

MODULE 3: WHAT DO I EAT?

Learning about the type of birds' diets and habitats

Teacher's notes

Aims

This module is designed to teach children about:-

- The different food sources of different bird species
- How their diet impacts upon the habitat they choose
- The impact of loss of food sources on bird population
- How people can help birds by providing bird feeding stations
- How to make bird feeders
- How to monitor use of bird feeders

Contents

The module includes

- 3 Powerpoint presentations
 - What different birds eat (KS1 & KS2)
 - What birds eat from feeders (KS1)
 - Birds in winter; what birds eat and how providing feeding stations can help them (lower KS2)
- Activity plans and instructions for bird feeder making for KS1 & lower KS2
- Bird record sheets

Activities that you can undertake with your pupils involve making a variety of bird feeders to create a bird feeding station within the school grounds. The children can monitor and record the birds that visit and the foods that they prefer. In addition to learning about birds, habitats and relationships with human beings, children will use practical skills to make feeders. Monitoring also allows exercises in observation and record keeping and can be related to other educational elements such as production of graphs and pie charts.