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Fieldfare

The **Fieldfare** (*Turdus pilaris*)

Fieldfares are grey-headed, chestnut-backed large thrushes, much like a Mistle Thrush in size, shape and behaviour.

They stand very upright and move forward with purposeful hops.

They are very social birds, spending the winter in flocks of anything from ten or twenty to several hundred strong.

Fieldfares can be seen around the golf course during the winter months. They can be found on the ground (with Redwings) and in trees.

Fieldfares are 'winter migrants' which means that they have migrated to the UK from very cold areas of northern Europe (Russia & Scandinavia).

Fieldfares spend the winter months in the milder temperatures of Britain and Ireland where food, such as berries, is more abundant.

Food: Berries and Worms

Numbers in the UK: 720,000 but this fluctuates from year to year.

For more information go to:

[Fieldfare | BTO - British Trust for Ornithology](#)

[Fieldfare Bird Facts | Turdus Pilaris](#)



Grey head **Chestnut back**



Fieldfare - a medium thrush often seen around CGC in Winter



Speckled body similar to a Mistle Thrush