



Collared Pratincole

Glaréole à collier

Glareola pratincola

It is a shorebird that looks like a tern Long, pointed wings, forked tail. Actively hunts insects in flight. Brown above. White rump. Black primary remiges. Reddish underwing covers. L. 24-28 cm; W. 60-70 cm.

Breeding adult: overall grey-brown coloring on the upper parts. Neck and upper chest grey. Upper belly yellowish. Remains of the underparts white. Tail black with white borders. Black beak with broad red base. Black collar around yellow throat. Black legs.

Non-breeding adult: as the breeding adult without the collar around the throat .

Juveniles: It is semi-nidifugous. The upper parts are yellowish with dark brown spots on the top. The underside is pale fawn.

Voice: isolated flight call "kit" or "kitik". Often "kurré-kik-kittik". Alarm close to the colonies "kriii".

Eggs: Usually 3 eggs are laid, green or tan with black stripes.

Nests: shallow bowl on the ground.

Habitat: breeds in open areas. Ploughed fields, dried out marshes, sansouïres..

Similar species: in the same environment, the Eurasian Thich-knee. The chick has yellow legs.

Breeding adult



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Flying juvenile



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One week old chick



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Two weeks old chick



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