

Meadow Pipit

Anthus pratensis

The Meadow Pipit is the commonest Icelandic passerine, one of the best songbirds. They have a short neck, wide wings and are rather stocky. They are rather featureless, yellowish-brown above, with black streaks above, on breast and flanks. They are paler on throat and below. Their bill is dark. Slender and short. Their feet are pale, pinkish-brown and eyes are dark brown.

Flight is erratic, and they flutter around. Their breeding habitat varies, can be marshes, heathland, grassland, scrub and woods. They often breed twice during the summer. Outside breeding season they are found on the sea shore and in marshes. They winter from western France, to Morocco.



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