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Opening extract from
Let's Look for Garden Birds

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Favourite foods

Not all birds eat the same things.
Look at the shape of their beaks. These tell you a lot about the different types of food they eat.

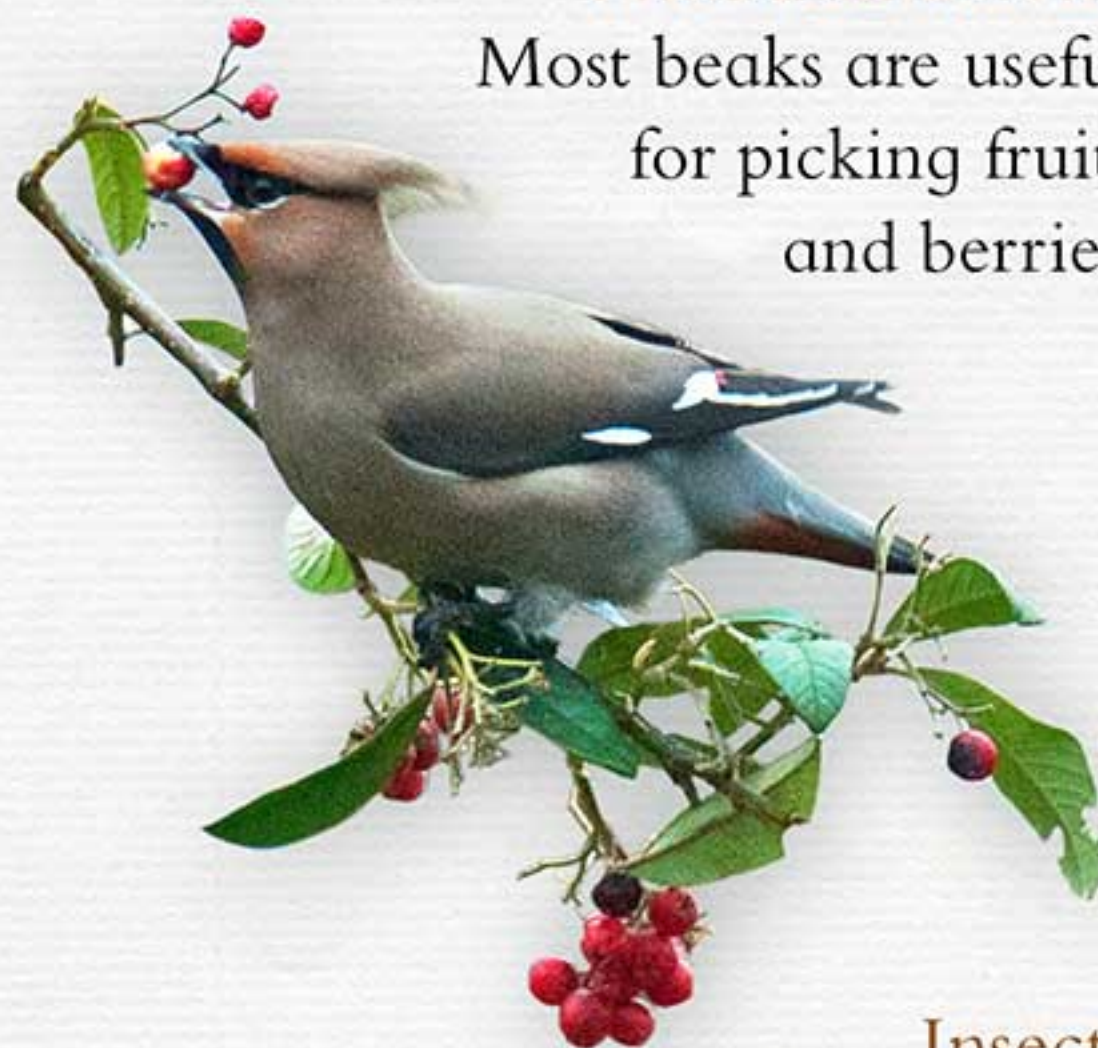
Worms and snails

Birds, like blackbirds, have thin, pointy beaks – good for pulling up worms.



Fruit and berries

Most beaks are useful for picking fruits and berries.



Seeds and nuts

Short, sharp beaks are perfect for pecking at seeds and nuts.



Fish

Hérons use their long beaks to catch fish from garden ponds.



Insects

Tasty grubs like this make a juicy meal for many birds. Almost any beak will do.



Listening to birds

See if you can hear some of these birds when you go outside.

Great tit

Can you hear the “teacher, teacher” sound made by the great tit?



teacher-teacher

Carrion Crow

Listen out for the “caw, caw, caw” of this noisy, black crow.



caw! caw! caw!

Wren

“Chek, chek, chek” sounds the little wren when danger appears.



chek, chek, chek

Robin

“Twiddle-oo, twiddle-ee-dee, twiddle-oo twiddle” sings the robin.



twiddle-oo, twiddle-ee-dee

Collared dove

“Coo-coo-coo” goes the pretty collared dove.



coo-COO-coo

Easy-to-spot garden birds

You can see these birds all year round,
except for the swallow who flies to
Africa when it gets cold.



great tit



woodpigeon



chaffinch



blackbird



magpie



starling



wren



robin



dunnock



song thrush



swallow



blue tit



sparrow



jay