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The **Chiffchaff** (*Phylloscopus collybita*) is a warbler.

The chiffchaff is a small olive-brown warbler which actively flits through trees and shrubs, with a distinctive tail-wagging movement.

Some chiffchaffs stay all year-round, but most migrate here from Africa. They are one of our earliest arrivals, singing their hearts out from the end of February onwards.

They can be seen almost anywhere around the golf course, especially in trees and shrubs, but you are more likely to hear their distinctive song ([Chiffchaff Bird Facts | Phylloscopus Collybita - The RSPB](#)).

The **Willow warbler** (*Phylloscopus trochilus*) is also a warbler.

Willow warblers are small birds with grey-green backs and pale under parts. They have a yellow tinged chest and throat and pale supercilium (the stripe above the eye).

Like the Chiffchaff, they can be seen around the golf course in trees and shrubs but are less common.

They are separated from the very similar Chiffchaff by their song ([Willow Warbler Bird Facts | Phylloscopus Trochilus - The RSPB](#))

They are both summer migrants and spend their Winter further south usually in Africa.



Chiffchaff



Willow warbler



Chiffchaffs are common around Childwall Golf course in early Spring and Summer. You will see them in trees and scrub but listen out for the 'chiff chaff chiff chaff' song.



Willow warblers are slim, delicate birds of woodland, scrub, parks and gardens. They can be heard singing a melodious, warbling song from the tree canopy.

Scan the **QR Codes** for more information and to hear the distinctive songs of both the Chiffchaff and the Willow warbler