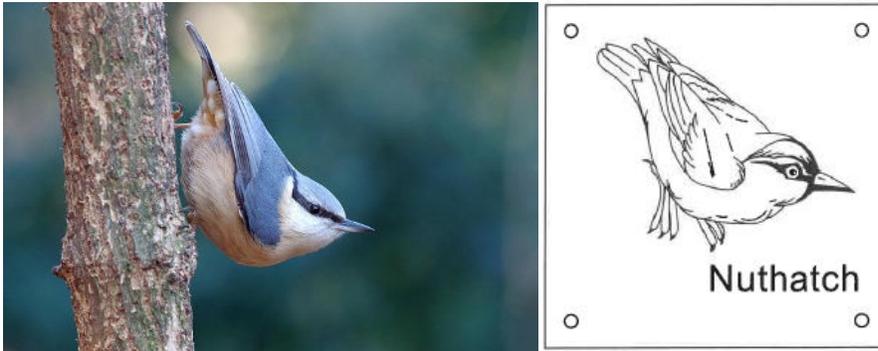


Nuthatch

(*Sitta europaea*)



The nuthatch is a bold little bird with a blue-grey back, peachy belly, and a striking black eye-stripe. Unlike most birds, it can climb down tree trunks headfirst! Often heard before seen, its loud, whistling call echoes through our woodland. Nuthatches love nuts and seeds, often wedging them into bark to hammer open—hence the name. Agile, acrobatic, and full of character, this woodland resident is a joy to spot all year round.

Nuthatch

Extended Facts

- Nuthatches are one of the few birds able to climb down tree trunks head-first.
- They store nuts in bark crevices for winter feeding.
- They prefer mature broadleaved woodland with old trees for nesting.

Curriculum-Linked Activities

- Bird-call study: identify nuthatch calls vs other woodland birds.
- Create nut-storage experiments mimicking nuthatch behaviour.
- Nest-site mapping around school woodland areas.

Useful Weblinks

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/animals/birds/nuthatch/>

[Nuthatch Bird Facts | Sitta Europaea](#) (listen to bird call)