

Spotter Sheet

Did you know that you can find **wonderful wetland nature** near our **towns and cities**?

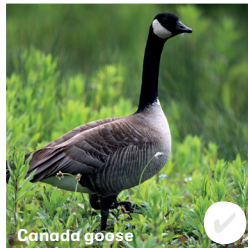


Heron

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1. Heron

Standing still and silent at the water's edge, ready to catch an unsuspecting fish, amphibian or even small mammal! In flight, they tuck their neck in.

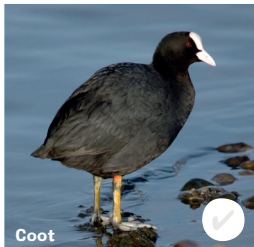


Canada goose

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6. Canada goose

One of our noisiest honkers, these geese were introduced into London parks in the 17th century and can now be found in most areas of Britain.

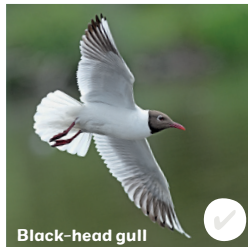


Coot

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2. Coot

The boisterous coot can often be seen diving for pondweed. Have you spotted their huge, webbed feet? They're 'bald', with white on their head, unlike the...



Black-head gull

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7. Black-headed gull

In summer, their heads turn a dark colour. But look closely, it's actually not black, but chocolate! In winter, the head is white with a dark spot behind the eye.

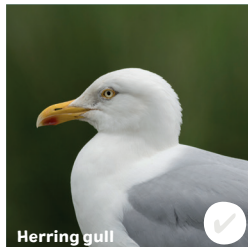


Moorhen

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3. Moorhen

Slightly smaller than the coot, with red on their bill; watch them nervously flick their white tails – usually as a warning to other birds!

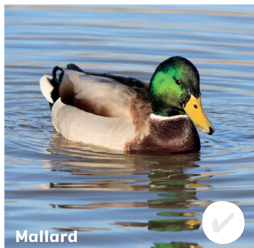


Herring gull

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8. Herring gull

Ever the opportunist, Herring gulls used to be only found at the seaside but can now be seen breeding throughout our towns and cities.



Mallard

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4. Mallard

A duck we all know and love – the males with their bright green head and the not-so colourful females. But did you know...it's only the females that can quack?

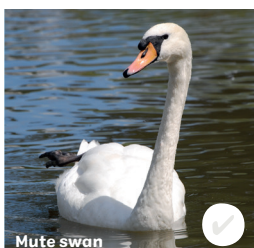


Cormorant

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9. Cormorant

Diving for fish underwater, these prehistoric-looking birds don't actually have waterproof feathers, which is why you'll see them perched up, hanging them out to dry.

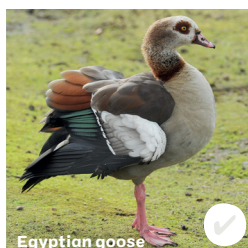


Mute swan

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5. Mute swan

Huge and majestic, swans rule your local duck-pond, appearing regal as they glide by – until until they see a rival and snort and hiss!



Egyptian goose

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10. Egyptian goose

Introduced from Africa hundreds of years ago, they're now found across the South East of England. They can often be loud and assertive!

These are just some of the beautiful birds you'll find around you – why not use the back of this piece of paper to draw some of the other birds you see. Visit www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-wildlife to find out more about wetland birds.