

Birds you may spot on the white cliffs of Dover



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Skylark
Alauda arvensis
All Year
Distinctive display flight, flying high whilst constantly singing. Raises crest when alert.



Meadow pipit
Anthus pratensis
All Year
Small streaky bird with fluttering display flight. Smaller than skylark without crest.



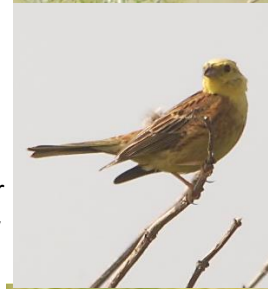
Corn Bunting
Emberiza calandra
All Year
Drastically declined farmland bird. Sudden loud song likened to the jangling of keys.



Whitethroat
Sylvia communis
Summer migrant
Warbler that darts about in scrub. Feeds on hairy caterpillars



Linnet
Carduelis cannabina
All Year
Small finch of farmland, forms large flocks in winter that 'twitter' as they fly past.



Yellowhammer
Emberiza citronella
All Year
Bright yellow finch of farmlands. Distinctive call 'little bit of bread but no cheeese'



Goldfinch
Carduelis carduelis
All Year
Small finch with distinctive yellow wing bars seen in flight. Twittering song and call



Raven
Corvus corax
All Year
Large black bird. Similar in size to buzzard, look for diamond shaped tail and kronking call



Jackdaw
Corvus monedula
All Year
Social corvid with grey hood. Skillful aerial acrobat often seen flying along cliffs.



Peregrine
Flaco peregrinus
All Year
Large falcon, capable of reaching over 200mph in hunting dive.



Kestrel
Falco tinnunculus
All Year
Small hovering falcon. Often seen hanging motionless in air over grassland.



Grey Partridge
Perdix perdix
All Year
Large clutches of young follow adults soon after hatching. Reluctant to take flight until flushed



Kittiwake
Rissa tridactyla
Summer visitor
Dainty gull with pure black wingtips. Small numbers breed on cliffs nearby.



Herring gull
Larus argentatus
All Year
Large noisy gull. Familiar of seaside towns.



Fulmar
Fulmaris glacialis
All Year
Breeds on cliffs. Related to albatrosses, glides close to cliffs on very straight wings.

