

# THE BRITISH LIST

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## CATEGORY E SPECIES

Category E comprises those species that have been recorded as introductions, human-assisted transportees or escapees from captivity, whose breeding populations (if any) are thought not to be self-sustaining. Species in Category E that have bred in the wild in Britain are designated as E\*.

Species listed in Category E form no part of the British List, unless they are also included in Categories A, B or C.

Descriptions and definitions of Categories of the British List can be found at [bou.org.uk/the-british-list](http://bou.org.uk/the-british-list)

Category E has been compiled mostly from county/regional bird reports and other published listings, and is not exhaustive. BOURC is unable to confirm the correct identification of species in Category E, or the circumstances in which they were recorded. Doubtful cases have been excluded, pending enquiries, along with species not recorded since 1 January 1950.

The BOU is responsible for maintaining the British List. Part of this responsibility is to monitor the occurrence of non-native species which may qualify for addition to Category C of the British List. To undertake this we require published information from which to work and which we can quote as reference.

The BOU encourages observers to report records of non-native species to the relevant local bird recorder. Local recorders and those producing local, county or regional publications are encouraged to publish these records, and to make them available to the Rare Breeding Birds Panel (RBBP) who publish annual reports<sup>1-7,9,10,12</sup> of non-native species breeding in Britain in *British Birds*.

The taxonomic order of Category E follows the [IOC World Bird List](#) version 10.2 (Gill & Donsker 2020)<sup>13</sup> with, for internal consistency, the IOC names used.

### Order Struthioniformes

Family Struthionidae

Common Ostrich *Struthio camelus* E

### Order Galliformes

Family Numididae

Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris* E\*<sup>3</sup>

Family Odontophoridae

Mountain Quail *Oreortyx pictus* E

Northern Bobwhite *Colinus virginianus* E

Family Phasianidae

Wild Turkey *Meleagris gallopavo* E\*

Western Capercaillie *Tetrao urogallus* C3E\*

Black Grouse *Lyrurus tetrix* AE

Rock Partridge *Alectoris graeca* E

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Snow Partridge *Lerwa lerwa* E  
Chukar Partridge *Alectoris chukar* E\*  
Barbary Partridge *Alectoris barbara* E  
Red-legged Partridge *Alectoris rufa* C1E\*  
Grey Partridge *Perdix perdix* AC2E\*  
Common Quail *Coturnix coturnix* AE\*  
Japanese Quail *Coturnix japonica* E  
Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus* E  
Silver Pheasant *Lophura nycthemera* E\*  
Blue Eared Pheasant *Crossoptilon auritum* E  
Reeves's Pheasant *Syrnaticus reevesii* E\*  
Common Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus* C1E\*  
Green Pheasant *Phasianus versicolor* E<sup>1</sup>  
Golden Pheasant *Chrysolophus pictus* C1E\*  
Lady Amherst's Pheasant *Chrysolophus amherstiae* C6E\*  
Indian Peafowl *Pavo cristatus* E\*<sup>3</sup>

## Order Anseriformes

### Family Anatidae

White-faced Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna viduata* E  
Fulvous Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna bicolor* E  
Lesser Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna javanica* E  
Cape Barren Goose *Cereopsis novaehollandiae* E  
Brant Goose *Branta bernicla* AE  
Red-breasted Goose *Branta ruficollis* AE\*  
Canada Goose *Branta canadensis* AC2E\*  
Barnacle Goose *Branta leucopsis* AC2E\*  
Cackling Goose *Branta hutchinsii* AE  
Bar-headed Goose *Anser indicus* E\*  
Emperor Goose *Anser canagicus* E\*  
Ross's Goose *Anser rossii* DE\*  
Snow Goose *Anser caerulescens* AC2E\*  
Greylag Goose *Anser anser* AC2C4E\*  
Swan Goose *Anser cygnoides* E\*<sup>12</sup>  
Taiga Bean Goose *Anser fabalis* AE\*<sup>11</sup>  
Pink-footed Goose *Anser brachyrhynchus* AE\*  
Tundra Bean Goose *Anser serrirostris* AE  
Greater White-fronted Goose *Anser albifrons* AE\*  
Lesser White-fronted Goose *Anser erythropus* AE\*  
Coscoroba Swan *Coscoroba coscoroba* E  
Black Swan *Cygnus atratus* E\*  
Black-necked Swan *Cygnus melanocoryphus* E  
Trumpeter Swan *Cygnus buccinator* E\*  
Tundra Swan *Cygnus columbianus* AE  
Whooper Swan *Cygnus cygnus* AE\*  
Comb Duck *Sarkidiornis sylvicola* E

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Blue-winged Goose *Cyanochen cyanoptera* E  
Egyptian Goose *Alopochen aegyptiaca* C1C5E\* 22  
Orinoco Goose *Neochen jubata* E  
Upland Goose *Chloephaga picta* E\*  
Raja Shelduck *Tadorna radjah* E  
Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea* BDE\*  
South African Shelduck *Tadorna cana* E\*  
Australian Shelduck *Tadorna tadornoides* E  
Paradise Shelduck *Tadorna variegata* E  
Muscovy Duck *Cairina moschata* E\* 15  
Wood Duck *Aix sponsa* DE\* 18  
Mandarin Duck *Aix galericulata* C1E\*  
Maned Duck *Chenonetta jubata* E  
Ringed Teal *Callonetta leucophrys* E  
Baikal Teal *Sibirionetta formosa* AE 17  
Hottentot Teal *Spatula hottentota* E  
Puna Teal *Spatula puna* E  
Silver Teal *Spatula versicolor* E  
Red Shoveler *Spatula platalea* E  
Cinnamon Teal *Spatula cyanoptera* E\* 14  
Blue-winged Teal *Spatula discors* AE\*  
Australasian Shoveler *Spatula rhynchotis* E  
Gadwall *Mareca strepera* AC2E\*  
Falcated Duck *Mareca falcata* DE  
Eurasian Wigeon *Mareca penelope* AE\*  
Chiloe Wigeon *Mareca sibilatrix* E  
American Wigeon *Mareca americana* AE  
Yellow-billed Duck *Anas undulata* E  
Philippine Duck *Anas luzonica* E  
Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos* AC2C4E\*  
Cape Teal *Anas capensis* E  
White-cheeked Pintail *Anas bahamensis* E  
Red-billed Teal *Anas erythrorhyncha* E  
Yellow-billed Pintail *Anas georgica* E  
Northern Pintail *Anas acuta* AE  
Yellow-billed Teal *Anas flavirostris* E\* 12  
Chestnut Teal *Anas castanea* E  
Marbled Duck *Marmaronetta angustirostris* DE  
Red-crested Pochard *Netta rufina* AC2E\*  
Canvasback *Aythya valisineria* AE  
Redhead *Aythya americana* AE  
Rosy-billed Pochard *Netta peposaca* E  
Common Pochard *Aythya ferina* AE\*  
Baer's Pochard *Aythya baeri* E  
Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca* AE  
New Zealand Scaup *Aythya novaeseelandiae* E  
Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris* AE

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Bufflehead *Bucephala albeola* AE  
Common Goldeneye *Bucephala clangula* AE\*  
Barrow's Goldeneye *Bucephala islandica* AE  
Hooded Merganser *Lophodytes cucullatus* AE <sup>21</sup>  
Black-headed Duck *Heteronetta atricapilla* E  
Ruddy Duck *Oxyura jamaicensis* C1E\*  
White-headed Duck *Oxyura leucocephala* DE  
Maccoa Duck *Oxyura maccoa* E

## Order Musophagiformes

Family Musophagidae  
Violet Turaco *Musophaga violacea* E

## Order Otidiformes

Family Otididae  
Great Bustard *Otis tarda* AE\*

## Order Columbiformes

Family Columbidae  
Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon *Columba livia* AC4E\*  
Speckled Pigeon *Columba guinea* E  
Red Turtle Dove *Streptopelia tranquebarica* E  
Laughing Dove *Spilopelia senegalensis* E  
Namaqua Dove *Oena capensis* E  
Crested Pigeon *Octophaps lophotes* E  
Diamond Dove *Geopelia cuneata* E  
Zebra Dove *Geopelia striata* E

## Order Gruiformes

Family Rallidae  
Corn Crane *Crex crex* AE\*  
Western Swampen *Porphyrio porphyrio* AE <sup>20</sup>

Family Gruidae  
Grey Crowned Crane *Balearica regulorum* E  
Sarus Crane *Antigone antigone* E  
Demoiselle Crane *Grus virgo* E <sup>21</sup>  
Common Crane *Grus grus* AE\*

## Order Charadriiformes

Family Burhinidae  
Peruvian Thick-knee *Burhinus superciliaris* E

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## Family Chionidae

Snowy Sheathbill *Chionis albus* E

## Family Recurvirostridae

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta* AE

## Family Charadriidae

Blacksmith Lapwing *Vanellus armatus* E

Spur-winged Lapwing *Vanellus spinosus* E

## Family Laridae

Grey-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus* E

Silver Gull *Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae* E

## Order Phoenicopteriformes

### Family Phoenicopteridae

Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus roseus* DE

Chilean Flamingo *Phoenicopterus chilensis* E

Lesser Flamingo *Phoeniconaias minor* E

## Order Phaethontiformes

### Family Phaethontidae

Red-billed Tropicbird *Phaethon aethereus* AE

## Order Ciconiiformes

### Family Ciconiidae

Yellow-billed Stork *Mycteria ibis* E

Black Stork *Ciconia nigra* AE

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia* AE

## Order Suliformes

### Family Phalacrocoracidae

Double-crested Cormorant *Phalacrocorax auritus* AE

## Order Pelecaniformes

### Family Threskiornithidae

African Sacred Ibis *Threskiornis aethiopicus* E

Straw-necked Ibis *Threskiornis spinicollis* E

Buff-necked Ibis *Theristicus caudatus* E

American White Ibis *Eudocimus albus* E <sup>18</sup>

Scarlet Ibis *Eudocimus ruber* E

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Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus* AE  
Puna Ibis *Plegadis ridgwayi* E  
Eurasian Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia* AE  
African Spoonbill *Platalea alba* E

## Family Ardeidae

Yellow Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis* E  
Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* AE\*  
Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* AE

## Family Pelecanidae

White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus* DE  
Pink-backed Pelican *Pelecanus rufescens* E  
Dalmatian Pelican *Pelecanus crispus* AE

## Order Accipitriformes

### Family Cathartidae

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* E  
Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* E

### Family Pandionidae

Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* AE\*

### Family Accipitridae

Bearded Vulture *Gypaetus barbatus* E <sup>21</sup>  
Egyptian Vulture *Neophron percnopterus* BDE  
White-backed Vulture *Gyps africanus* E  
White-rumped Vulture *Gyps bengalensis* E  
Indian Vulture *Gyps indicus* E  
Rüppell's Vulture *Gyps rueppellii* E  
Griffon Vulture *Gyps fulvus* E  
Cinereous Vulture *Aegypius monachus* E <sup>15</sup>  
Bateleur *Terathopius ecaudatus* E  
Booted Eagle *Hieraetus pennatus* DE  
Tawny Eagle *Aquila rapax* E  
Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos* AE  
Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis* AC3E\*  
Red Kite *Milvus milvus* AC3E\*  
Black Kite *Milvus migrans* AE  
Pallas's Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus leucoryphus* E  
White-tailed Eagle *Haliaeetus albicilla* AC3E\*  
Bald Eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus* DE  
Harris's Hawk *Parabuteo unicinctus* E\* <sup>10</sup>  
Red-shouldered Hawk *Buteo lineatus* E  
Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis* E  
Rufous-tailed Hawk *Buteo ventralis* E

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Rough-legged Buzzard *Buteo lagopus* AE  
Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo* AE\*

## Order Strigiformes

Family Tytonidae  
Western Barn Owl *Tyto alba* AE\*

Family Strigidae  
Snowy Owl *Bubo scandiacus* AE  
Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus* E  
Eurasian Eagle-Owl *Bubo bubo* E\*  
Little Owl *Athene noctua* C1E\*

## Order Bucerotiformes

Family Upupidae  
Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops* AE

## Order Coraciiformes

Family Alcedinidae  
Laughing Kookaburra *Dacelo novaeguineae* E

Family Meropidae  
White-fronted Bee-eater *Merops bullockoides* E  
Northern Carmine Bee-eater *Merops nubicus* E

## Order Piciformes

Family Ramphastidae  
Toco Toucan *Ramphastos toco* E  
Channel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos vitellinus* E

Family Picidae  
Northern Flicker *Colaptes auratus* E <sup>16</sup>

## Order Falconiformes

Family Falconidae  
Northern Crested Caracara *Caracara cheriway* E  
American Kestrel *Falco sparverius* AE  
Amur Falcon *Falco amurensis* AE  
Lanner Falcon *Falco biarmicus* E  
Laggart Falcon *Falco jugger* E  
Saker Falcon *Falco cherrug* DE  
Gyr Falcon *Falco rusticolus* AE

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Prairie Falcon *Falco mexicanus* E  
Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* AE  
Barbary Falcon *Falco pelegrinoides* E

## Order Psittaciformes

Family Cacatuidae  
Cockatiel *Nymphicus hollandicus* E  
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo *Cacatua galerita* E

Family Psittacidae  
Grey Parrot *Psittacus erithacus* E  
Senegal Parrot *Poicephalus senegalus* E  
Monk Parakeet *Myiopsitta monachus* E\*  
Turquoise-fronted Amazon *Amazona aestiva* E  
Burrowing Parrot *Cyanoliseus patagonus* E  
Scarlet Macaw *Ara macao* E  
Blue-crowned Parakeet *Thectocercus acuticaudata* E\* <sup>1</sup>  
Red-masked Parakeet *Aratinga erythrogenys* E

Family Psittaculidae  
Plum-headed Parakeet *Psittacula cyanocephala* E  
Red-breasted Parakeet *Psittacula alexandri* E  
Alexandrine Parakeet *Psittacula eupatria* E\*  
Rose-ringed Parakeet *Psittacula krameri* C1E\*  
Red-rumped Parrot *Psephotus haematonotus* E  
Crimson Rosella *Platycercus elegans* E  
Pale-headed Rosella *Platycercus adscitus* E  
Red-fronted Parakeet *Cyanoramphus novaezelandiae* E  
Budgerigar *Melopsittacus undulatus* E\*  
Red-headed Lovebird *Agapornis pullarius* E  
Rosy-faced Lovebird *Agapornis roseicollis* E\* <sup>10</sup>

## Order Passeriformes

Family Laniidae  
Southern Grey Shrike *Lanius meridionalis* E  
Steppe Grey Shrike *Lanius pallidirostris* AE

Family Vireonidae  
Black-whiskered Vireo *Vireo altiloquus* E

Family Oriolidae  
Black-naped Oriole *Oriolus chinensis* E  
African Golden Oriole *Oriolus auratus* E

Family Corvidae



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Blue Jay *Cyanocitta cristata* E <sup>15</sup>  
Azure-winged Magpie *Cyanopica cyanus* E  
Red-billed Blue Magpie *Urocissa erythrorhyncha* E  
Red-billed Chough *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax* AE\*  
White-necked Raven *Corvus albicollis* E

## Family Bombycillidae

Bohemian Waxwing *Bombycilla garrulus* AE  
Japanese Waxwing *Bombycilla japonica* E  
Cedar Waxwing *Bombycilla cedrorum* AE

## Family Alaudidae

Desert Lark *Ammomanes deserti* E  
Crested Lark *Galerida cristata* AE

## Family Pycnonotidae

Red-whiskered Bulbul *Pycnonotus jocosus* E  
Light-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus sinensis* E  
Red-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus cafer* E  
Sooty-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus aurigaster* E

## Family Hirundinidae

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* AE

## Family Pellorneidae

Dusky Fulvetta *Alcippe brunnea* E

## Family Leiothrichidae

Red-billed Leiothrix *Leiothrix lutea* E

## Family Sylviidae

Vinous-throated Parrotbill *Paradoxornis webbianus* E

## Family Zosteropidae

Chestnut-flanked White-eye *Zosterops erythropleurus* E  
Japanese White-eye *Zosterops japonicus* E  
Oriental White-eye *Zosterops palpebrosus* E

## Family Mimidae

Northern Mockingbird *Mimus polyglottos* AE

## Family Sturnidae

Common Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa* E  
Red-billed Starling *Spodiopsar sericeus* E  
White-cheeked Starling *Spodiopsar cineraceus* E  
Pied Myna *Gracupica contra* E  
Daurian Starling *Agropsar sturninus* DE

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White-shouldered Starling *Sturnus sinensis* E  
Brahminy Starling *Sturnus pagodarum* E  
Rosy Starling *Pastor roseus* AE  
Wattled Starling *Creatophora cinerea* E  
Greater Blue-eared Starling *Lamprotornis chalybaeus* E  
Crested Myna *Acridotheres cristatellus* E  
Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis* E <sup>21</sup>  
Purple Starling *Lamprotornis purpureus* E  
Superb Starling *Lamprotornis superbus* E

## Family Turdidae

Siberian Thrush *Geokichla sibirica* AE  
Black-breasted Thrush *Turdus dissimilis* E  
Kessler's Thrush *Turdus kessleri* E  
American Robin *Turdus migratorius* AE

## Family Muscicapidae

Red-flanked Bluetail *Tarsiger cyanurus* AE  
Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher *Ficedula strophiatea* E  
Daurian Redstart *Phoenicurus aureus* E  
White-capped Redstart *Phoenicurus leucocephalus* E  
Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius* AE

## Family Nectariniidae

Scarlet-chested Sunbird *Chalcomitra senegalensis* E  
Variable Sunbird *Cinnyris venustus* E

## Family Passeridae

Somali Sparrow *Passer castanopterus* E  
Sudan Golden Sparrow *Passer luteus* E  
White-winged Snowfinch *Montifringilla nivalis* E <sup>15</sup>  
Taveta Weaver *Ploceus castaneiceps* E  
Vitelline Masked Weaver *Ploceus vitellinus* E  
Village Weaver *Ploceus cucullatus* E  
Black-headed Weaver *Ploceus melanocephalus* E  
Red-headed Weaver *Anaplectes rubriceps* E  
Red-billed Quelea *Quelea quelea* E  
Fire-fronted Bishop *Euplectes diadematus* E  
Black-winged Red Bishop *Euplectes hordeaceus* E  
Southern Red Bishop *Euplectes orix* E  
White-winged Widowbird *Euplectes albonotatus* E  
Long-tailed Widowbird *Euplectes progne* E  
Lavender Waxbill *Estrilda caerulescens* E  
Crimson-rumped Waxbill *Estrilda rhodopyga* E  
Black-rumped Waxbill *Estrilda troglodytes* E  
Red Avadavat *Amandava amandava* E  
Long-tailed Finch *Poephila acuticauda* E

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Zebra Finch *Taeniopygia guttata* E  
Indian Silverbill *Lonchura malabarica* E  
White-rumped Munia *Lonchura striata* E  
Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata* E  
Tricolored Munia *Lonchura malacca* E  
White-headed Munia *Lonchura maja* E

## Family Viduidae

Pin-tailed Whydah *Vidua macroura* E

## Family Fringillidae

Common Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs* AE  
Chinese Grosbeak *Eophona migratoria* E  
Japanese Grosbeak *Eophona personata* E  
Pine Grosbeak *Pinicola enucleator* AE  
Trumpeter Finch *Bucanetes githaginea* AE  
Long-tailed Rosefinch *Uragus sibiricus* E  
Pallas's Rosefinch *Carpodacus roseus* E  
House Finch *Haemorhous mexicanus* E <sup>17</sup>  
European Greenfinch *Chloris chloris* AE  
Desert Finch *Rhodospiza obsoleta* E <sup>18</sup>  
Yellow-fronted Canary *Crithagra mozambica* E  
Red-fronted Serin *Serinus pusillus* E  
Atlantic Canary *Serinus canaria* E\*  
Yellow-crowned Canary *Serinus flavivertex* E  
American Goldfinch *Carduelis tristis* E

## Family Emberizidae

Ortolan Bunting *Emberiza hortulana* AE  
Yellow-breasted Bunting *Emberiza aureola* AE  
Black-headed Bunting *Emberiza melanocephala* AE  
Red-headed Bunting *Emberiza bruniceps* DE  
Black-faced Bunting *Emberiza spodocephala* AE  
Yellow-throated Bunting *Emberiza elegans* E

## Family Passerellidae

Dark-eyed Junco *Junco hyemalis* AE  
White-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia leucophrys* AE  
White-throated Sparrow *Zonotrichia albicollis* AE  
Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis* E  
Song Sparrow *Melospiza melodia* AE  
Spotted Towhee *Pipilo maculatus* E

## Family Icteridae

Baltimore Oriole *Icterus galbula* AE  
Yellow-headed Blackbird *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus* DE  
Yellow-hooded Blackbird *Chrysomus icterocephalus* E

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Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus* AE

Family Parulidae

American Redstart *Setophaga ruticilla* AE

Northern Parula *Parula americana* AE

Magnolia Warbler *Dendroica magnolia* AE

Blackpoll Warbler *Dendroica striata* AE

Family Cardinalidae

Black-headed Grosbeak *Pheucticus melanocephalus* E

Northern Cardinal *Cardinalis cardinalis* E <sup>14</sup>

Blue Grosbeak *Passerina caerulea* E <sup>15</sup>

Indigo Bunting *Passerina cyanea* AE <sup>22</sup>

Lazuli Bunting *Passerina amoena* E

Varied Bunting *Passerina versicolor* E

Painted Bunting *Passerina ciris* E

Orange-breasted Bunting *Passerina leclancherii* E

Family Thraupidae

Red-crested Cardinal *Paroaria coronata* E

Common Diuca Finch *Diuca diuca* E

Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola* E

## NOTE

The following species has been recorded from the Isle of Man, but not since 2005:

## Order Passeriformes

Family Leiothrichidae

Red-winged Laughingthrush *Trochaloxyron formosum* E\* <sup>6,8,12</sup>

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