

Description

The great tit is a very active bird and is always looking for food. They usually make short flights between the branches of trees. They're not surprised by the presence of human beings and it is not rare to see them eating from someone's hand in parks. Generally speaking, it is not an endangered species, although it is important to note that it suffers large juvenile population losses during autumn and winter. Lack of food, predatory species and cold are their biggest enemies.

Characteristics

It's a bird with a size of 14 centimeters. The yellow colour of its body makes it easily recognizable by its contrast with the plumage of its wings and tail. It has some peculiar white spots that usually appear on its cheeks and that stand out on its black head.

The great tit has a black band on the body which, in the case of males, is thicker and more defined than in females. Another difference between the two genders is that the colour of the plumage of males is much more vivid than that of females.

How and where do the great tit live?

We can find them all over the Iberian Peninsula, except for those areas where there is no concentration of trees.

As for its diet, it is based on invertebrates during the spring and summer months. During the winter it becomes omnivorous.

Reproduction

The common great tit tries to attract the attention of the females in a much simpler way: bristling the feathers and swelling the chest so that the intense black of its plumage stands out.

Fun fact

It is important to note that this species of bird stays in the same place where it was born throughout the year, without migrating.

The song of the great tit

Undoubtedly, the most striking thing about this species of bird is its song. It is able to make different claims through its singing with a multitude of variations, reaching to encompass a repertoire of up to 30 notes. It usually sings as it moves between the branches, although it also sings when they are still.