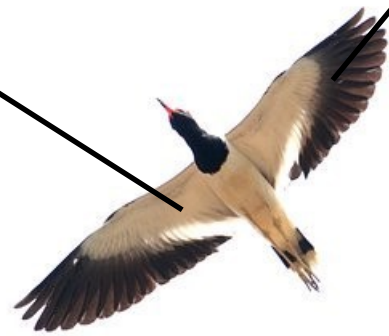


# Lapwing - *Vanellus vanellus* (Charadriidae)

White under-wing

Broad, rounded wings



Black cap extends into wispy crest



Distinguished by its unique wispy crest, the lapwing is Britain's largest and most popular short-billed wading bird, sometimes found by water and grassland.

**Nesting** shallow hollow on open ground, lined with grass, and are very vulnerable to spring cultivations. Lays 3-4 eggs; 1 brood; April—June

**Feeding** Tilts forward to pick up insects and spiders from the ground, or pulls earthworms from soil. Parents will take their chicks across large distances to feed on wet grassland.

**Voice** nasal, strained weet or ee-wit; passionate song in spring, whee-er-ee accompanied by a loud throbbing from wings.



Purple and copper gloss on dark green back



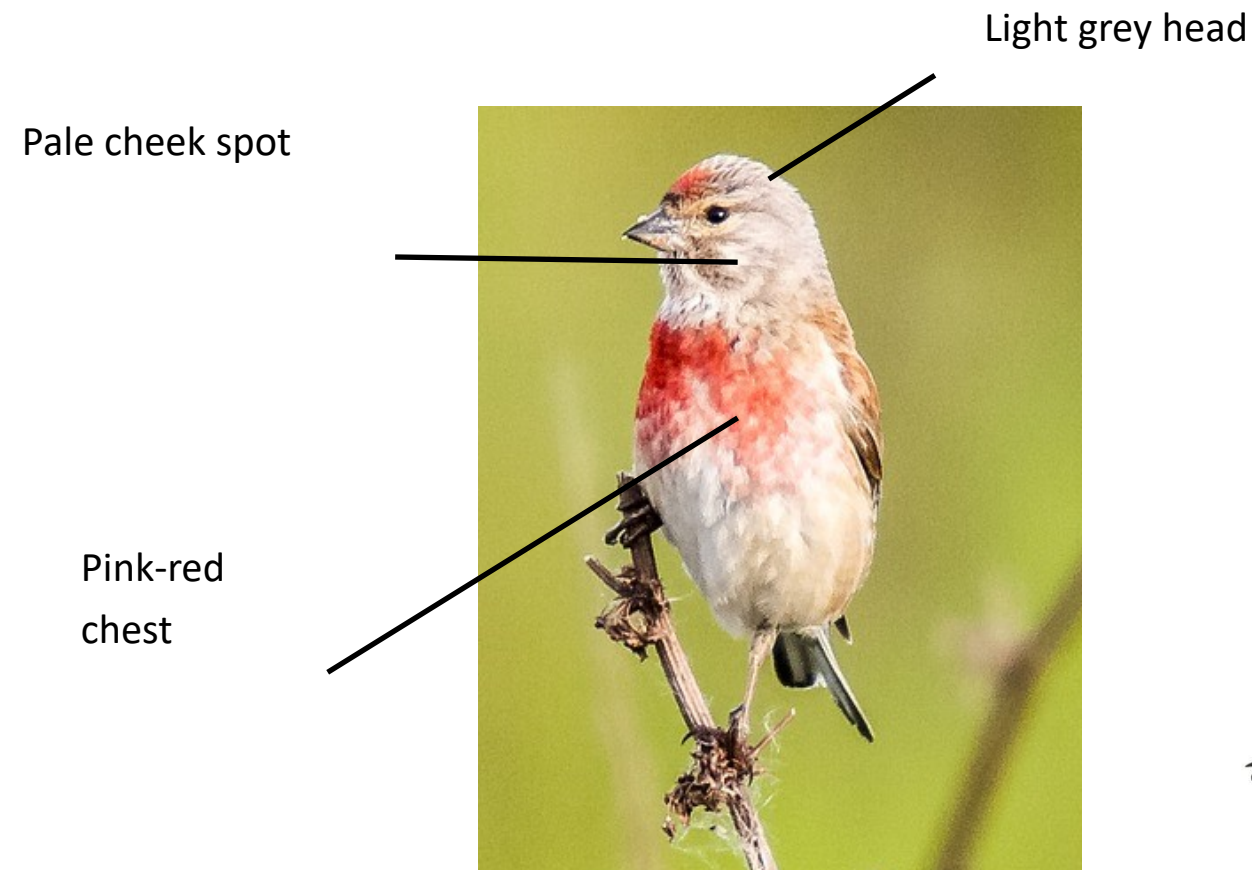
White underparts



Cinnamon patch under tail

Dull pinkish legs

# Linnet - *Carduelis cannabina* (Fringillidae)



Lively and sociable, the linnet is usually seen in tightly co-ordinated flocks, that travel and feed together throughout much of the year. On farmland, linnets can be found wherever there is a plentiful supply of seeds.

**Nesting** typically nest in thorn hedges, bushes, bramble patches near the ground. Lays 4-6 eggs, 2-3 broods, April—July.

**Feeding** They take seeds from the ground, especially dandelion seeds and arable weeds; feeds chicks on insects.

**Voice** Twittering, flight call; “Tett-ett-ett”- Their song is a mixture of short rattling syllables and their call is bouncing and nasal mixed with chattering notes



# Meadow Pipit - *Anthus pratensis* (Motacillidae)

Pale stripe



Olive-buff  
or cream  
below

Slim dark bill



Very long hind claw

Streaked brown back

Dark tail with white sides

Often seen in the distance as it rises in a song flight, the bird has a hesitant nervous manor. Found on farmland, grassland, coasts and marshes.



**Nesting** typically nest on the ground, concealed in vegetation. Lays 4-5 eggs; 2 broods; May– July



**Feeding** mainly feed on flies, beetles, caterpillars, small worms and spiders. They will feed on some seeds.

**Voice** The tinkling song is one that makes you feel like the sunny summer weather. Call when rising with a springy flight, a few small, short notes

