

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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