



Did you know - Birds have a voice just like us!

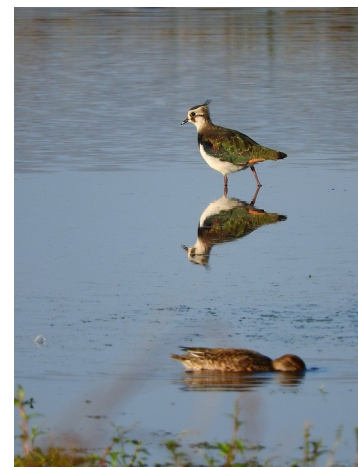
Take time to sit outside in the garden or playground and just listen. What can you hear? Hopefully you can hear the birds voices or birds song. Learning about bird songs is a lot like learning a foreign language. It enables children to understand that birds communicate in a different way to us; children can learn to interpret and distinguish between the different sounds each bird makes. It makes us all more aware of nature and which birds are in their area, inspiring us to want to explore and enjoy bird spotting and watching.

Each bird has its own call, even if they all sound like "tweet tweet" to novice people like us. By teaching children to listen to each unique song, they will learn to sharpen their hearing.



Crop-laden fields are alive with the sounds of skylarks rising above the ground, hedgerows bursting with flowers and the noise of birdsong. We just need to take the time to listen!

Some of the most special farmland bird sounds are the wild squeals made by displaying lapwings. These bold black-and-white wading birds plunge, twist and swoop in the air while emitting strange, strange sounds...





Skylarks are justly famous for their skilful songs, but what about watching a barn owl float along a hedgerow or across a field, before stopping to hover and dive onto prey?

Or swallows whizzing across a field .

Listen Closely



Several websites have sound bites of common bird calls so you can study with children at home or at school; before heading outdoors to identify specific chirps.

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2019/04/identify-bird-song/>

<https://www.gwct.org.uk/wildlife/research/birds/songbirds/>

The National Audubon Society has some great online activities and a free mobile app that can help you get started learning the birds in your area. You often hear a bird before you see it, so this is a great way to connect with more species.

Close your eyes and listen to the joys of birds song!

