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## Northern Lapwing

*Vanellus vanellus*

The Northern Lapwing is a striking wader, known for its iridescent green and purple plumage, distinctive black crest, and broad, rounded wings. This medium-sized bird is commonly found in open farmla...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Bird

**Family:** Charadriidae

**Habitat:** Wet grasslands and farmlands

**Diet:** Omnivore

**Conservation status:** Near Threatened

**Lifespan:** 5-10 years

**Weight:** 150-320 grams

**Scientific name:** *Vanellus vanellus*

### Did you know?

- The Northern Lapwing's beautiful metallic plumage is not caused by pigments but by microscopic structures in the feathers that reflect light.
- Northern Lapwings perform spectacular aerial displays with dramatic twists and rolls during the breeding season. Their cryptic eggs are so well camou...

### What I learned

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