should be renewed every 6 months.

CONTRA-INDICATIONS

Ventolin preparations should not be used for the prevention of threatened abortion.

PRECAUTIONS

If a previously effective dose of inhaled Ventolin fails to give relief lasting at least three hours, the patient should be advised to seek medical advice. Ventolin should be administered cautiously to patients suffering from thyrotoxicosis. Unnecessary administration of drugs during the first trimester of pregnancy is undesirable.

SIDE EFFECTS

No important side effects have been reported following treatment with inhaled Ventolin.

SELECTED BIRDS OF BRITAIN

BLACKCAP

Sylvia atricapilla

This warbler is usually a summer visitor to Britain, arriving in April and departing in October, although a few Blackcaps over-winter in the south. It breeds mainly in England and Wales. The favoured habitat is wood or heathland with plenty of undergrowth. Insects and larvae form the principal diet, although fruit is taken in the autumn. The song is a clear, rich warble, often uttered from a hidden perch, and brought suddenly to an end. It has been mistaken for the song of the Nightingale by the inexperienced. The alarm is a loud 'tac tac'. In courtship the male has a variety of displays; sometimes he fluffs his feathers and shows his cap, or the wings and tail may be splayed or raised. The nest is built mainly by the female in dense growth. It is a rough but secure structure of woven roots, grass and hair. 4-5 eggs are laid, their colour is a whitish green, mottled with darker shades. The cap of the male is black, that of the female reddish-brown. Both birds reach 5½ inches (14 cm) in length.

(Illustration from "A History of British Birds" by F. O. Morris)

LEGAL CATEGORY

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