

## What's That A Tap-tapping

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During the summer you might hear the sound of persistent tapping along a hedgerow or come across a stone with many broken snail shells around it. This is known as a Song Thrushes "anvil" for song thrushes collect snails and break them on these stones before bringing them to feed their young. The birds often use the same stone for generations. If you place a suitable rounded stone in a discreet but open area of your garden and place snails nearby, you may attract a song thrush to use it - of course to make it work you have to also ease off on the slugtox!

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