

All About Birds



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According to research data, Hong Kong is home to nearly 450 bird species, accounting for about one-twentieth of the world's total. Among these, around 90 are resident species, while over 300 are migratory birds. This incredible diversity is thanks to Hong Kong's unique geography and rich habitats. Nestled at the mouth of the Pearl River, with mountainous terrain and varied ecosystems, Hong Kong offers ideal conditions for birds to thrive.

In addition, Hong Kong sits along the East Asian-Australasian Flyway, making it an important stopover and wintering ground for migratory birds traveling between northern and southeastern Asia, further enhancing its avian diversity.



Common Bird Species in Hong Kong

Tree Sparrow



- Upper parts of the plumage are brownish
- Cheek and throat with black spots which are indistinct or missing in juveniles
- About 15 cm long
- Common and widespread

- Black crest
- Red cheek patch
- Orange-red vent
- About 20 cm long

Red-whiskered Bulbul

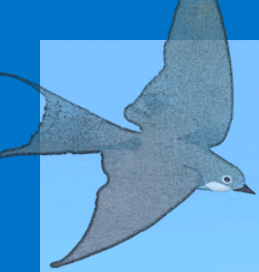


Masked Laughing-thrush



- Mainly brown in plumage
- Black mask and cinnamon vent
- About 30 cm long
- Often gather in small groups of about seven, commonly seen active in the forest understory
- Loud and strident calls





Common Bird Species in Hong Kong



Spotted Dove

- The most commonly seen dove in Hong Kong. It looks like pigeon
- White-spotted black collar around the side of the neck and hindneck
- The call is a melodious ter-ku-koor
- About 30 cm long

- Very long tail
- Blue upperparts, black head, red bill
- About 65 cm long
- Often on the ground. Found in areas with thick scrub cover



Blue Magpie



Black-collared Starling

- Head is white, skin around eyes yellow
- Bill black, underparts and rump white, legs yellow
- Juvenile lacks black collar
- About 28 cm long
- It gives a loud piping cry





Test your knowledge



Please match the following bird species images with their corresponding names:



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• **Spotted Dove**



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• **Blue Magpie**



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• **Black-collared Starling**



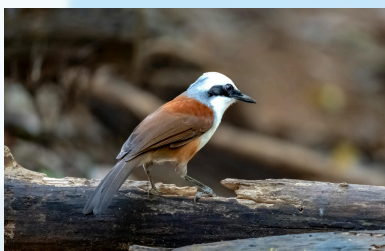
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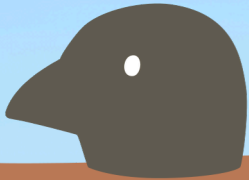
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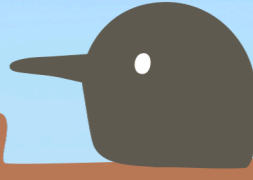
Test your knowledge



Birds have beaks of various shapes that help them enjoy different kinds of food. Observe the shapes of these beaks and match them with the food they prefer.



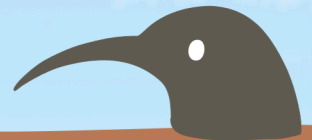
Can break open hard shells



Used to pick up small pieces of food



For easy picking and swallowing food



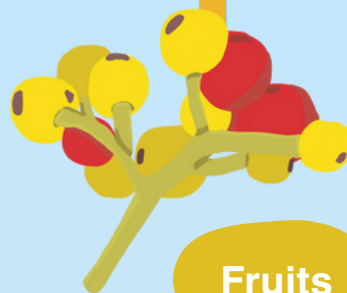
Can reach into narrow spaces to feed



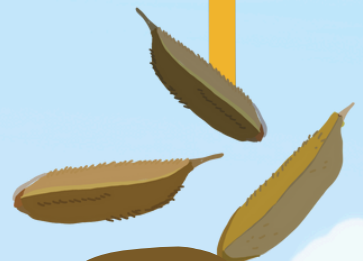
Insects



Nectar



Fruits



Seeds