

# Songbirds and Firebugs



*Parus major*

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



Firebug

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

# Investigation



## Wild-caught songbirds

- 25 birds that had grown up in the wild were captured



## Hand-raised songbirds

- 25 birds were hand-raised from chicks



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# Results

Bird group	Total number of birds	Number of birds that tried to eat firebugs
Wild-caught	25	7
Hand-raised	25	25

Number of Birds that Tried to Eat Firebugs

## Songbirds That Tried to Eat Firebugs

