

Our reading skills:



vocabulary



infer



predict



explain



retrieve



sequence

Today we will be using these skills:

VOCABULARY

INFER

PREDICT

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RETRIEVE



New vocabulary we will need:

Species

Habitats

Suburban

Males

Females

Intelligent

Ornithologist

Carrion

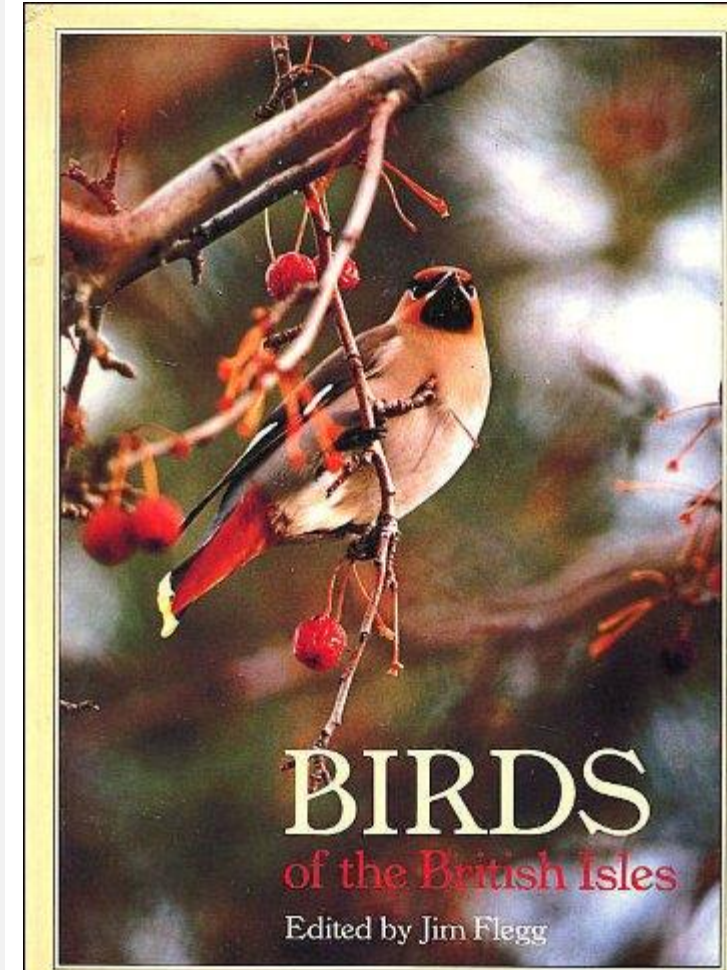
Iridescent



My turn ...

Together ...

Your turn ...



What kind of book do you think this is?  
Can you predict what we will find inside.

Magpies are bold, noisy **birds** that have many calls. They belong to a group of birds called **songbirds**. However, their voices are rather harsh sounding.

Listen to a magpies 'chatter' here:  
<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/wildlife-guides/bird-a-z/magpie/>



How are their voices described? How would **you** describe the sound they make?

What does 'species' mean?



Magpies are in the same family as crows, **ravens**, and jays. There are several different species, or types, of magpie. Common types include the Eurasian magpie and the black-billed magpie.



In the UK Magpies have many different habitats, such as forest or grassland and even suburban gardens and cities. They build nests in tall trees.




Did you know:  
Magpies have  
1 mate for life.



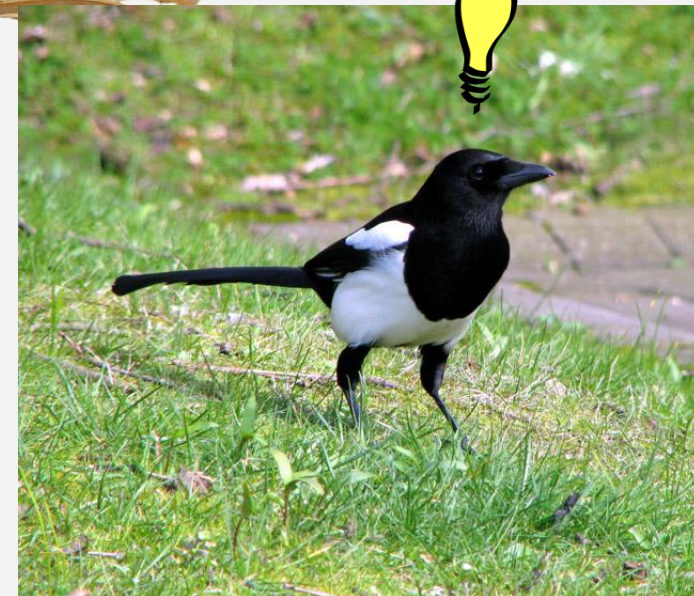
During spring, the males help the females to build nests by bringing materials which they then arrange. They are famous for collecting all kinds of objects, particularly anything shiny, to decorate the nest.





Magpies are very intelligent. Scientists who study birds are called ornithologists. They found that magpies can even recognise themselves in a mirror!

They also hide things and remember where to find them.



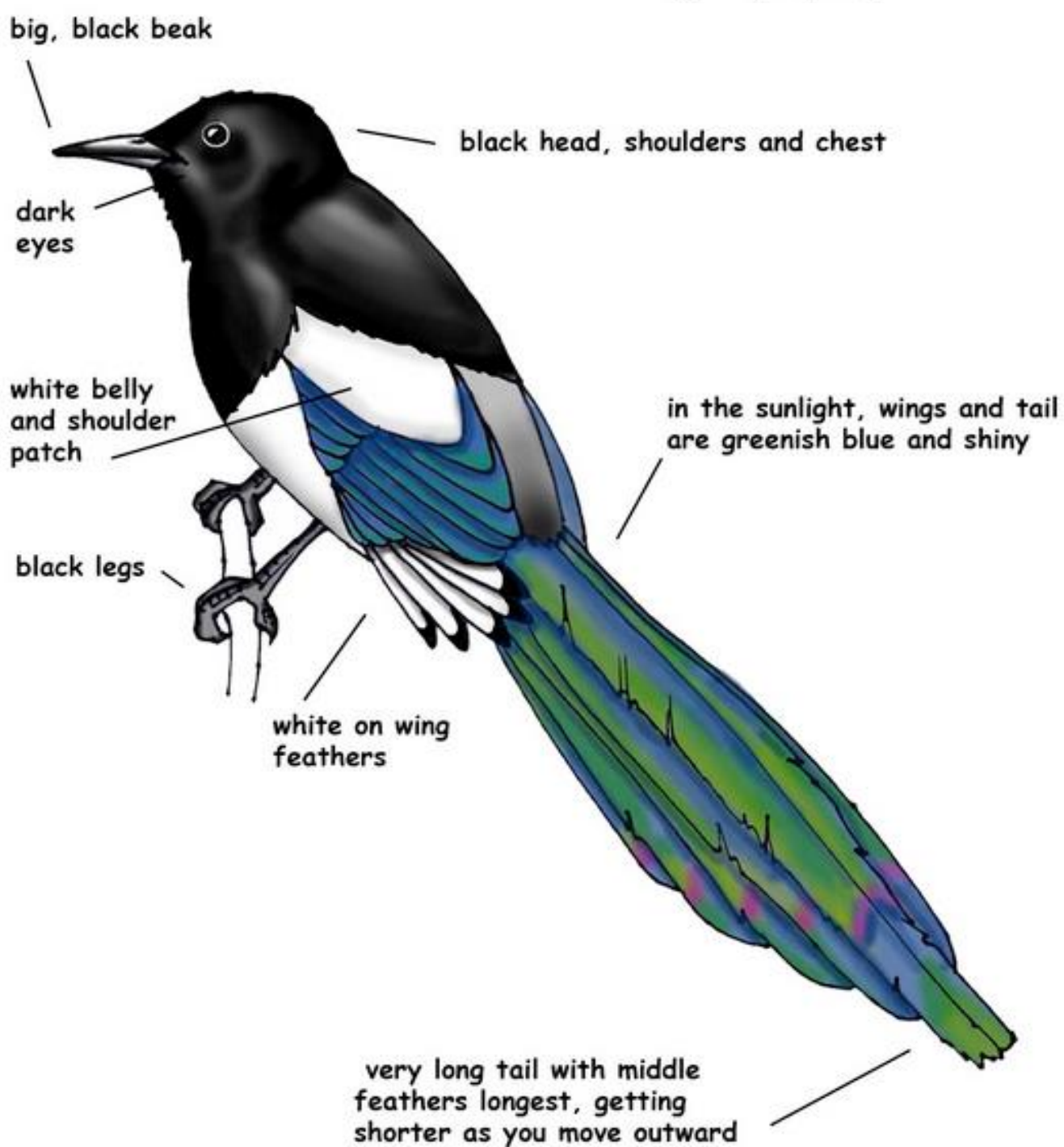
Magpies eat many different kinds of food. They eat insects, carrion, fruit, seeds, and even the eggs and chicks of other birds. When magpies have too much to eat all at once, they stash food away to eat later.

What does 'carrion' mean?



Herbivore?  
Carnivore?  
Omnivore?





The shine of colours in this way can be called '**iridescent**'.



An expanded noun phrase could be: An intelligent magpie with long, beautiful iridescent plumage flies gracefully to it's cosy nest in the towering tree stretching to the sky.

Just for fun:

Magpie poem

One for sorrow,  
Two for joy,  
Three for a girl,  
Four for a boy,  
Five for silver,  
Six for gold,  
Seven for a secret never to be told,  
Eight for a wish,  
Nine for a kiss,  
Ten for a bird,  
You must not miss.