

SCOTS BIRD NAMES – AULD AND NEW!

The **Shellycoat** tells Lori about **sea-pyots** (oystercatchers) and **reidshanks** (redshanks). Both these birds have **reid shanks** or red legs – but the sea-pyot also has a **reid neb** or beak!



Did you know?

The word **sea-pyot** means 'sea magpie' – because magpies and **sea-pyots** both have black and white plumage. The Scots word **pyot** is related to the English word **piebald**.



Here are some more Scots names of birds. Do you know what they look and sound like?

corbie (= raven or rook)

doo (= dove)

gowdspink (= goldfinch)

gowk (= cuckoo)

laverock (= skylark)

lintie (= linnet)

mavis (= song thrush)

merl (= blackbird)

peesweep or **teuchit** (= lapwing)

robin reidbreist (= robin redbreast)

tammie norrie (= puffin)

whaup (= curlew)

1) The **reidshank** and **robin reidbreist** get their names from the way they look. Can you give a bird a **new** Scots name? For example:

- ☆ a **bluetit** could be a **bluetap** or **bluebunnet**
- ☆ a **mavis** or song thrush could be a **sprecklebreist**
- ☆ a blackbird could be a **yellaneb**
- ☆ a curlew could be a **langneb** or a **curlieneb**

MY SCOTS NAME FOR A _____ is _____.

2) You can give a Scots name to birds from other countries too! Can you think of a new Scots name for any of these:

flamingo

parrot

pelican

penguin

MY SCOTS NAME FOR A _____ is _____.

FANTOOSH FANTASY BIRDS

Scots bird names don't have to be real! You can create your own fantasy bird, and give it a name using Scots words, or a mixture of Scots and English words.

For example, a **fantooshbird** would have **fantoosh** or fancy feathers, and a **shooglybird** would be unsteady on its legs!

Here are some Scots words you could use to invent your fantasy bird, but you can use other Scots words you know too.

clarty

jaggy

lang

muckle

shoogly

strippit

MY FANTASY SCOTS BIRD IS CALLED

Now draw a picture of your fantasy **Scots bird** in the space below.