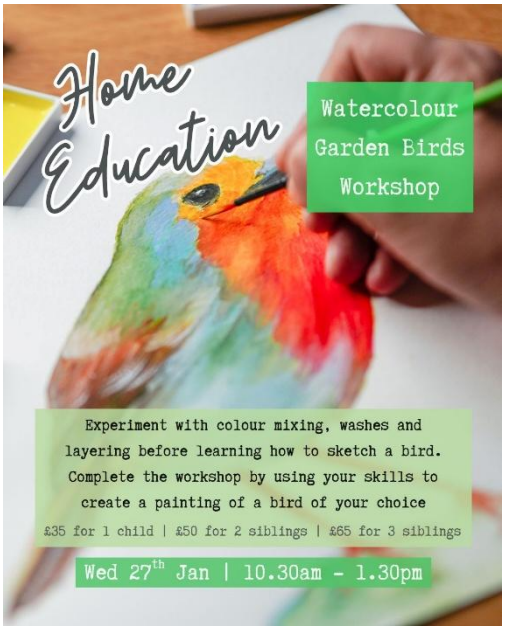
Class: Home Education (Aged 7-16)
Topic Focus: Watercolour Birds
Skill Focus: Drawing & Watercolour Painting
Group Size: Maximum 6 students



Overview
Join me as we explore the beauty of British garden birds through drawing and watercolour painting. Students will experiment with colour mixing, washes and layering before learning how to sketch a bird. They can choose to trace a bird outline or create their own drawing from reference images before using their new skills to create a finished watercolour painting of a bird of their choice. *All necessary materials and equipment will be provided by the studio, just bring your creativity!*

Learning Objective
To develop drawing and watercolour painting skills while creating a finished artwork inspired by a garden bird.

Learning Aims
✓ I can explore examples of bird artwork.
✓ I can practise colour mixing, washes and layering.
✓ I can observe the colours, shapes and patterns of garden birds.
✓ I can create a bird drawing using tracing or sketching techniques.
✓ I can use watercolour to add colour, texture and detail.
✓ I can create a painting inspired by a bird of my choice.

Workshop Breakdown
- Hour 1: Explore & Experiment: Explore examples of bird paintings and learn key techniques including colour mixing, washes and layering. Practise these techniques through guided exercises.
- Hour 2: Sketch & Plan: Study reference images and learn how to simplify birds into basic shapes. Trace a bird template or create a freehand sketch and plan colours for your final artwork. (Break)
- Hour 3: Paint & Complete: Use watercolour techniques to build colour, texture and detail. Refine your painting and complete a finished artwork inspired by your chosen bird.

Workshop Outcome
Students will take home a watercolour painting of a garden bird along with new observation, drawing and watercolour painting skills.

Course Planning & Teaching
Our courses are thoughtfully designed and taught by Kitty, Creative Director and Founder of Kitty's Art Studio | Springwood Barn. A fully qualified teacher with 18 years of experience, Kitty is fully insured, certified in First Aid, and holds an enhanced DBS check, ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for all learners.

This structured approach balances technical learning with creative autonomy, empowering students to experiment, develop their own style, and grow in their artistic practice.