

BIRD SPOTTER SHEET

These six different types of birds can be spotted in different types of meadows. Use the photographs to help you identify your bird and tick the box to show you have found it. You could try drawing a picture of the birds you find to help you. How many different birds can you find in your meadow?



Binoculars are useful for spotting birds



Skylark, (c) nottsexminer, flickr



Skylark

These birds are known for their lovely, distinctive song. The male will soar above the ground and hover before coming back down, singing whilst he does! Can you see the crest on the head of this small brown bird?

Meadow Pipit, (c) Phil McIver, flickr



Meadow Pipit

These small birds have streaky markings on their feathers. They also have a distinctive high pitched call. They are quite a common sight in meadows and other habitats and enjoy

Grey partridge, (c) Tony Morris, flickr



Grey Partridge

This game bird (can be eaten) has an orange face. It makes its nest on the ground but can fly short distances. The numbers like some other birds mentioned here are slowly declining due to loss of habit.

Yellow Hammer, (c) Steve Welburn, flickr



Yellowhammer

It is often male birds who have the brightest markings. Male yellowhammers have bright yellow heads and fronts. These birds enjoy eating insects and seeds.

Linnet, (c) Mark Kilner, flickr



Linnet

A small, slim bird. If you're lucky you may spot the male in summer when his head and front are a bright crimson colour. The linnet is part of the finch family. These birds are quite widespread across the UK and like

Curlew, (c) scyrene, flickr



Curlew

You can't miss the long, curved pointed bill of this wading bird, perfect for feasting on shellfish and worms. You might see these larger birds with their long legs in marshier fields and coastal areas.