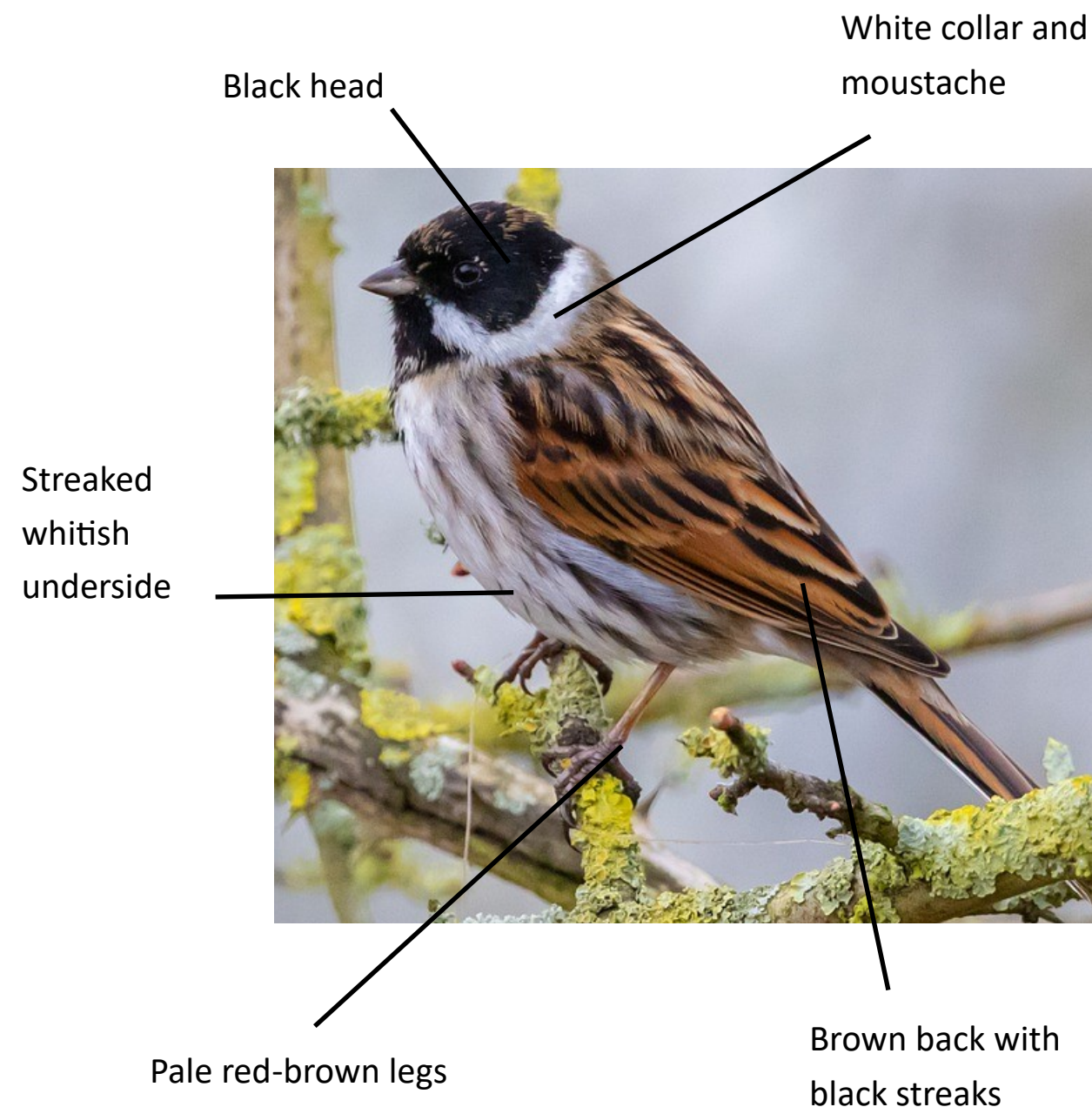


# Reed Bunting - *Emberiza schoeniclus* (Emberizidae)



Easy to find and identify in summer, on farmland, ponds, ditches, streams and boggy corners. Also strongly associated with cereal crops and oilseed rape. In winter found in gardens.



**Nesting** A small nest, well-hidden on the ground, in ditch edges. They sometimes nest in certain crops, like oilseed rape. Lays 4-5 eggs; 2 broods; April—June

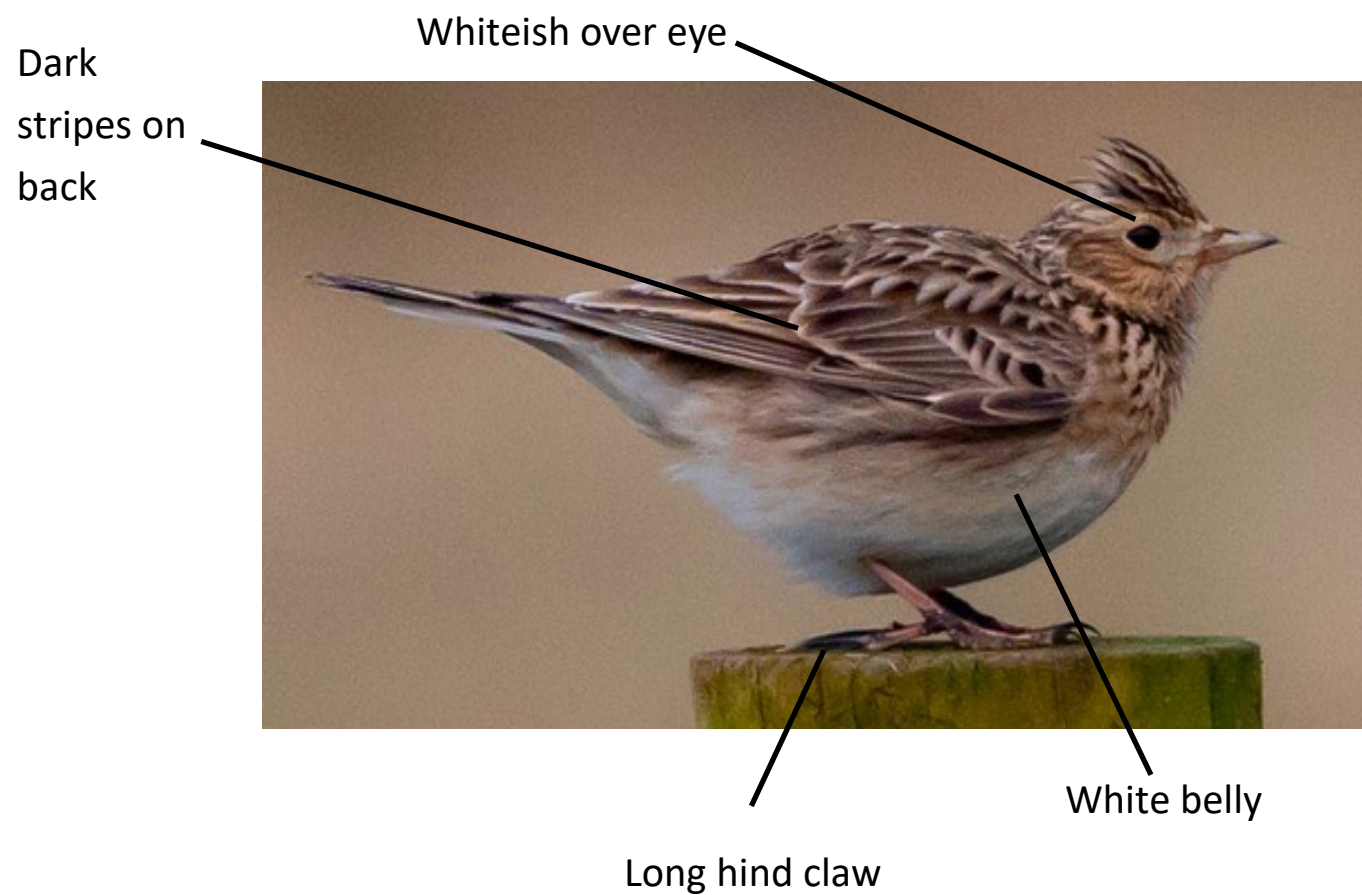
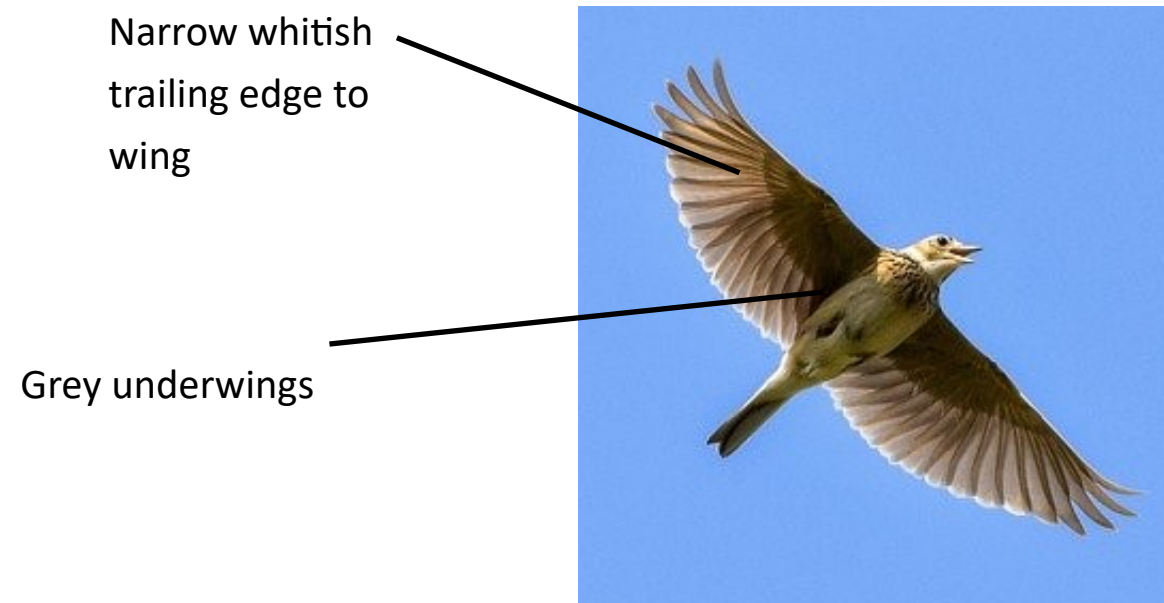


**Feeding** on or near the ground, eating a range of insects and seeds, including oilseed rape.



**Voice** call loud high seeu, and high, thin, pure sweep.

# Skylark - *Alauda arvensis* (Alaudidae)



The skylark has a distinctive appearance in flight with its angular wings and short, white-edged tail. They can be found on most areas of open farmland, preferring larger arable and grassland fields.



**Nesting** small nests on the ground in short grass or in crops. Lays 3-5 eggs; 2-3 broods; April—July.



**Feeding** forages on ground in grass or on bare earth, eating seeds, shoots and insects.

Their chicks are entirely dependent on insects beetles, ants, spiders and grasshoppers.



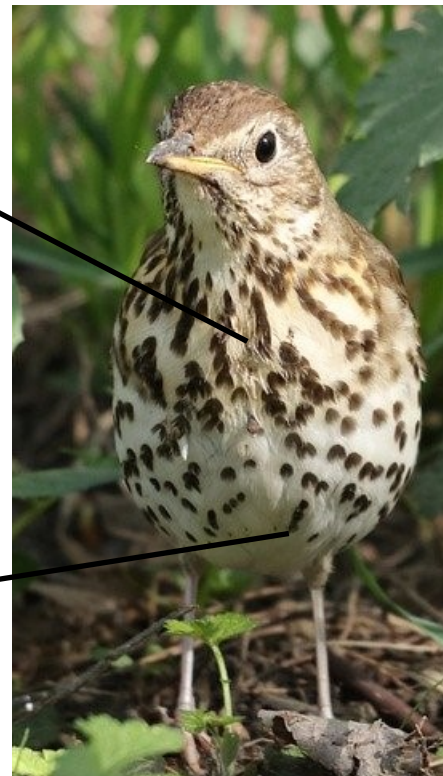
**Voice** The soft song is familiar over farmland and pastures. The song is rolling, chirruping and fast whistling.



# Song Thrush - *Turdus philomelos* (Turdidae)

"V"-shaped brown spots

Dark-spotted white belly



Pale eye-ring

Plain wings



Dark-spotted yellowish buff flanks

Small, pale and neatly spotted, the song thrush is a familiar bird with a wonderfully vibrant, varied full-throated song. Well known for its habit of smashing the shells of snails to extract their soft bodies, it also pulls earthworms from the soil.



**Nesting** in woodland, farmland with trees, hedges, gardens with shrubs. Lays 3-5 eggs; 2-3 broods; March-July.



**Feeding** eat a wide range of snails, slugs, insects and earthworms, along with berries and fruit, mainly from the ground.



**Voice** short, high stip; song exuberant repeated phrases of musical and harsh notes.