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.