

Corncrake

Crex crex



One of Ireland's most endangered birds.

Corncrakes can be found in Ireland from April to September.

The birds then migrate in winter to sub-Saharan Africa.

Corncrakes are omnivores, with a diet of mainly insects but also slugs, snails and earthworms and some plant materials such as grass seed.

Generally found in tall vegetation, these shy birds tend to be heard rather than seen and are located by the male's loud and distinctive 'crex, crex' call.

Breeding season is typically May to early August. They nest on the ground with females laying 8-12 eggs.

