





## Spot the Species!

How many local species can you spot on your ferry journey?

#### **Student Introduction**

- As you cross the water between the mainland and the Isle of Wight, there are lots of animals, fish and birds that can be seen.
- ▶ The Solent is home to over 150,000 migrating birds!

#### Some facts:

- ▶ There are many different habitats such as:
  - Coastal grazing marshes
  - Salt marshes
  - Rocky shores
  - Sand dunes
  - Cliffs
- As you come to the end of the River at Southampton, on the left is Titchfield Haven

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✓ Tick them off as you see them!



Black-Headed Gull



Harbour Seal



Herring Gull



Swan





Cormorant







**Brent Goose** 

Jellyfish

Mediterranean Gull (rare)

## Follow-up (back at school)

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When you get back to school find some examples of different seabirds.

### **TASKS**

Key question: How could someone know which seabird they are looking at?

- 1. Design a key to help someone identify different types of seabird. Choose either <u>seagulls</u> or terns and produce an identification key.
- 2. Choose <u>one of the following habitats</u> and complete a research project that identifies and explains which seabirds are found there, their characteristics and other aspects such as food sources, etc.
  - » Coastal grazing marshes
  - » Salt marshes
  - » Rocky shores
  - » Sand dunes
  - » Cliffs