

Learning through observation

Look out for the birds on your recognition chart and any others you might see. Make a note of the following features and keep a tally of the number of birds you see. Is the beak long or short? Where do you see the bird? What is it doing? By making observations you will begin to see that each species is different, occupies its own special habitat and has different habits.

Species	Colour	Habitat	Activity	Tally
Robin				
Blue tit				
Blackbird				
Mistle thrush				
Mallard				
Moorhen				
Hooded crow				
Chaffinch				
Magpie				
Wood pigeon				
Seagull				
Wren				
Jay				

Suggested follow-up

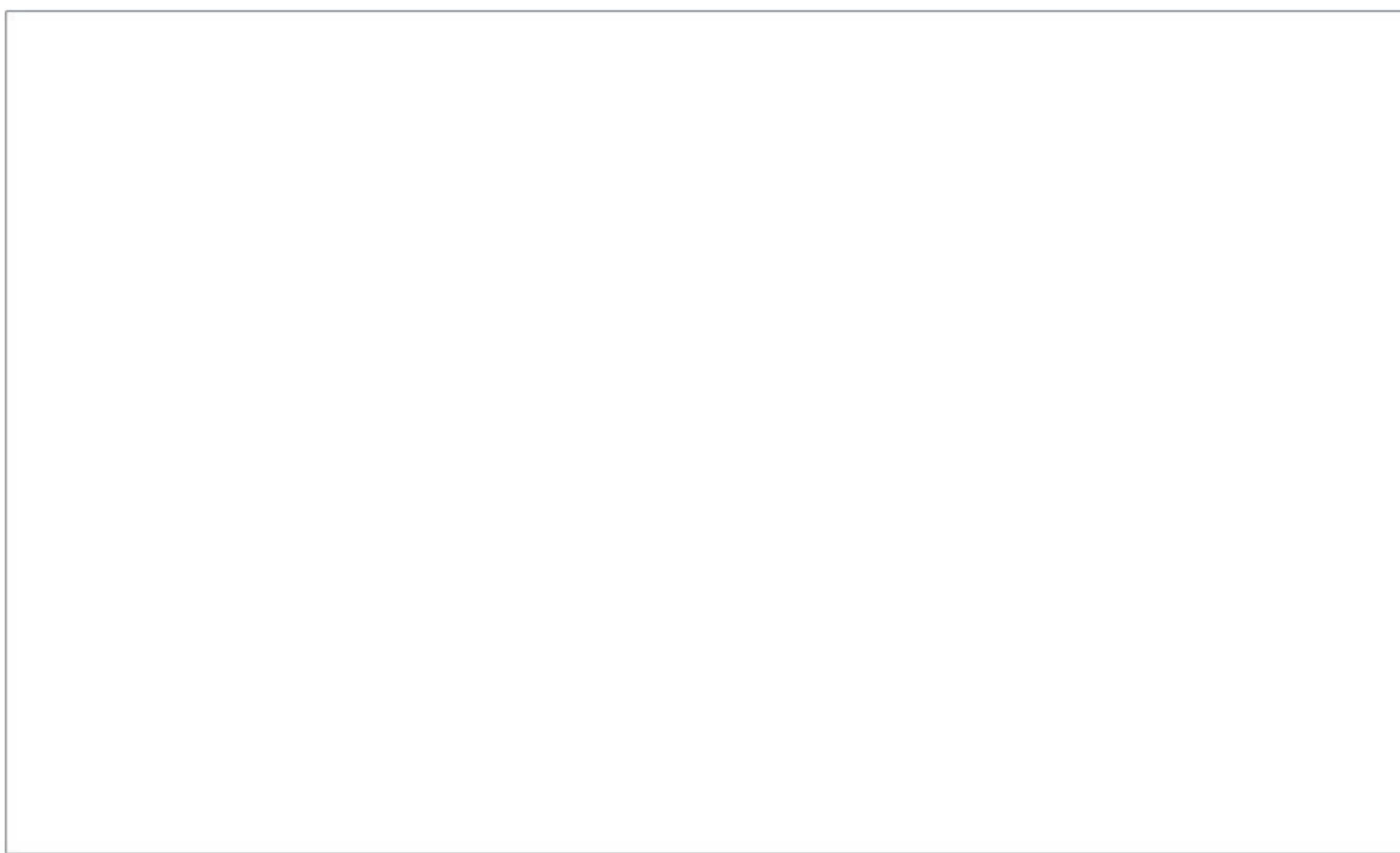
1. Make a bar chart of the birds you saw.
2. Which bird is the most common? What is its habitat?

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3. Chose one bird you saw and draw it. Label it carefully with the particular adaptations it has which allow it to survive.



4. Migration: Can you explain why many birds would spend the winter in Ireland? On the other hand why do birds come here just for summer?

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