

## Wren

### *Troglodytes troglodytes*

This is one of the smallest of Icelandic birds along with the Redpoll and the Goldcrest and is one of the characteristic birds of the birchwoods. Are easily identified by their small size, round shape, cocked tail and their powerful song which is heard all year round. They are reddish-brown above, often greyish-brown below, with dark streaks on wings, flanks and vent, and white spots on folded wings. Their bill is brown, slender and short, their feet brownish-pink and the eyes brown.



They fly fast and straight with their head stretched forward. They breed in scattered scrub, woods and well-vegetated lava fields. Their nest is spherical, woven by the males of dry grass and roots. They often breed twice in one summer. During winter they are found at unfrozen brooks, ditches and on the seashore.

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