

# Blackbird (*Turdus merula*)

Size: 25 cm

Weight: 18 - 20 kg

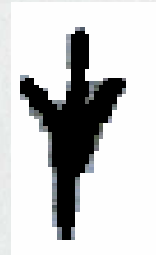
Lifespan: 7 - 8 years

Diet: Insects, worms and berries.

Habitat: Anywhere except mountains.

Predators: Large carnivores including cats.

Status: Not endangered but protected in the UK



o Only the males are black, the females are brown.

o They are one of the most common birds in the UK.

o They are solitary and males have a home territory.

o Their eggs hatch after only 12 - 15 days.

o Some Scottish blackbirds migrate heading to Ireland for winter.

