

## I-Spy Birds at Stokes Bay

**Black Tailed Godwit**  
*Limosa limosa*

A large wading bird which in Summer has a bright orangey-brown chest and belly, but in winter its more greyish-brown. It has a long beak and legs, with black and white stripes on its wings. Female black-tailed godwits are bigger and heavier than the males, with a noticeably longer beak.



Found one!



**Siskin**  
*Carduelis spinus*

Smaller than a greenfinch, it has a distinctly forked tail and a long narrow bill. The male has a streaky yellow-green body and a black crown and bib. There are yellow patches in the wings and tail. Look at the tops of trees to find one.



**Reed Bunting**  
*Emberiza schoeniclus*

A medium-sized bird, 13.5–15.5 cm long, with a small but sturdy seed-eater's bill. The male has a black head and throat, white neck collar and under-parts, and a heavily streaked brown back. The female is much duller, with a streaked brown head, and is more streaked below.



**Redstart**  
*Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

An insectivorous ground feeding bird. The male is mostly brightly coloured in various combinations of red, blue, white, and black. The female is light brown with a red tail. Redstarts 'bob' in a very robin-like manner, but spend little time at ground level.



**Tree Pipit**  
*Anthus trivialis*

The tree pipit has a brown streaked upper parts and pale under parts with further streaking on buff tinged chest and flanks. It is very similar to the meadow pipit but has a heavier bill, shorter hind claw and fine streaking on the flank.



**Stonechat**  
*Saxicola rubicola*

The stonechat is a robin sized bird. The male has a black head with white around the side of the neck, orange-red breast and a mottled brown back. The female lacks the male's black head, but has a brown back and an orange tinge to its chest. They are often seen on the tops of low bushes.



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