

Identification of Coastal Birds

(Shown in winter plumage) All photographs © BNA



Waders



Sanderling –
Small grey/white bird with black legs and bill



Turnstone –
Size of a starling, mottled grey/black/white colour, small black bill, red legs



Redshank –

Medium sized bird grey/white/brown,
Orange legs, orange and black bill



Curlew –
A large bird, grey/streaky brown colour,
Long legs, long down-turned bill



Bar-tailed Godwit –
Large bird, grey/black streaky back,
Long legs, long slightly up-turned bill



Oystercatcher –
Black and white large bird,
Red legs and medium sized red bill

Less Common Waders



Purple Sandpiper – Medium size, brown/grey mottled plumage, yellow legs, slightly down-turned yellow bill



Grey Plover –
Medium sized, grey/white, small black
bill, black eyes, black legs



Ruff –
Medium size, brown/grey mottled plumage
with up-turned tail feathers, orange legs, small
black bill slightly down-turned

Passerines at the Coast



Stonechat
Small black/white bird with orange breast,
often seen on top of grasses or plants



Rock Pipit
Small, olive/brown streaky bird,
seen around rocks and shore line



Meadow Pipit Small brown, streaky bird similar to rock pipit, seen around sand dunes and over coastal fields

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