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Front Cover: **GREAT TIT** (*Parus major*) Mr. Moshe Technai, generously provided the pictures for the covers.

The Great Tit is one of the most widespread and recognizable songbirds across Europe and much of Asia. It can be identified by its **Black head and throat**; **Large white cheek patches**; **Bright yellow underparts** with a **black stripe** running down the middle of the chest and belly; **Olive-green back** and **Blue-grey wings** with a distinct **white wing bar**. Length: 12.5–15 cm (5–6 in)

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HABITAT

Their diet changes with the seasons:

- Spring & summer: Caterpillars, insects, spiders (especially when feeding chicks)
- Autumn & winter: Seeds, nuts, berries, and fat-rich foods

BEHAVIOUR

- Curious and intelligent birds.
- Agile climbers that inspect bark and leaves for insects.
- Known for their varied and surprisingly complex songs—ornithologists have documented dozens of different call types.
- Quite bold around humans and often dominate smaller tits at feeding stations.

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