

Five Secret Facts About British Songbirds



1. Robins can hear worms moving underground.

A robin's super-hearing helps it find its favourite snack — wriggly worms — by listening for tiny sounds of movement beneath the soil.

2. Great tits learn new songs every year.

Like children learning tunes, great tits can **invent new songs or copy others** — some even pick up sounds from ring tones and doorbells!

3. Blue tits use mint and lavender in their nests.

To keep away fleas, blue tits sometimes line their nests with **fragrant leaves** that act like natural insect spray.

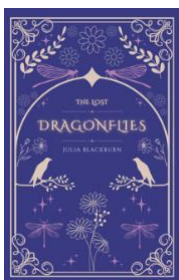
4. Songbirds don't sing for fun — they sing to survive.

Each note tells rivals, "This garden's mine!" and attracts mates. But they also sing to **calm themselves**, just like people hum when they're nervous.

5. A robin's red breast looks different to other robins.

To humans, all red breasts look the same — but to robins, each one glows with **unique ultraviolet patterns** we can't see.

The secret world of songbirds is full of small acts of courage, music, and everyday magic



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