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METAL BIRDS

Are trendy birds for in your garden. Just a couple of hits with the hammer is enough to attach the bird to a tree, wooden fence or window sill.

RUST-LIKE COLOUR

The birds are made of weathering steel, which is a type of metal that develops a stable rust-like colour when exposed to the weather.

The owl is an imposing bird thanks to its ear tufts and recognisable call. In the Benelux you can find the long-eared owl. Its favourite places are pine forests, spruces and open fields. In the evening you can hear its characteristic call across the fields.



**UIL/OWL/EULE/
HIBOU/MB01**









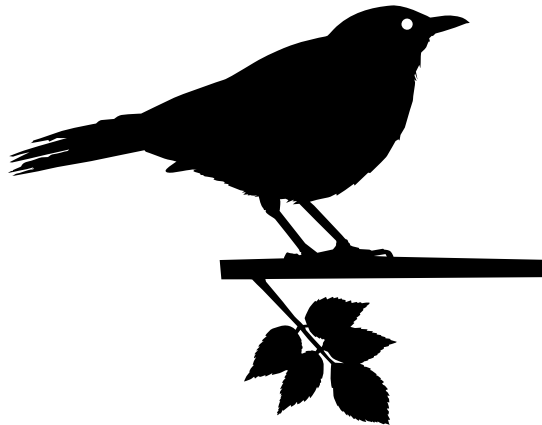
**GROTE BONTE SPECHT/
GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER/
BUNTSPECHT/PIC ÉPEICHE/MB02**



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Do you hear it drumming away on the tree? It's a woodpecker, probably looking for a meal of beetles under the bark. Or maybe it's building a home to begin a family of woodpeckers

**MEREL/
BLACKBIRD/
AMSEL/MERLE/
MB03**



The blackbird is a popular songbird. Every year it announces the start of spring, and on sultry summer nights its singing can carry you away. That is, if you're a bit of a romantic.









DUIF/PIGEON/TAUBE/PIGEON/MB04



This New Zealand pigeon is affectionately called 'woody' in New Zealand. It is important for spreading plant seeds and forms an essential link in the ecological chain. So there's a reason the New Zealanders are careful with their pigeons.



The wren is a small, thick-set bird with sandy brown feathers and a tail that stands straight up. Its song is clear with shrill vibratos. It is about 9 to 10 centimetres tall and mainly eats insects and spiders. These little birds nest in parks and gardens, preferring hedges, shrubs and trees. They make up to three nests per year and have five to eight chicks.

**WINTERKÖNIG/WINTER
WREN/ZAUNKÖNIG/
TROGLODYTE MIGNON/
MB05**









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ROODBORST/ROBIN/ ROTHKELCHEN/ ROUGE-GORGE/MB06

We often see robins, but they've never tapped on our windows. They do sing like none other, especially just before sunrise. In winter the *Erithacus rubecula* is easy to spot against the white snow cover in the garden.

Did you know...

We know a tall tale about the red breast of the robin. The bird is supposed to have taken the thorns out of the crown of Jesus Christ at the cross. In the process a thorn pricked the robin, and the bloody breast was made permanent by an angel as a reward for its empathy. Watch out that our robin doesn't prick you!



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**XXL/ROODBORST/
ROBIN/ROTHKELCHEN/
ROUGE-GORGE/MB20**



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**IJSVOGEL/KINGFISHER/
EISVOGEL/MARTIN-
PÊCHEUR/MB07**



Does this little angler get its name from its regal gleaming feathers? Or is it because someone once saw it near a hole in the ice, waiting for his prey?

In the Netherlands the little kingfisher is fortunately becoming more common. Especially in the Biesbosch, but in autumn it can be found anywhere near water with fish. And now that Metalbird has the kingfisher silhouette, they are only getting more and more common in the Netherlands.







**KOOKABURRA/KOOKABURRA/
JÄGERLIEST/KOOKABURRA/
MB08**



This Australian kookaburra makes our hearts melt. It can reach a size of half a metre and you may see it in forests or parks. Its call has given it the nickname of 'laughing bird'. But don't let its cute appearance fool you: it's a real carnivore and regularly devours finches and small reptiles. So it's a little less cute than its appearance might indicate, but it's still a magnificent bird to see.

The kookaburra lives in Australia, but now that Metalbird has set up shop in the Netherlands it can also be found in Dutch gardens, balconies and houses.





**WAAIERSTAARTJE/
FANTAIL/
FACHERSCHWANZ/
LEVE-QUEUE-BLEU/
MB09**



This tiny jumper takes its name from a fan-shaped tail that allows him to perform various antics in the air. It's one of the most common indigenous birds in New Zealand.

Rhipidura fuliginosa hunts insects and is bold enough to approach humans to a distance of just a few meters. Its Maori name is Piwakawaka, which you can also use to describe his call. You can also hear a tiny rubber duck with a cold in it. But otherwise it's a beautiful animal.





**METALBIRD
TURNS TO
RUST**

**LET'S REPAY MOTHER
NATURE FOR HER
LOVING TRUST**

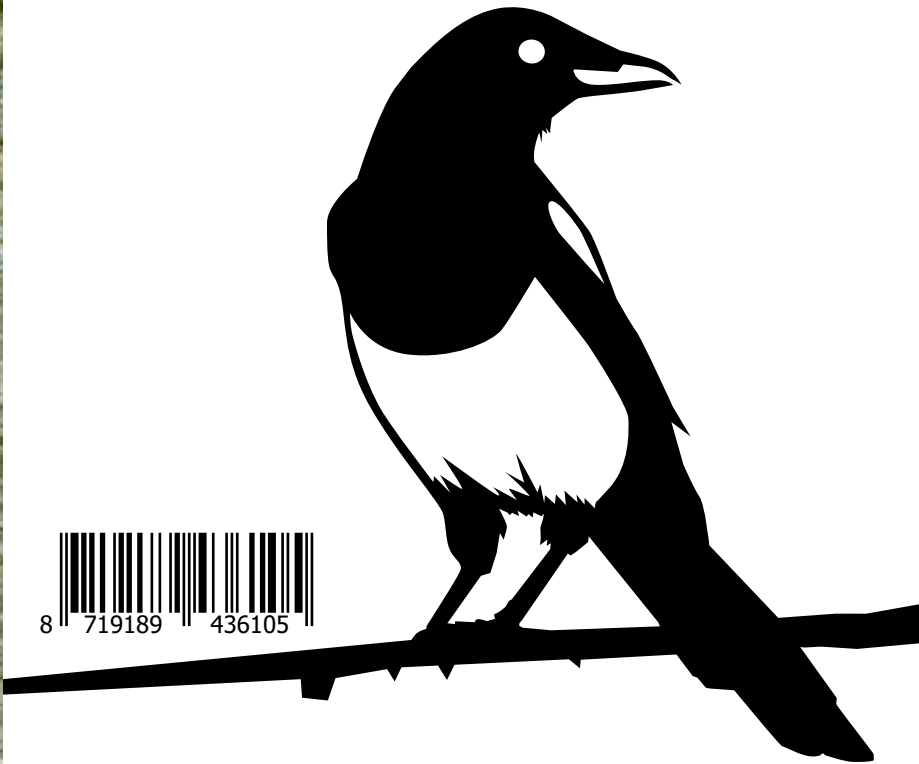






EKSTER/BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE/ELSTER/PIE BAVARDE/MB10

The magpie is a noisy, nosy type. You can't miss this close relative of the crow. It claps its wings and makes itself heard. Its Latin name is *Pica Pica* and that name is definitely earned. Magpies pick at everything they see. Usually it's looking for food. It is an omnivore that doesn't shirk away from eating small birds.





**AUSTRALISCHE
EKSTER/MAGPIE LARK/
DROSSELSTELZE/
GRALLINE-PIE/MB11**



The Australian magpie is the southern hemisphere relative of our Dutch magpie. It looks tough and menacing with its black-and-white crown of feathers and its long legs. The bird is greatly appreciated among fans of its singing talents, but less so by Australian cyclists. Sometimes he dives onto the cyclist or the bicycle from great heights to protect its territory from the supposed intruder.









BOOMKLEVER/NUTHATCH/ KLEIBER/SITTELLE TORCHEPOT/MB12

Nuthatches walk both up and down a tree trunk, hence its name. They're hole breeders known for diminishing their spawning caves by mud 'masonry'. This masonry urge is often so strong that even when the hole already has the appropriate size, another masonry work is made nearby.

The nuthatch has a gray blue crown and upper parts, red-brown flanks and buff white cheeks and chin. During breeding season the male's colours are extra intense. Short feet with relatively long toes, long nails to have a good grip on the tree bark. Their beak is pointy and thin.

XXL/**BOOMKLEVER**/
NUTHATCH/**KLEIBER**/
SITTELE TORCHEPOT/**MB18**



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Hummingbirds belong to the apodiformes family. This family has more than 300 species. Most species are found in South America.

The hummingbird can hover in mid-air! This is caused by the very rapid wingbeat, some 15 to 80 strokes per second. This rapid wingbeat makes the hummingbird the only bird that can also fly backward. They can even fly straight up and down. The 'helicopter' among birds.

This way of flying costs a lot of energy which is supplied by the sugars in the flowers' nectar.

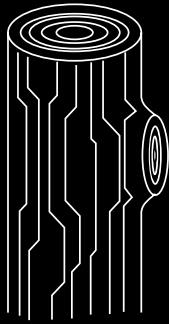


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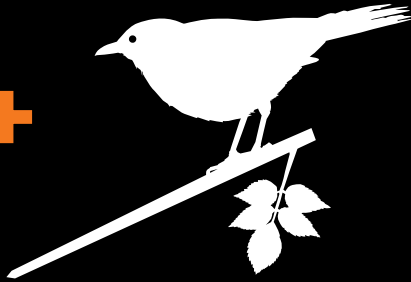
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KOLIBRI/HUMMINGBIRD/KOLIBRIE/KOLIBRI/MB13

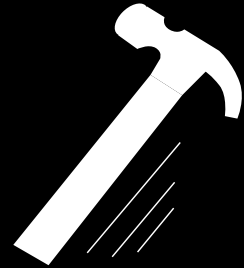




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The crested tit is mostly found in Europe. The tit can be recognized mostly by its gorgeous crest which erects further when the bird gets excited. Crested tits are quite territorial birds that stay in their breeding area the whole year. Only young birds form nomadic groups in winter. In spring they look for their own territory yet where they'll stay for the rest of their lives. The crested tit eats primarily insects except in winter when it also eats the seeds of pine trees and hawthorns and rowanberries.

**KUIFMEEES/CRESTED TIT/
HAUBENMEISE/MÉSANGE
HUPPÉE/MB14**



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XXL/**KUIFMEEES**/
CRESTED TIT/**HAUBENMEISE**/
MÉSANGE HUPPÉE/**MB19**

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The sea eagle is an impressive and very large bird of prey found in watery areas. He lives of fish, water birds and bait as well. For a long time the sea eagle was a rare winter guest, but its numbers have increased and nowadays this magnificent bird of prey also breeds in the Netherlands. We had five mates in our country in 2014.

The sea eagle usually leads an almost solitary life but you can find multiple sea eagles in places where there's a lot of food to be found. It is a big bird of prey with broad wings, a prominent head and a short wedge-shaped tail. Adult birds have a white tail, white head and yellow beak. Young birds are dark brown with white spots on their body, pale cream-streaked plumage on their underwings and a largely dark beak.



AREND/EAGLE/ADLER/AIGLE/MB15



**BIG BAD BIRD
EDITION**

Van 19 februari 2017 t/m 17 september 2017 zijn de mooiste werken van dierenschilder Art Schouman (1710 – 1792) te zien op de feestelijke tentoonstelling voor kunst- en natuurliefhebbers 'Een Koninklijk Paradijs' in het Dordrechts Museum. Speciaal voor deze tentoonstelling maakte Metalbird twee vogels, gebaseerd op de geschilderde vogels van Schouman.





**TOEKAN/TOUCAN/TOUCAN/
TOUCAN/MB16**



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**BLAUWKAPMOTMOT/BLUE-CROWNED
MOTMOT/BLAUSCHEITEL-MOTMOT/
BLAUSCHEITEL-MOTMOT/MB17**



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HENK AND PHIL

The birds originate from Auckland, New Zealand, where they sprung from the mind of designer Phil Walters. Phil was a fan of Banksy, an English artist who makes graffiti art. His graffiti works inspired Phil to also create something that would make the world a little nicer. He made 40 birds of weathering steel and gave them a home in North Island, New Zealand. Passers-by liked the idea so much that wanted to buy their own birds, so Phil decided to produce more metal birds and sell them. That is how Metalbird was created.



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