

The redpoll

Now the time has come when most of the winter visitors again leave my bird table. The birds follow a new instinct, and they have almost all left to find a mate and start a life somewhere out in the wilderness.

The entire winter my bird table has been filled with a lot of snow buntings. But once in a while I also have other visitors. This characteristic guest with the beautiful red blaze on the forehead is the redpoll.

The redpoll is Greenland's smallest bird.

Exactly this male I can recognize on its behaviour. In his behaviour I recognize something in my own behaviour: You know, first eat a bit too much good food. And on a full stomach, then regale oneself with a little nap.

Several times, I have watched this redpoll male from inside my house. When it has got enough to eat, then it sets down in the food and takes a nap.



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