## Firebug Study





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Parus major

- Small songbird
- Lives throughout Europe, Asia, and North Africa
- Eats mainly insects



## Firebug

- Small insect
- Lives throughout Europe, Asia, and North Africa
- Causes sickness in birds if eaten

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