



Għasafar Madwarna





This is a male Spanish Sparrow (Għasfur tal-Bejt).

The sparrow is a common bird. Its thick short beak can crunch a variety of food such as crumbs, seeds and insects. Set up a bird table and watch sparrows quarrel over food!

Sparrows make rough-looking nests in large trees and when they're not breeding, they like to stay in groups of hundreds in tall trees in public gardens.

Can you hear its chirpy call?





This is a male Sardinian Warbler (Bufula Sewda).
It likes to stay in bushes in our gardens
where it catches insects
in its slim beak.

Its black head
and white
throat make it
easy to spot as
the bird hops
from branch to
branch, flicking
its tail.

But most of all it is
easy to hear as it
chatters furiously
whenever we get too
close!



The best way to recognise a Robin (Pitirross) is from its orange breast. It likes to perch out in the open on a branch or wall. From here it puffs out its breast and warns other robins to keep away!



The robin has a thin beak like the Sardinian Warbler. This shows that it eats insects and minibeasts. When robins arrive from migration to spend the winter in Malta you can hear their unmistakable call and song from every group of trees.



This is a Black Redstart
(Fjamma Sewda).

It gets its name from its
colours. It is mostly
grey except for its tail,
which is red.

When the bird
flies off you can see its
deep red tail flashing: a
sure sign that this is a
black redstart!



The black
redstart has the
same shape as a
robin. It also has
the thin beak of
an insect-eater.
Look for it at the
top edge of
buildings. Its call
isn't easy to
remember!



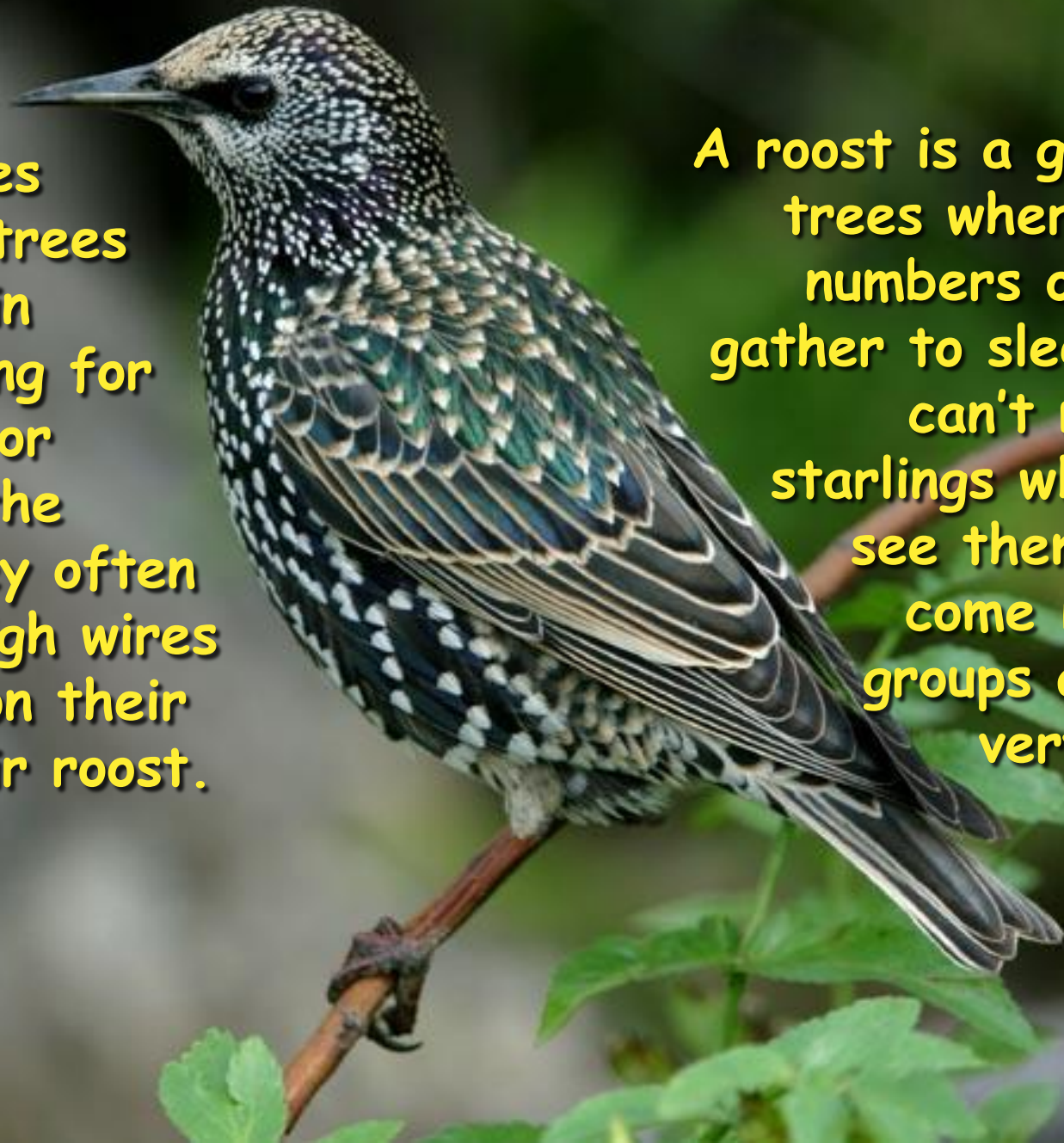
The White Wagtail (Zakak Abjad) is white, grey, and black and it bobs its tail all the time as it walks.



You can see it in the school ground as it walks around picking insects from near rain puddles and food scraps we throw away.



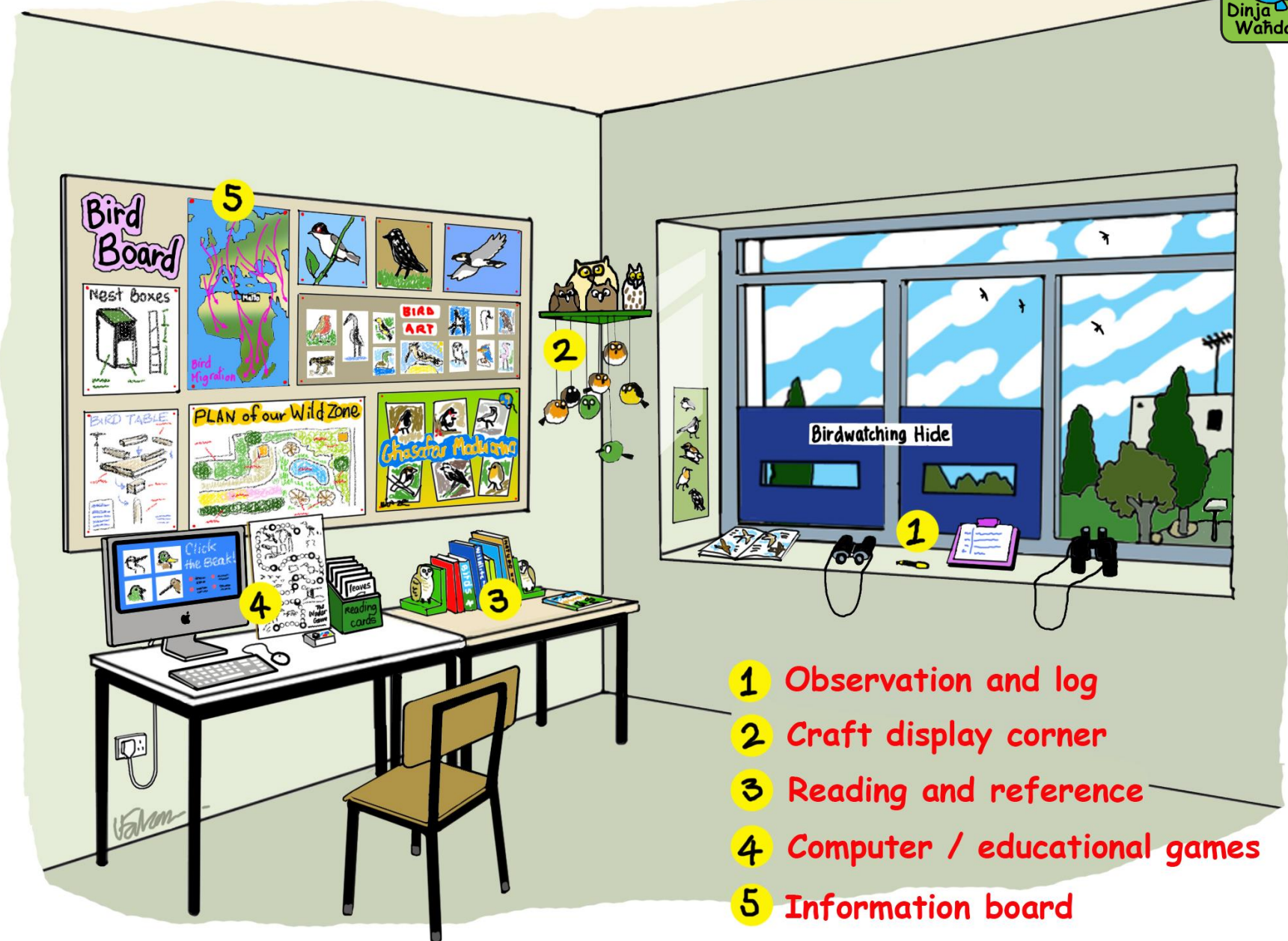
You can see Starlings (Sturnell) picking olives from olive trees or walking in fields looking for minibeasts or seeds. In the evening they often perch on high wires or aerials on their way to their roost.



A roost is a group of trees where large numbers of birds gather to sleep. You can't mistake starlings when you see them: they come in large groups and are very noisy!



Birdwatching from your classroom



- 1 Observation and log
- 2 Craft display corner
- 3 Reading and reference
- 4 Computer / educational games
- 5 Information board



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