

British Nature Guide

Bird migration

Birds like the Robin and the Bluetit live in Britain all year round. They have got used to warm summers and cold winters. They do not migrate.



Birds like the Snow Bunting and Barnacle Goose spend the summer in countries further north, like Iceland and Greenland. When the weather starts to get cold they fly south to Britain to spend the winter here where it is warmer.



Birds like the Swallow and Yellow Wagtail only visit Britain in the summer when it is nice and warm and there are plenty of insects for them to eat. There are not many insects in Britain in the winter, so these birds fly south to warmer countries in Africa to feed on insects there instead.

