

# Spotter's



## ✓ wetland guide

See how many of these water birds you can spot from one of our scrapes, lagoons or ponds.

Pig-like  
squeal



### Water rail

These shy birds are more often heard than seen. Local birds are joined by an influx from Northern Europe in winter.

### Little egret

This small white heron can be spotted throughout the year. In winter they roost in numbers near the Ramsar hide.



### 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.



## ○ Common Sandpiper

They like lagoons and edges of scrapes but are occasional visitors at Arundel and only in solitary numbers.



## ○ Green Sandpiper

Look for it during autumn migration! Its white rump and greenish legs differ from the common sandpiper.



## ○ Lapwing

Recognisable by their striking plumage & rounded wings, they winter in the Arun Valley & breed at Arundel in spring.



Also named 'peewits'  
after their call

## ○ Snipe Sept-Apr

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



## ○ Jack snipe

Rarer at Arundel and squatter than common snipe it bobs its entire body up and down when it walks.





## ○ Oystercatcher

These waders have moved further inland in recent decades and can be found nesting here at Arundel in spring.



## ○ 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.



## ○ 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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