



Lapwing

Vanellus vanellus

Other names:

- . Green Plover
- . Peewit

Conservation status:

- . World: Near Threatened
- . European: Vulnerable
- . UK: **Red**

Population: decreasing

- . World: 5,600,000-10,500,000 birds
- . UK breeding: 130,000 pairs
- . UK winter: 620,000 birds

Status:

Breeding passage and winter visitor.
Breeds mainly in lowlands in wet pastures. In winter flocks found on farmland

Identification features:

- . Robust body
- . Buoyant flight
- . Characteristic plume on head
- . Green back in all plumages
- . Flamboyant tumbling display flight over territory
- . Call a distinctive 'pee-wit'

Something to appreciate:

A bird that features much in human culture from Easter Bunnies to Shakespeare and as far back as Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics.

Breeding plumage (male)



Photo: Linda Buckell

Non - breeding plumage



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Juvenile plumage



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