

## BLUE TIT

The Latin name for the blue tit is *Parus caeruleus*.

The blue tit is sometimes referred to as the tom tit.

This is a tiny bird with a body length of 11-12cm. The adult blue tit has a sky-blue crown, contrasting strongly with the white and black of the rest of the head. A neat black line runs from the bill base, through the eye onto the rear crown, where it widens and dips down, before extending forwards to meet a neat black bib on the chin. The mantle and rump are lime-green and the tail is a dull blue-grey. The wings are sky-blue with a thin white wing bar. The breast is lemon-yellow, with a black central streak on the belly. The legs and feet are bluish lead-grey.

This bird nests in holes in trees and walls, or finds suitable nest-boxes put up by humans.

It has a considerable variety of call notes, but most frequent is a '*tsee, tsee, tsee*' often followed by a scolding '*churr*'.