



## ***Birdie of the Month 9***

### ***Treecreeper***

The ***Treecreeper*** (*Certhia familiaris*)

***What do Treecreepers look like?*** The treecreeper is a small, very active, bird that lives in trees. It has a long, slender, downcurved bill. It is speckly brown above and mainly white below.

Their song is very quiet and could be mistaken for insect noise.

***Where can Treecreepers be seen?*** You may be lucky enough to see one in the various wooded copses that we have around Childwall Golf Club. They breed and are resident here.

Treecreepers are active during the day. They creep up trees, exploring bark and crevices, using their long, sharp beaks to pick out insects such as earwigs. Once they've reached the top of the trunk, they will often fly down to the base of another and repeat their upward climb. They might also feed on seeds during the winter months when invertebrates are scarce.

Treecreepers are actually quite common birds; they're just hard to spot. Movement gives them away – look for them on tree trunks ***climbing upwards***. (They appear to look like a mouse climbing up the tree).

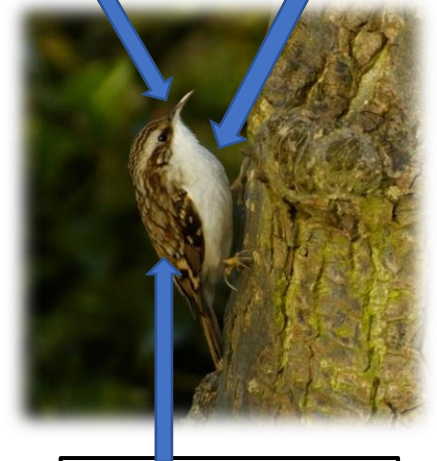
Treecreepers are homebodies; they stay in their own small territories, some sticking to only one tree!

***What do Treecreepers eat?***

Insects; Seeds in the Winter months

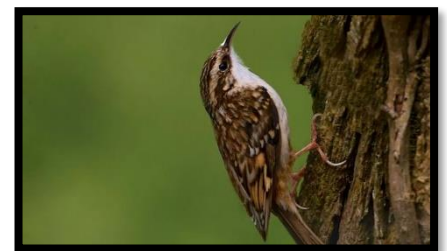
Downcurved  
bill

White underparts



Speckly brown above

***The Treecreeper is a small, active bird often seen creeping its way UP a tree trunk***



***For more information go to:***

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/wildlife-explorer/birds/thrushes-chats-flycatchers-starling-dipper-and-wren/treecreeper>

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/wildlife-guides/bird-a-z/treecreeper/>