

SONG THRUSH

The Latin name for this bird is *Turdus philomelos*.

The song thrush is a medium-sized bird with a body length of 22-24cm. Male and female are similar, brown above, with a pale breast strongly spotted with black, and a yellowish patch on the throat.

This bird is a familiar garden bird, which is widespread and common throughout the whole of Europe. It is a regular visitor to gardens of almost any size, parks, hedges and woodland. It is often seen on lawns with its head cocked on one side as if listening - it is in fact looking for signs of food.

This bird lays 4 to 5 eggs in March or April, which are blue, sparsely speckled and blotched with black.

Their nests are built of grass and roots and at times moss, leaves and twigs, with a smooth earth cup reinforced with small pieces of rotten wood.