BullfinchHabitat Hero



Seen in Ireland:

Year Round

Common Name: Bullfinch

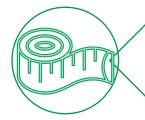
Irish Name: Corcrán coille

Scientific Name: Pyrrhula pyrrhula









Size: Bullfinches are 15cm long from beak to tail.



Habitat (where it lives): Bullfinches are common and breed throughout Ireland, usually in hedgerows and deciduous woodland. They visit gardens and school grounds regularly.



Diet: They feed mainly on the buds of native trees (e.g. Oak and hawthorn), as well as seeds and berries such as bramble and dandelion.



Life: Bullfinch live 2-3 years.

Bullfinch Life Cycle



In Winter all the birds will leave the nest area. The Mammy and Daddy will stay together. The other birds will live on their own.

In **Spring** young
Bullfinches find a new
partner. All partners try
to find a nice place to
build a nest.









Baby birds will hatch from the eggs, and Mammy and Daddy will feed them until they can fly away. The Mammy and Daddy might have another family before the

In **Summer** the mammy bird will make a nest in a bush, and she will lay about 4 eggs.

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Some more Facts:

- Bullfinches are 15cm long from beak to tail.
- Their thick, stubby, black beak is the perfect tool for nibbling flower buds off trees and for crushing seeds.
- Males have a dark black cap, face, wings and tail, a pale bar on each wing, and striking white rump patch.
- They also have a grey back and beautiful reddish-rose breast and belly.
- Females are similar except that their breast and belly are more grey-brown than red.
- The name 'bullfinch' comes from the bird's front heavy, bull-headed appearance.
- Bullfinches were once popular cage birds because they can be taught to imitate flutes.







