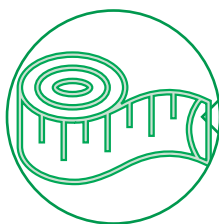


Bullfinch

Habitat Hero

Seen in Ireland:
Year Round

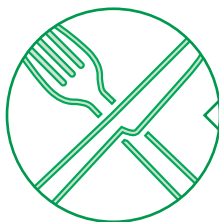
Common Name: Bullfinch
Irish Name: Corcrán coille
Scientific Name: Pyrrhula pyrrhula



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.

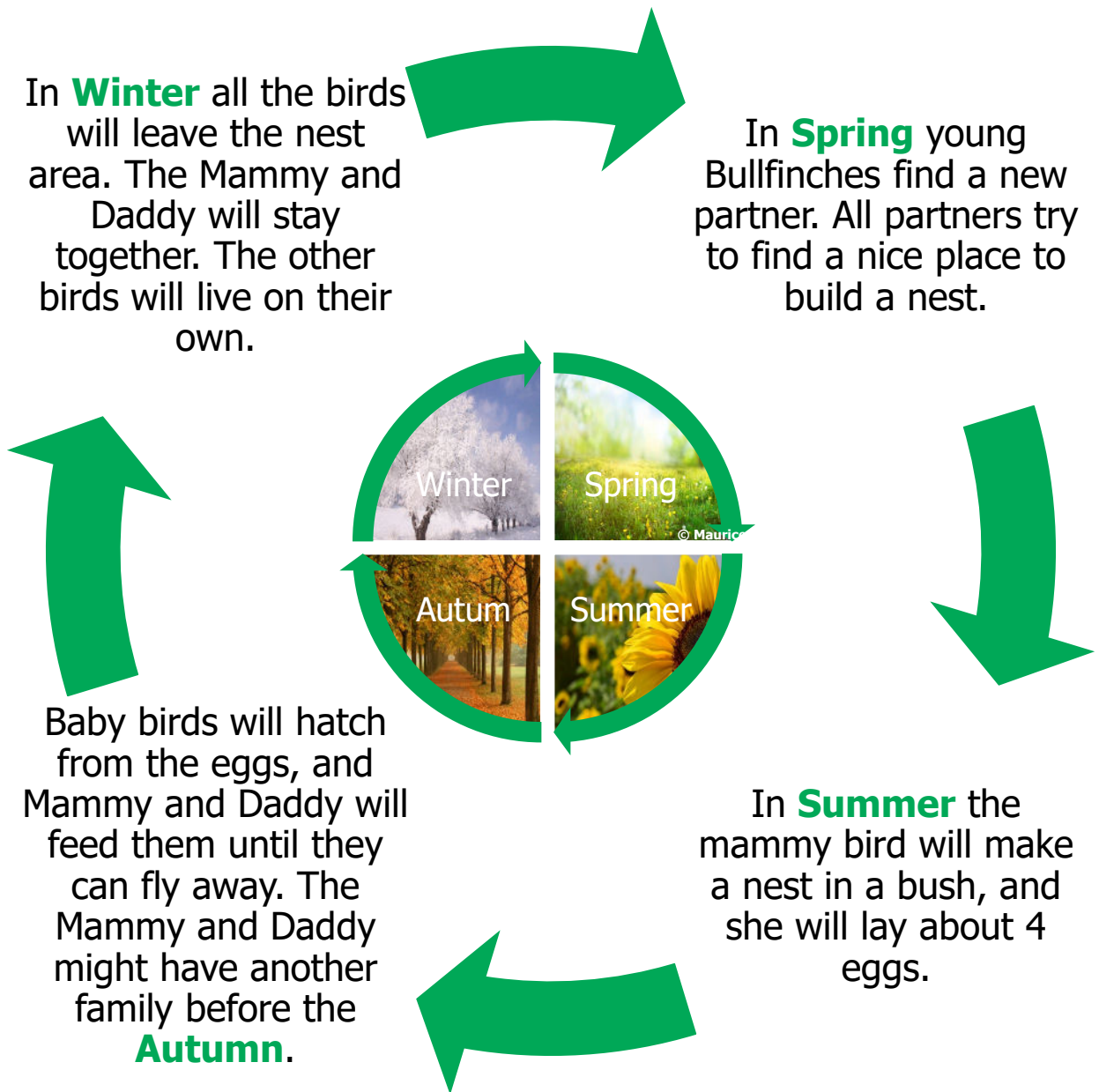


Diet: They feed mainly on the buds of native trees (e.g. Oak and hawthorn), as well as seeds and berries such as bramble and dandelion.



Life: Bullfinch live 2-3 years.

Bullfinch Life Cycle



Bullfinch

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.

