



OUR WOODLAND BIRDS

A NATURE LOVER'S GUIDE



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ABOUT THE BOOK

A bird of witchcraft that was used for casting spells

With mercurial giggles like the tinkling of tiny bells

Not too dissimilar to a Robin that's gone wild in his mum's
make-up bag

This stocky, streaked songbird likes nothing more than to
sing his song all day long

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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For my goldfinches, Jess and Romy and Mae

FOREWORD



Matt is an illustrator whose drawings I love to look at. Here's why. They are beautifully drawn and painted. Matt's style is his own, totally, but it reminds me of a favourite of mine, Edward Lear, funny and affectionate towards the birds. The design of his books, harks back to bird books I pored over when I was a boy. The drawings, while they are Matt's style, are correct. Colours and shape, it's important! Like his other books, *Our Garden Birds* and *Our Songbirds*, this is *Our Woodland Birds*. British Birds, you see. They are Matt's passion, and mine. Because they are with us all the time. Have a look, in the city, in the countryside, at the seaside, they are our companions. Matt draws the birds like that.

Edwyn Collins, February 2014