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I LIKE TO PAINT THINGS I HAVE SEEN BEFORE, I SPENT 10 YEARS AS A HORTICULTURE STUDENT, THEN AS A TUTOR AT KINROSS AND MTU. WE HAD HUGE GARDENS AT KINROSS WHICH GAVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE MANY SONG BIRDS IN A NATURAL SETTING. I STARTED SKETCHING AND PAINTING THE NATIVE BIRDS IN THEIR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

I ALSO PAINT LANDSCAPES WHICH I FIND HARD BECAUSE HAVING TO USE PHOTOGRAPHS ISN'T THE SAME, SEEING WHAT YOUR PAINTING WORKS SO MUCH BETTER.

I WORK IN ACRYLICS AND OILS, ACRYLICS FOR SMALL PIECES AND OIL FOR LARGER PIECES. I PAINT THINGS THAT I LIKE AND USUALLY GIVE THEM TO FRIENDS. THERE IS A GOOD FEELING WHEN PEOPLE LIKE YOUR WORK AND HANGS IT IN THEIR HOUSE.