

## The Curlew Nesting Game

Can you get lucky with the dice and build the perfect curlew upland nesting habitat before your opponents?

### What you need


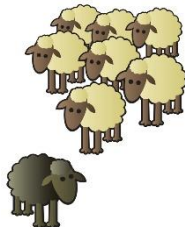




A dice.

At least 2 players.

Print the counters sheet out (1 for each player) and Upland Habitat Board.

### How to play

- 1) First you need a meadow or moorland in the uplands where a curlew might consider building a nest, so you can't do anything else till you throw a 6 and get your land – when you throw a 6 use the Upland Habitat Board to collect the other features.
- 2) Once you have the Upland Habitat you need to collect all the other items needed for a perfect Curlew nesting site - but be careful; one of these is not a good thing to have.
- 3) If you get a line of trees along your land (by throwing a 5) then you need to throw a 5 again to get rid of them. Curlew prefer not to nest near a line of trees where predators may lurk.
- 4) If you are the first to collect everything, with no trees, you are the winner!

Dice number	Cut these out and place on your field when you roll the correct number	
1		The tractor represents cutting the vegetation (grass, flowers and other plants) in the field. This will be done once the curlew chicks have all fledged (after July). If the grass is cut too early curlew chicks can be hurt or even killed.
2		A small number of sheep grazing will help to create some short open vegetation where curlews and their chicks can feed. Too many sheep, however, and all the vegetation will be eaten leaving nowhere for curlew chicks to hide.
3		A small number of cows grazing in autumn and winter helps to stop rushes and rough grasses take over the field.
4		Patches of rushes provide long vegetation where curlew chicks can hide from predators. If there are too many rushes, however, there isn't enough short wet grassland for them to feed in – about 30% of the field should have rushes.
5		We all love trees but curlews don't like to nest near them. Predators can hide in and under the trees and sneak up the nests to eat eggs and chicks.
6		Upland curlew habitat. Meadow or moorland in the uplands where there are plenty of invertebrates for them to feed on. Remember Curlews make their nests on the ground.

