

# Greenshank Quiz

## Answers



In brief:

- 1 d
- 2 a,b,c,e
- 3 c
- 4 e
- 5 d
- 6 a,e
- 7 a
- 8 c
- 9 d
- 10 a

Each question:

1) The oldest Greenshank on record lived to how many years?

- a) 6
- b) 12
- c) 18
- d) 24**
- e) 30 years old?

2) Which of these places are you likely to find a greenshank? Tick all you think likely.

- a) A Scottish bog**
- b) A muddy beach**
- c) By a river where it joins the sea**
- d) In your back garden
- e) Freshwater marsh**
- f) In a city park

3) A Greenshank usually lays how many eggs?

- a) 2
- b) 3
- c) 4**
- d) 5
- e) 6

4) Can a greenshank catch its prey at night?

- a) Yes, because they find their prey by listening for it
- b) No, because the tide will be high
- c) No, because they will be asleep
- d) No, because they can't see in the dark
- e) Yes, because they find their prey by touch**

5) Where do greenshanks build their nests?

- a) At the top of a tree that makes a vantage point.
- b) On a sand dune
- c) In a muddy hollow by the water's edge
- d) In a scrape on dry ground hidden in vegetation.**
- e) Inside a hedge

- 6) Why do birds migrate?
- a) **To find a good nesting site**
  - b) To get away from tourists in the summer
  - c) To find colder weather
  - d) Because it's good exercise
  - e) **To find more food**
- 7) Which way do greenshanks usually migrate?
- a) **South west in winter**
  - b) North in winter
  - c) South east in summer
  - d) North east in autumn
  - e) West in spring
- 8) Which of these methods of catching Greenshanks for ringing did Farlington ringers use in August 2004?
- a) Baited traps
  - b) Finding baby birds in the nest
  - c) **Cannon nets**
  - d) Mist nets
  - e) Decoys
  - f) Walk in traps
  - g) Shooting
- 9) Twinkling is sometimes used to help catch birds for ringing. Which of these do you think describes twinkling best?
- a) Flashing a torch on and off
  - b) Using shiny objects like CDs or bits of mirror to move the birds to the right place
  - c) Running after the birds, flapping your arms
  - d) **Walking slowly towards a group of roosting birds**
  - e) Waiting for night time when the stars are out.
- 10) A Jiggler is
- a) **A string with small pieces of cloth attached**
  - b) The catch on a bird trap
  - c) A whistle for making bird sounds
  - d) A rattle for scaring birds
  - e) The bag you keep birds quiet in when you have caught them