

Yellowhammer



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Yellowhammer (female)

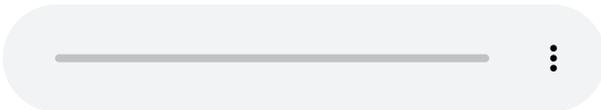
Scientific name: **Emberiza citrinella**

Bird family: Buntings

UK conservation status: Red

Protected by The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

Yellowhammer song audio



Patrik Åberg, Xeno-canto

Key information

Male yellowhammers are unmistakable with a bright yellow head and underparts, brown back streaked with black, and chestnut rump. In flight it shows white outer tail feathers. They are often seen perched on top of a hedge or bush, singing.

Its recent population decline make it a Red List species.

What they eat:

Seeds and insects.

Measurements:

Length:

16-16.5cm
Wingspan:
23-29.5cm
Weight:
25-36g

Population:



UK breeding:

700,000 is the number of pairs breeding annually. UK wintering is the number of individuals present from October to March. UK passage is the number of individuals passing through on migration in spring and/or autumn.

Identifying features:

This bird species has different identifying features depending on sex/age/season.

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Similar birds:



Cirl bunting



Yellow wagtail

Where and when to see them

Yellowhammers are found across the UK. They are least abundant in the north and west and absent from some upland areas, such as the Pennines and Highlands of Scotland, as well as some lowland areas, such as the Inner Hebrides and the Orkneys. Look in open countryside with bushes and hedgerows.

* This map is intended as a guide. It shows general distribution rather than detailed, localised populations.

Resident

Passage

Summer

Winter

 Yellowhammer distribution map

You can see yellowhammers all year round.

This bird can be seen in the UK in: jan feb mar apr may jun jul aug sep oct nov dec

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