



Birdie of the Month 7

Nuthatch

The **Nuthatch** (*Sitta europaea*)

What do nuthatches look like?

The nuthatch is a plump bird about the size of a great tit that resembles a small woodpecker.

It is **steely grey-blue above, pinky buff below and has a prominent black eye-stripe, white chin and dark, dagger-like bill.**

Nuthatches are busy and agile birds, typically seen working their way **down** a tree trunk searching for food.

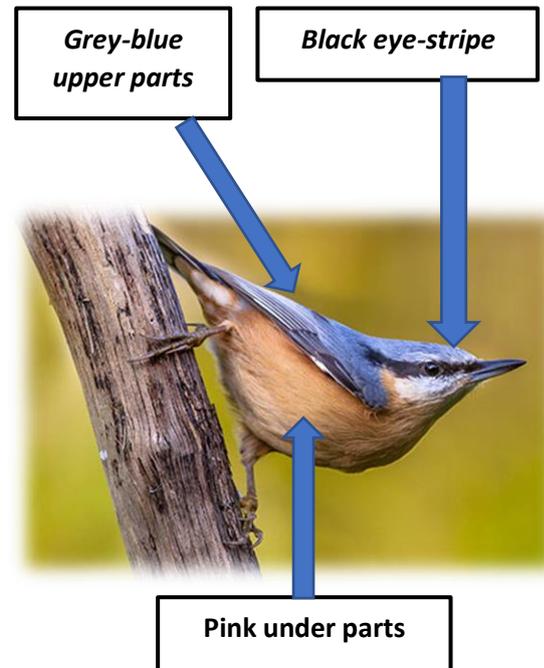
Where can nuthatches be seen?

The birds can often be seen in the wooded copses around Childwall Golf Club. It is a resident, with birds seldom travelling far from the woods where they hatch. We have had 3 or 4 at a time on the feeders by the 18th green.

Nuthatches build their nests in cavities in trees so are likely to use one of the many nest boxes that we have around CGC.

What do nuthatches eat?

Nuthatches eat insects, nuts, acorns, and seeds. They will also sometimes eat sap and flower buds, and in the Winter they will visit bird feeders.



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Many nuthatches have been seen on the feeders by the 18th green