



Gadwall

Though a little dull at first sight, these ducks have beautifully patterned feathers if you see them close up.



Mallard

A familiar sight, the male mallard is more striking whilst the female is camouflaged to keep her safe whilst she sits on the nest.



REPETITIVE
SQUEAKY
QUACK



Shelduck

These large ducks can be territorial during breeding season, defending 'their' patch of the water from other birds.



Tufted duck

These smart little ducks dive underwater for their food. Watch the stream of bubbles as they swim below the surface.



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See how many of these water birds you can spot from one of our lake, lagoon or riverside hides.



HIGH
PITCHED
PIPING
CALL

Avocet Feb - Sept

These dainty waders can be feisty and territorial. They feed by sweeping their bill side to side through the water.



Black-tailed godwit

One of the larger waders, the males are a colourful rusty orange in breeding season and grey the rest of the year.



Grey heron

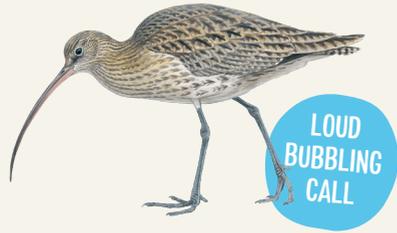
Usually seen hunting in shallow water, these large birds nest in trees. A nesting group is known as a 'heronry' and they are noisy.



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LOUD
BUBBLING
CALL

Curlew Sept-Mar



Their beaks mimic the shape of worms' burrows, enabling them to catch food in the mud. Large numbers roost here at night.



Redshank



A distinctive little bird easily spotted by their bright orangey red legs. They also have a long red beak with a black tip.



ALSO CALLED
PEEWITS
AFTER THEIR
CALL

Lapwing



Recognisable by their striking plumage and unusually rounded wings in flight, they were once common but are now in decline.



Snipe Feb-Sept



A tricky bird to spot, these small well camouflaged waders skulk around the waters edge close to cover.

NOISY
WHISTLING
CALL WHEN
FLYING



Oystercatcher



A shellfish specialist, these waders have moved further inland in recent decades and can often be found on wetlands.



Common tern Apr-Aug



An elegant bird, they catch small fish by diving into water and bring them back for their partner and chicks.



Black-headed gull



These birds only have a black head in the summer. In winter they have a white head with black 'ear' smudges.



Greylag goose



A common sight, these mottled grey geese are the bulkiest of our native geese and can be seen around the UK.



HONKS,
BARKS, AND
WHISTLES

Canada goose



Canada geese are easy to spot by their long necks and black and white heads. They are very noisy and not native to the UK.



Eurasian teal



Our smallest duck, the teal dabbles on the waters surface to find seeds and small insects to eat.