

LEARN AT CHESTER ZOO

L.O: To compare and contrast the life cycle of mammals, amphibians, birds and insects.

LIFE CYCLE OF A ROBIN

Photocopy on to card. Cut out the individual cards with images and annotations. Keep together as a set of cards to create a life cycle.



EGGS

Robins lay one egg a day for a total of 5 to 6 eggs in a clutch.



HATCHLING

Robins hatch about 12 to 14 days after the last egg was laid. They are born without feathers.



NESTLING

It takes about 3 days before the robins start to grow their feathers. Baby robins jump from their nest when they are about 13 days old (but the range is 9 to 16 days old).



FLEDGLING

Having left the nest, it takes another 10 to 15 days for the babies to become strong fliers and independent. The parents continue to feed their young at this time. They have a dull, brown and speckled coat.



THE JUVENILE

The speckled feathers are lost in a partial moult when the bird is about 2 to 3 months old.



THE ADULT

Along with the issue of deforestation (e.g. for unsustainable palm oil production) resulting in habitat loss, these birds are hunted as food. Ornaments are also made out of their casques and feathers.