

# LONG HAUL OR LOCAL

Nightjars fly all the way from south of the Sahara desert in Africa each year. That`s over 3,000 miles!

They arrive on our heaths in May to lay eggs and raise their young. Their nest is a hollow in a patch of bare ground, often in gaps in the heather.

At night they come out to feed on moths and other large insects, catching them as they fly. Listen out at dusk or dawn for the strange 'churring` noise the male birds make.

Unlike nightjars, Dartford warblers stay on the heaths all year round.

Listen for their scratchy rattling song, or spot them flitting between gorse bushes.



Dartford warbler

Gorse

Nests near the ground are easily disturbed. You can help by keeping to the paths with dogs from early spring to August, so the birds can protect their eggs and feed their chicks.