

## The Stone Curlew

### Watch the film Conservation Fact File 6- The Return of The Goggle Eyed Wader

The Stone Curlew is amber listed on the Birds of Conservation Amber List



#### Starter Questions-

What other names are there for a stone curlew?

Where do stone curlews migrate to in the winter?

Which parts of the UK does the stone curlew prefer?

**FACT-** Only about 400 pairs of Stone Curlews are thought to nest in the UK each year. Their population is stable, thanks to farmers creating bare ground (for nest sites), being aware of nest sites and avoiding running machinery over nests, and also thanks to the work of game and conservation managers to control predators which threaten stone curlews and other ground nesting birds.

Describe a stone curlew. What size and weight are stone curlew? What colour are they?



## Knowledge Check Questions

1. Describe a stone curlew nest site.
2. What do stone curlew eat?
3. What do land managers and farmers do to help protect the nests of stone curlews?
4. How many eggs do they typically lay?



Complete the table below.

Protecting Stone Curlews	Explain how this helps the stone curlew
Farmers can mark nest sites.	
Game and conservation managers can control predators.	
Dog owners can keep dogs on leads.	
Landowners can create areas of bare ground.	

### What do you think?

The film explains how farmers, gamekeepers and other conservation and land managers can manage land to encourage stone curlews. Why do you think farmers and game and conservation managers would like to see birds, such as stone curlews protected?