



Nature of Art in Wessex Bird Identification

Laverstock & Ford
Downland &
Watermeadows Trust



Blackbird (above)
Note that female is brown.



Blue Tit (above) Don't confuse with **Great Tit** (above right) which is bigger and head cap black. **Long Tail Tits** are also seen on the farm



Dunnock (Above) Note the cap and bib are different from the **House Sparrow** inset. The Dunnock is also known as the **Hedge Sparrow**. Both are common on the farm



The **Jackdaw** (left) is a common member of the crow family on the farm. Often steals the roosters food and when nesting gathered loose hair from the cattle's backs. Can often be seen ganging up on herons and birds of prey

Magpie (Right) Bird of superstition. Can be seen feeding on insects on the sheep's backs sometimes



Mallard Ducks (left) are very common throughout Laverstock. The female is brown but with a blue square at the rear of the wings. There are also many **Moorhens** (inset) on the river

Heron can often be seen on the meadows, by the river but also feeds on fish from garden ponds. The **Little Egret** (inset), a member of the same family can also be seen on the river Bourne



The **Wood Pigeon** (left) and the **Collared Dove** (below left) are two members of this group seen regularly on the farm

Swallows nest in the barn and can be seen swooping around the farm yard chasing insects. **Swifts** and **Martins** are similar



Sparrow Hawks (below right) are often seen in Laverstock, particularly on the downs where they hunt.



Little Owls (right) can occasionally be seen on the farm in daylight. Which for them high in the old willow trees **Barn owls** also live on the farm but are nocturnal



This is just a small selection of the birds that are commonly seen on the farm. We farm the land to encourage birds, we provide insect habitat and rich hedge rows, good sources of natural food