

# Dinner, bed & breakfast for your birds...



As part of your 'Dinner, Bed & Breakfast' package for your garden birds you can use **birdbaths and birdtables as features in your garden**. These focal points really come alive when you can watch from inside your house as the birds arrive to feed and bathe.

Position the **birdtable** where you can view it from the house but in a 'quiet' area and avoiding ambush opportunities where cats can wait behind bushes or hedges. Bushes or trees around it are great places for birds to queue!

**Hygiene** at tables and individual feeders is very important – keep clean to avoid risk of disease for your visitors.

Again placing the **birdbath** where you can see it from inside is great fun – a blackbird bathing with the sun behind it is a splendid sight. Water is essential for drinking and preening. Keep the water clean in summer and unfrozen in the winter. A large plastic saucer sitting in the bowl can make this last job easier.

A **wooden birdtable** and **stone birdbath** are really fine focal points in the garden but if you aren't ready for this why not try one of our **complete bird feeding stations** on metal poles?

## What you'll need

- Decide where your view will be enhanced with a new focal point
- Decide whether you want a nesting box, table or bath
- Choose from our great range of these bird features!
- Make sure you have the kit to keep your features clean and healthy for your visitors

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## GIVE A BIRD A HOME!



November to January are perfect times to put up nest boxes in our gardens. Our gardens provide a rich diversity of habitat and food for birds and some extra nesting sites will be welcomed by them.

Your boxes should be fixed to trees, posts or walls 2m – 4m (6ft-12ft) from the ground to avoid disturbance from humans and cats. Face the entrance out of the prevailing wind (blowing from south and west) and the sun and the rain.

Attract different species with various types of box: a box with a circular entrance suits tits, with different diameter holes for different ones; robins like an open-fronted box; sparrows are sociable and choose a terrace or a highrise flat.

Generally keep the nesting area away from bird feeding tables, they enjoy the privacy from other birds! Consider putting up a box with a camera inside so you can watch them building nests, hatching and feeding on your TV or computer.

If you haven't already done so, clean out existing boxes now and sterilise with boiling water now. In future wait until the end of the breeding season in August before you 'autumn-clean' your boxes.

