

Blue Tits are easy to spot because of the bright colours of their feathers. They have a yellow underside, bright blue wings and greenish back, with a black and white face.



They are small birds that grow up to 12 cm long and can weigh up to 11 g.

Blue tits are common in gardens that have bird feeders and can be great fun to watch, as they are able to hang upside down from the feeder to get to the food. As well as seeds and nuts that they get from the garden feeders they also eat insects and caterpillars.

Blue tits lay eggs in April and May when there are plenty of caterpillars about for them to feed the chicks on. They can lay a large number of eggs, between 6 and 12 is normal, but they can lay more! The eggs are white with purple-red or brown-red spots. The female bird sits on the eggs for about 2 weeks. When the eggs have hatched both parents feed the chicks until they can fly, which takes between 2 and 3 weeks.



When milk was delivered by a milkman, and left on the doorstep, blue tits learnt to peck holes in the foil bottle top and they would eat the cream that was at the top of the bottle.



1. What colour are the blue tits underside and wings?

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2. How much does a blue tit weigh?

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3. Name four things that blue tits eat.....

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4. When do blue tits lay their eggs?

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5. How many eggs do they lay?

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6. Why did blue tits peck holes in the tops of milk bottles that were left on the doorstep?

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7. Write down four colour words that have been used in the passage and then draw a picture of a blue tit.

a.

b.

c.

d.



Answers

1. Blue tits have a yellow underside and bright blue wings.
2. A blue tit weighs about 11g.
3. Four things that they eat are: insects, caterpillars, seeds and nuts.
4. Blue tits lay their eggs in April and May.
5. They lay between 6 and 12 eggs.
6. Blue tits pecked holes in milk bottle tops to eat the cream that was in the top of the bottle.
7. Four colour words listed from: yellow, blue, green, black, white, purple, red and brown.