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Animal Fact Sheet

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European Robin

Erithacus rubecula

Erithacus rubecula is a small chat that has done more for the physics of animal navigation than any other bird. Experiments in the 1960s showed that robins have a magnetic compass, and — crucially — …

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Muscicapidae
Habitat: Woodlands, gardens, parks, and hedgerows
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-3 years in the wild
Weight: 14-21 g
Scientific name: Erithacus rubecula

Did you know?

- Despite their popularity and friendly appearance, European Robins can be surprisingly aggressive, sometimes fighting intruders to the death to defend…
- Both sexes hold territories in winter and both sing, which is unusual among European songbirds, and the melancholy winter song is a territorial adver…

What I learned

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