The Long Tailed Tit

The adult Long Tailed Tit is a small bird whose black and white tail is longer than its body. Its shoulders and underparts are pinkish and the head has a white crown with black marks above the eyes. They have red eye rings and a very small black bill. Unlike the adults, Juvenile Long Tailed Tits do not have pink underparts and have grey-black cheeks.

The Long-tailed Tit's nest is a ball of moss, spiders' webs, lichen, feathers, and hair that is built by both birds in a bush, hedge or tree. It takes the adult male and female about 3 weeks to build the nest. The female will have 1 to 2 clutches of eggs each year. Each clutch will consist of 5 to 16 purplish white eggs with purple and red spots. The eggs will hatch after 12 to 14 days and two weeks later the chicks will fledge and leave the nest.

**Long Tailed Tit facts:**

- **Distribution:** Found all year round except for in the far north and west of Scotland.
- **Habitat:** Popular habitats include woodland, farmland hedgerows, scrubland, parkland and gardens.
- **Description:** Black and pink with white crown and long black tail.
- **Size:** Length: 15 cms Weight: 7-9 grams.
- **Life-span:** A Great Tit can live for up to 2 years.
- **Food:** Feed on insects and their larvae, spiders and also on berries.