



## **BLUE TIT**

**Common resident throughout Ireland. One of Ireland's top 20 most widespread garden birds.**

**A colourful, noisy, active little bird, commonly seen in gardens, especially at nut feeders and will use nestboxes.**

**Bright blue crown, nape collar, wings and tail and yellow underside.**

**The white cheeks are bordered by a dark blue line - the line through the eye is separated from the blue cap by a white band - all producing a distinctive head pattern. Bill is short and stubby, legs bluish-grey.**

**Very acrobatic, often hangs upside-down on branches pecking at buds or foraging for insects. Regular visitor to peanut feeders and will use nestboxes. Occurs in woodland, farmland, gardens etc.**

**Usually seen in small groups in winter and will team up with other tit species, Treecreepers and Goldcrests to form roving bands.**

**Song a clear, quite high-pitched "tsee-hee-he-hee...". Call a series of scolding chuckles, also many short twitters.**

**Mainly small insects, but also seeds and will readily use peanut feeder and take scraps from bird table.**



**Breeds throughout Ireland - prefers broad-leaved woodland, but also in farmland, parks and gardens. Nests in cavity in**

**tree or wall. Occasionally chooses an unusual site such as a pipe or letterbox, but will readily use nestboxes.**

**Largely resident. Countryside Bird Survey & Garden Bird Survey.**

