

Greenshank Quiz

Questions



1) The oldest Greenshank on record lived to how many years?

- a) 6
- b) 12
- c) 18
- d) 24
- e) 30 years old?

2) Which of these places are you likely to find a greenshank? Tick all you think likely.

- a) A Scottish bog
- b) A muddy beach
- c) By a river where it joins the sea
- d) In your back garden
- e) Freshwater marsh
- f) In a city park

3) A Greenshank usually lays how many eggs?

- a) 2
- b) 3
- c) 4
- d) 5
- e) 6

4) Can a greenshank catch its prey at night?

- a) Yes, because they find their prey by listening for it
- b) No, because the tide will be high
- c) No, because they will be asleep
- d) No, because they can't see in the dark
- e) Yes, because they find their prey by touch

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5) Where do greenshanks build their nests?

- a) At the top of a tree that makes a vantage point.
- b) On a sand dune
- c) In a muddy hollow by the water's edge
- d) In a scrape on dry ground hidden in vegetation.
- e) Inside a hedge

6) Why do birds migrate? Tick all you think likely.

- a) To find a good nesting site
- b) To get away from tourists in the summer
- c) To find colder weather
- d) Because it's good exercise
- e) To find more food

7) Which way do greenshanks usually migrate?

- a) South west in winter
- b) North in winter
- c) South east in summer
- d) North east in autumn
- e) West in spring

8) Which of these methods of catching Greenshanks for ringing did Farlington ringers use in August 2004?

- a) Baited traps
- b) Finding baby birds in the nest
- c) Cannon nets
- d) Mist nets
- e) Decoys
- f) Walk in traps
- g) Shooting

9) Twinkling is sometimes used to help catch birds for ringing. Which of these do you think describes twinkling best?

- a) Flashing a torch on and off
- b) Using shiny objects like CDs or bits of mirror to move the birds to the right place
- c) Running after the birds, flapping your arms
- d) Walking slowly towards a group of roosting birds
- e) Waiting for night time when the stars are out.

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10) A Jiggler is

- a) A string with small pieces of cloth attached
- b) The catch on a bird trap
- c) A whistle for making bird sounds
- d) A rattle for scaring birds
- e) The bag you keep birds quiet in when you have caught them

