

Ringed Plover

Charadrius hiaticula

The Ringed Plover is one of Iceland's smallest wading birds. They are greyish-brown above, white below. In summer they have a white collar, a black band beneath, a black mask and a white forehead. The bill is short, orange and with a black tip, feet are orange and eyes are dark.

Mainly found in sandy territory or gravel, both at shore and sand. Outside breeding season they are found on mudflats and sandy beaches. Breed all over Iceland but are most common by the sea. Winter in southwestern Europe and western Africa.



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