



# Ringed Plover

*Charadrius hiaticula*

## Other names:

- Common Ringed Plover
- Stone Plover

## Conservation status:

- World: Least Concern
- European: Least Concern
- UK: **Red**

## Population:

- World: 360,000—1,300,000 birds
- UK summer: 5,300 pairs
- UK passage: 30,000 birds
- UK winter: 34,000 birds

## Status:

Summer breeder on stony shores, passage migrant and winter visitor on mud flats, estuaries and coastal wetlands, occasionally inland.

## Identification features:

- Small and compact
- Stubby bill
- Wing bar in flight
- Orange and black bill in summer  
black in winter
- Call a two note '**poo-eep**'

## Something to appreciate:

Ringed Plovers are famous for their broken wing display which they use to lure predators away from their nest and chicks.

