

THE EURASIAN MAGPIE

Latin name : Pica pica

Life expectancy : 15 years



Description : Black and white plumage and long tail, flanks and white belly, neck and back black with blue, green and purple; following calls screaming fast with chatter in moments of excitement. 45cm with a weight of about 210g.

Food : Omnivorous: small mammals, carrion, worms, eggs, nestlings, insects and seeds.

Place of life : Semi discovered places, mostly parks, woods, cultivated areas with hedges and trees.

Reproduction : Bulky nest with twigs and then consolidates the pie cut with mud and lined with roots. A dome made of twigs overcomes all. The nest is located in a thorn bush, a tree or building, most often at great height.

Nestled : 5 to 8 eggs greenish, spotted with brown. Are laid in April or May and incubated for 17-18 days by the female. An egg a year.