

# HIGHLAND PERTSHIRE PRIMARY SCHOOLS BIRD BOX RESOURCE PACK

## Quick Start Guide

# PREPARING

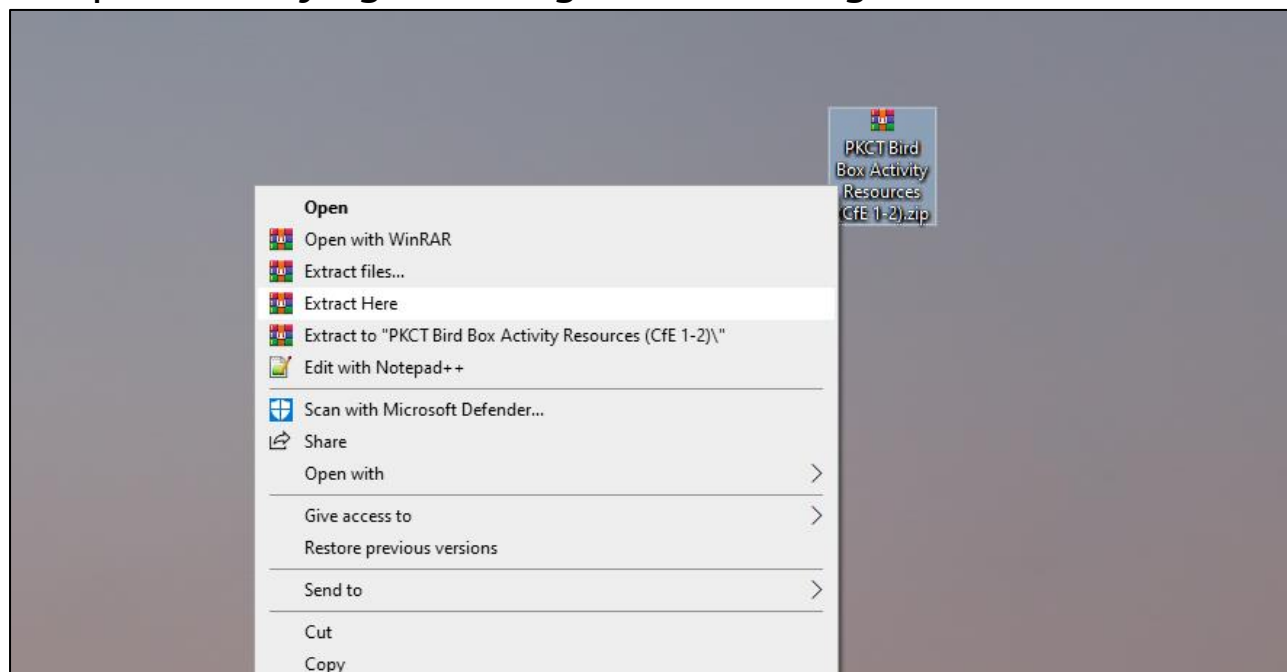
Start here: This is the home page.

The screenshot shows the OpenLearn 'create' interface for the course 'Birds in Scotland – For Primary School Children and Teachers (CfE First–Second)'. The page includes a navigation bar with links like 'Home', 'Get started', 'Create a course', 'Free courses', and 'Collections'. The course title is prominently displayed, along with a confirmation that the user is on the course. A large image of two blue tits is featured. Below the image, there are tabs for 'Course description', 'Course content', and 'Course reviews'. The 'Course description' tab is active, showing an introduction to the course and its purpose for primary school children. On the right side, there are sections for 'Edit your course', 'About this course' (including study time and level), 'Ratings', and 'Share this course'.

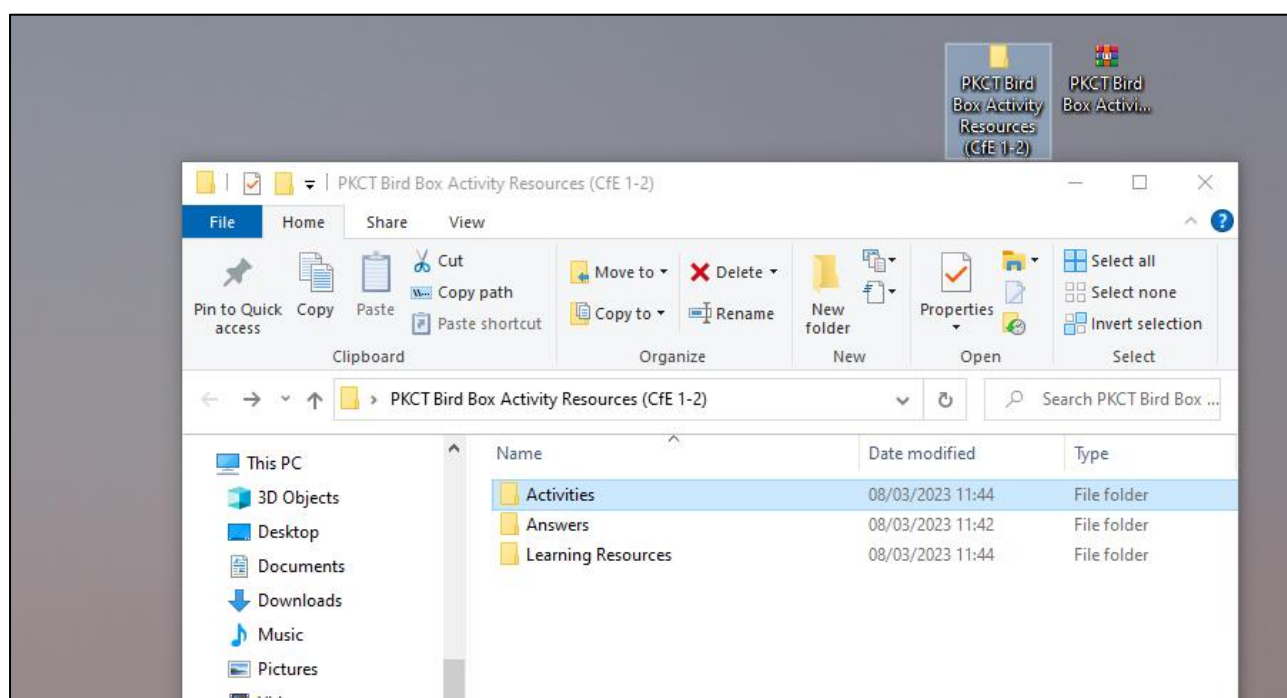
Before starting, download the required materials and prepare as required. Scroll down and click on the outlined area. Download it to your computer. Download the session plans here too.

This screenshot shows the 'Downloads' section of the course page. It lists several downloadable resources: a 'Quick start guide' (31.5 KB PDF document), 'Activities and materials' (5.0 MB Archive (ZIP)), 'Session plan(s)' (31.5 KB PDF document), and 'Follow along notes for pupils' (88.3 KB PDF document). The 'Activities and materials' item is highlighted with a red rectangular box. Above the downloads, there is a message about CFE Early pupils and logos for the Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust, The Basil Death Trust, and Jimmie Cairncross Charitable Trust. Below the downloads, there is a section titled 'This course is part of a collection' with a link to 'See this collection >'.

Unzip the file by right clicking and extracting.



The newly created file contains the pack's activities, answers, and classroom resources.



You can reference the session plans (found in the downloads section on the home page) to know which activities need to be prepared for each lesson.

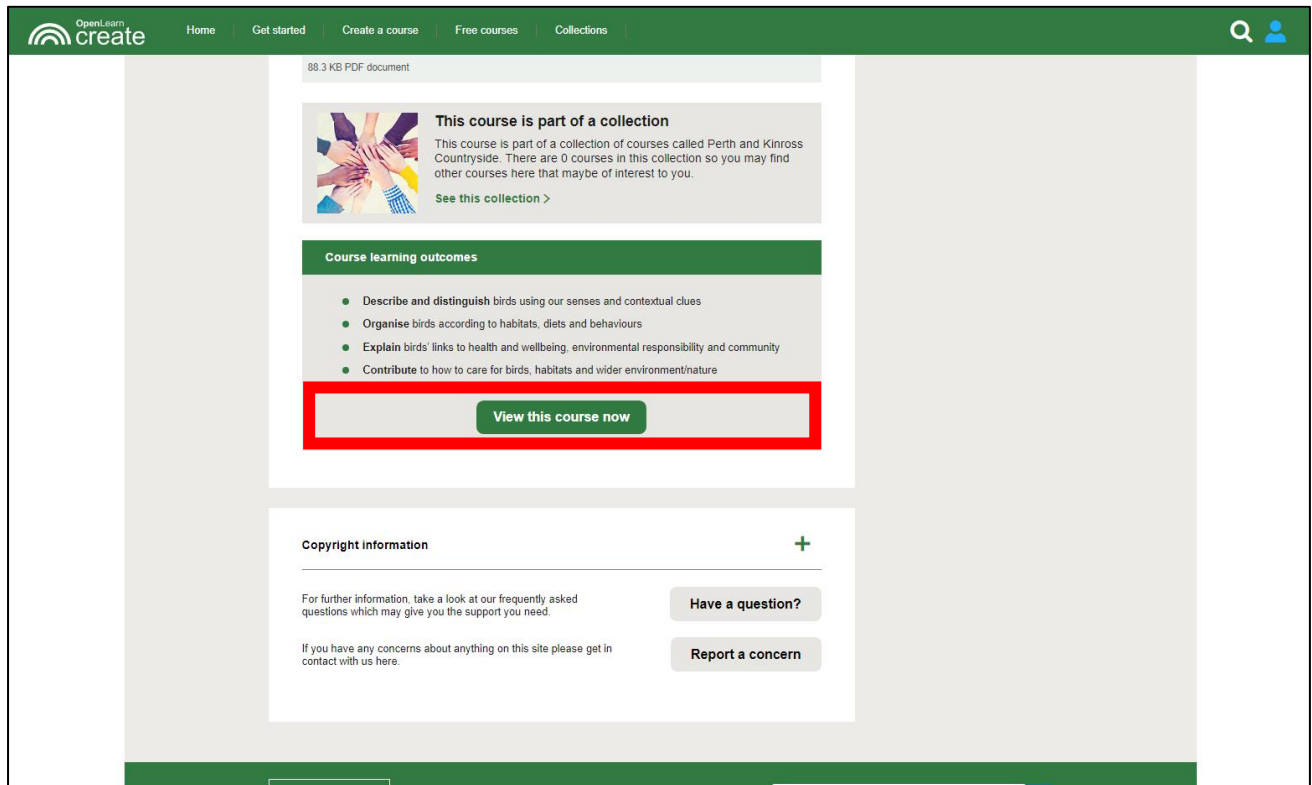
Within the activity course pages there are activity heading prompts. Each will correspond to an activity in the file you have downloaded.

The screenshot shows the OpenLearn 'create' interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Get started', 'Create a course', 'Free courses', and 'Collections'. On the left sidebar, there are links for 'Acknowledgements and licensing information', 'About this course' (with a clock icon for '4 hours study' and a level icon for 'Level 0: Beginner'), and 'Course description'. The main content area features a video player for 'Mallard (Anas platyrhynchos) - Call' with a 'Mallard's call (click play above)' prompt. Below the video, text describes mallards' diet and habitat. A 'DISCUSS' section asks 'How many types of duck, geese or swan can you name?'. A photo of ducks on a rock is accompanied by text about feeding ducks. A red box highlights the 'ACTIVITY: HABITAT MATCH' section, which includes instructions to match birds to habitats and links to download materials (109.7 KB and 130.8 KB). At the bottom of the red box, two worksheet thumbnails are visible, titled 'Where do birds live?' and 'Where do birds live?'.

# BEGINNING THE ACTIVITY COURSE

On the home page click on the '*view this course now*' button. Click on '*introduction to birds*', and then '*what are birds?*'.

If you have an OpenLearn Create account and you are logged in, your progress will be tracked automatically.



If you do not have a smartboard or projector, 'follow-along' notes and info-graphics can be downloaded for pupils from the same downloads section as above. Equally, both these paper notes and OpenLearn Create digital pages on a smartboard or projector can be used in tandem.



These are the pages to be displayed on a smartboard or projector. It is recommended to zoom in to at least 125%. Hold **control** on your keyboard and **scroll up** on your mouse to zoom.

The screenshot shows the OpenLearn create website interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Get started, Create a course, Free courses, and Collections. A sidebar on the left lists the course content: 1) Introduction to birds, 2) Types of birds, 3) Bird habitats and nests, 4) Migration, 5) Diets and insects, 6) Care for birds and the environment, and Acknowledgements and licensing information. The main content area features a large green 'WELCOME' banner, followed by the text 'Welcome to the Highland Perthshire Primary Schools Birdbox Project activity pack.' Below this is a photograph of a group of children and adults holding up their birdboxes outdoors.

There are many interactive elements on these pages. The key ones are the drop-down elements, the sound clips, YouTube videos, and forward/backward buttons at the top and bottom of each page.

This screenshot shows the 'What are birds?' page. The left sidebar is updated to show 'Introduction' as the selected page. The main content area has a green banner that says 'WHAT EVEN ARE BIRDS?'. Below the banner, there is text explaining that birds are animals with spines, unlike mammals. A red box highlights a 'Next' button in the top right corner. Another red box highlights an 'IDENTIFY' section with a question: 'Do you know what bird this is? (click here to reveal)' and the answer: 'Correct, it's a robin!'. A third red box highlights a video player showing a European Robin singing, with the title 'European Robin (Erithacus rubecula) • song, autumn song' and a 'Robin's song (click play above)' link. At the bottom, there is a 'QUESTION' button.

Every chapter also includes discussion points to generate active participation in the classroom. There are additional points in the session plans.

At the end of a chapter, click the green label to go to the next topic. You can also browse freely with the menu on the left.

The '✓' symbol means the section has been viewed or completed, and '●' means incomplete or not started.

# HELP AND SUPPORT

We hope this activity course and resource pack is beneficial to you and your classroom.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Email [info@pkct.org](mailto:info@pkct.org).

More educational materials can be found at [pkct.org/pages/category/education](http://pkct.org/pages/category/education)

Thank you for using this activity course and resource pack to compliment your bird boxes.

