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Members of the Thrush family are always early participants in the Dawn Chorus. Records show that their song in mid-April commences typically with the sun still from 6° to 8° below the horizon. On the East coast of Britain, birdsong may start up to an hour before that on the South and South-West coasts — possibly because of reflection of dawn light from the sea, suggesting an earlier and brighter start to the day.

Bird portrait painted specially for CIBA Laboratories by Philip Rickman



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