

# Nest identification

March is a great time to try and identify some birds' nests before leaves have formed on the trees.

## Carrion crow

- ◆ Solitary cup-shaped nest normally high up in a tree
- ◆ Sometimes nest low in scrub areas with no trees
- ◆ Carrion crows also nest on cliff ledges



## Rook

- ◆ These communal birds nest in rookeries
- ◆ The cup-shaped nests are built close together in the tops of trees
- ◆ In England and Wales a rookery contains an average of 20-25 nests. In Scotland, rookeries are much larger and often contain hundreds of nests



## Magpie

- ◆ Large, dome-shaped solitary nests found low down in scrub trees such as hawthorn
- ◆ The nest is unique in having two sections. The first is the normal cup-shaped nest, the second is a roof, making the whole nest appear dome-shaped
- ◆ Magpies are notorious for stealing shiny items to decorate their nests

