

Lapwing

Species Description

Scientific name: *Vanellus vanellus*

Familiar birds of farmlands and wetlands, Lapwings can often be seen wheeling through winter skies in large, black and white flocks. Males put on dramatic aerial displays, accompanied by their piercing 'peewit' call, which gives them their other, common name: Peewit. Females can be spotted on their nests, which are simple scrapes in the mud or sand.

This species is classified in the UK as Red under the Birds of Conservation Concern 4: the Red List for Birds (2015). Priority Species under the UK Post-2010 Biodiversity Framework. Listed as Near Threatened on the global IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.



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Key ID features

Broad round wingtips.
See photo in flight
above

Long crest on head

Black and white
pattern. Actually
iridescent green and
purple, viewed up close



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