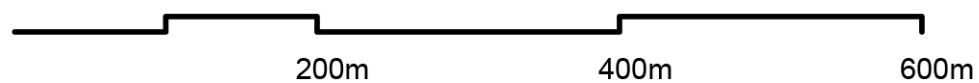


SCALE



Bracklesham Bay SSSI:

This site consists of a long stretch of coast with some rough unimproved grazing pastures which are important for the bird populations they support. This importance is elevated as agricultural improvement continues to threaten and erode a habitat-type already scarce within the county. The coastal habitats include a small area of salt marsh, shingle bank, the rifes (wide flowing ditches) and associated reed beds, together with a long stretch of intertidal exposures of high geological interest.

Legend

Habitat of RSPB Medmerry

Intertidal mudflats and saltmarsh – Medmerry’s mudflats and saltmarsh continue to develop naturally bringing in a wealth of new wildlife, from plants, fish and invertebrates to the birds that feed on them.

Farmland – Winter stubble, uncropped margins and sown bird and bee mixes provide autumn/winter food for farmland birds and wildlife. Rough grass margins offer suitable habitat for small mammals which in turn attract owls and kestrels that prey on them. Cereal crops and the hedgerows that line them provide nesting opportunities for corn buntings, yellowhammers, partridge, skylarks and lapwing.

Grassland - Grassland provides winter food at high tide for wildfowl such as wigeon, snipe and brent geese, and breeding sites for redshank and lapwing in spring.

Saline lagoons – The lagoons have been created with islands to attract breeding shorebirds and are used by avocets, oystercatchers, ringed and little ringed plovers.

Freshwater ponds and ditches – As well as providing habitat for freshwater invertebrates and the wildlife that feed on them, many of our ponds and ditches also support a community of reedbed specialists from reed and sedge warblers to reed buntings and little grebes.

Other habitats include scrub and shingle beach.

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SITE CONTEXT
FIGURE 2

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