





SUMMERLEE MUSEUM OF SCOTTISH INDUSTRIAL LIFE - DRAWING NATURE

Take a walk along the Monkland canal in the grounds of the museum. If you are quiet and still you will hear see and hear a number of birds. The post-industrial landscape of canal, woodland and wildflowers provides a rich habitat to support birds. Some of the birds are very well known and a few are more unusual.

Try to draw an accurate picture of each bird and write its name in the box.

	
<p>Blackbirds eat insects, worms and berries and can be found all over the country. The female is brown.</p>	
	
<p>These little black and white birds are easy to spot – they really do wag their tails! You can spot them on the ground hunting for their favourite food of insects.</p>	

	
<p>The Mallard duck is easy to spot on the canal. The male has a yellow bill and brightly coloured head. The female is less colourful but has a yellow bill too.</p>	
	
<p>Magpies are not shy. They have a loud chattering song, bold black and white feathers which when you look closely are shiny with greens and purples. They scavenge food and eat what they can find.</p>	

There are lots of birds here are some of the common ones:

Woodpigeons and Rock doves (pigeons!). Waxwings come and eat berries in winters. Coal tits and Great tits can be seen in the trees. After picnics in the summer you will see a lot of Great black-backed gulls swooping down to eat from the bins. Sparrowhawks can be seen occasionally too we even found one dead after it had flown into a window a few years ago.