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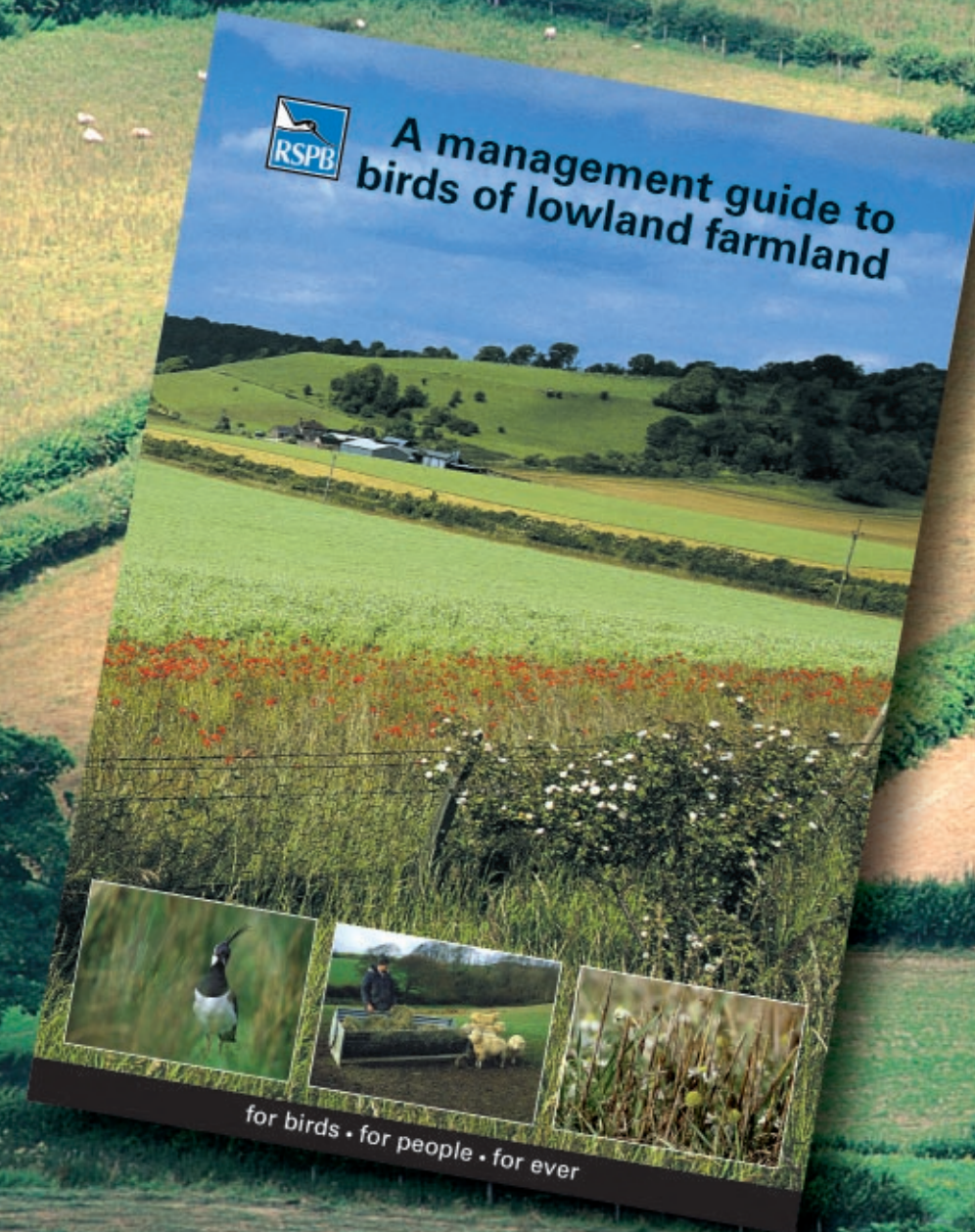
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A management guide to birds of lowland farmland is a handbook covering the requirements and practical conservation of farmland birds in the UK.

This handbook looks at how changes in farming have affected bird populations and practical measures that can be used to conserve species in modern farming systems. It will be of value to anyone involved with wildlife conservation on farmland, including farm conservation advisers and project officers, and farmers or agents who are looking to get the best for wildlife from use of agri-environment schemes.

The handbook draws on the scientific research into farmland bird ecology and the experience from a wide range of advisers on practical measures that have been adopted throughout the UK.



The guide is softback, A4, 170 pages long, with 21 figures, 60 plates and 29 tables

The handbook has three sections:

Chapter 1 describes the factors affecting birds on lowland farmland. A number of bird species that depend on farming have declined since 1970. This chapter summarises the scientific research into the causes of these declines to put the requirements for their recovery into context.

Chapter 2 describes the ecological requirements of lowland farmland birds. It covers the requirements of nine widespread farmland birds that have declined since 1970 and lists the management options that would provide these requirements. By providing for these species, measures will be taken that will benefit the whole range of biodiversity of lowland farmland.

Chapter 3 gives practical advice on the creation and management of lowland farmland habitats. It covers all habitat features of the lowland farmed landscape, from field boundaries and margins to in-field habitats such as low-input crops and grassland management, including all agri-environment scheme measures in the UK for arable and lowland grassland farming systems.