

Flight Calls of Birds

Skylark - A short rippling "prrip" or "cherrip"

Sand Martin - Dry unmusical rasping "chrtr chrtr chirrrr"

Swallow - A repeated short "fit fit" or "slif-it" OR "SWIT-SWIT"

House Martin - Short dry scratchy "prrit-prri-tit"

Tree Pipit - A loud buzzy "tzees" OR "TZEEEZ"

Meadow Pipit - A thin "tseep tseep tsip"

White Wagtail - Less sharp than Grey Wag "ziti", "zilipp", or "zittip" at rate of one call per undulation.

Note: Pied and White Wagtails are not reliably separated on call? So best lumped together as "alba wagtails"

Pied Wagtail - A hard "chissick"

Grey Wagtail - A single "tchi" or "tisik" OR "TIT" OR "TITTIT" much sharper than pied/white.

Yellow Wagtail - Loud, full rising "tsweep"

Waxwing - Shrill, vibrant "shrrreee"

Have seen this described as "shrill" elsewhere but shrill to me implies something perhaps piercing or unpleasant yet it is such as soft and delightfully warm sound. Others have described it as a high-pitched tremolo. "shrrreee" perhaps also implies change of tone - louder at the end - but in reality the end is normally a gentle fade-out, perhaps "sriiiiiiii" or "s-r-i-i-i-i-i-i-i-i"?

Dunnock - A sharp strong "teeee"

Fieldfare - Nasal "whee-ee" and loud throaty "chack ack ack" OFTEN COMBINES TO FORM THE PHRASE "WEET TSACK TSACK"

Ring Ouzel - A loud "tuk" OR "TCHACK"

Redwing - A distinctive THIN penetrating "seeei", OFTEN HEARD AFTER DARK ON MISTY EVENINGS

Blackbird - A soft vibrant shrill "srreeee"

Song Thrush - A soft sharp "sip"

Mistle Thrush - Rasping football rattle "trr-trr-trrrrr-zrrr"

Yellowhammer - Explosive "tswik" OR TJIT

Reed Bunting - A full DOWNWARD slurred "seoo", a very thin high "see"

Lapland Bunting - A hard dull "tiki dik dik" often followed by a sweet whistled "teuu"

Snow Bunting - A single full "teuw" and sometimes a soft rippling "tiririririririp"

Chaffinch - A single simple soft "chup"

Brambling - Harder than Chaffinch in flight "tep" [RESEMBLING A DISTANT JACKDAW] and a FAR-CARRYING nasal twangy "zwaink" OR "DZWEEEEK"

Greenfinch - Similar IN TONE to Chaffinch "jup" BUT ALWAYS UTTERED IN A FAST MACHINE GUN TWITTER

Siskin - Bright pure ringing whistles "tsy-zee" or "tiu"

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Goldfinch - Liquid lilting slurred "swit wit wit" mixed into trilling song.

Bullfinch - A single piping whistle "pooow"

Twite - A nasal twangy "twaai-it" OR "ZHWEET"

Linnet - A light twittering chatter "tich-ich-ich twit up up"

Redpoll - Metallic rhythmic stuttering "chuchuchuchuch" INTERSPERSED WITH ZHWEET
NOTES - "CHUCH UCH UCH, ZHWEET"

Crossbill - A loud far carrying "jip jip jip"

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