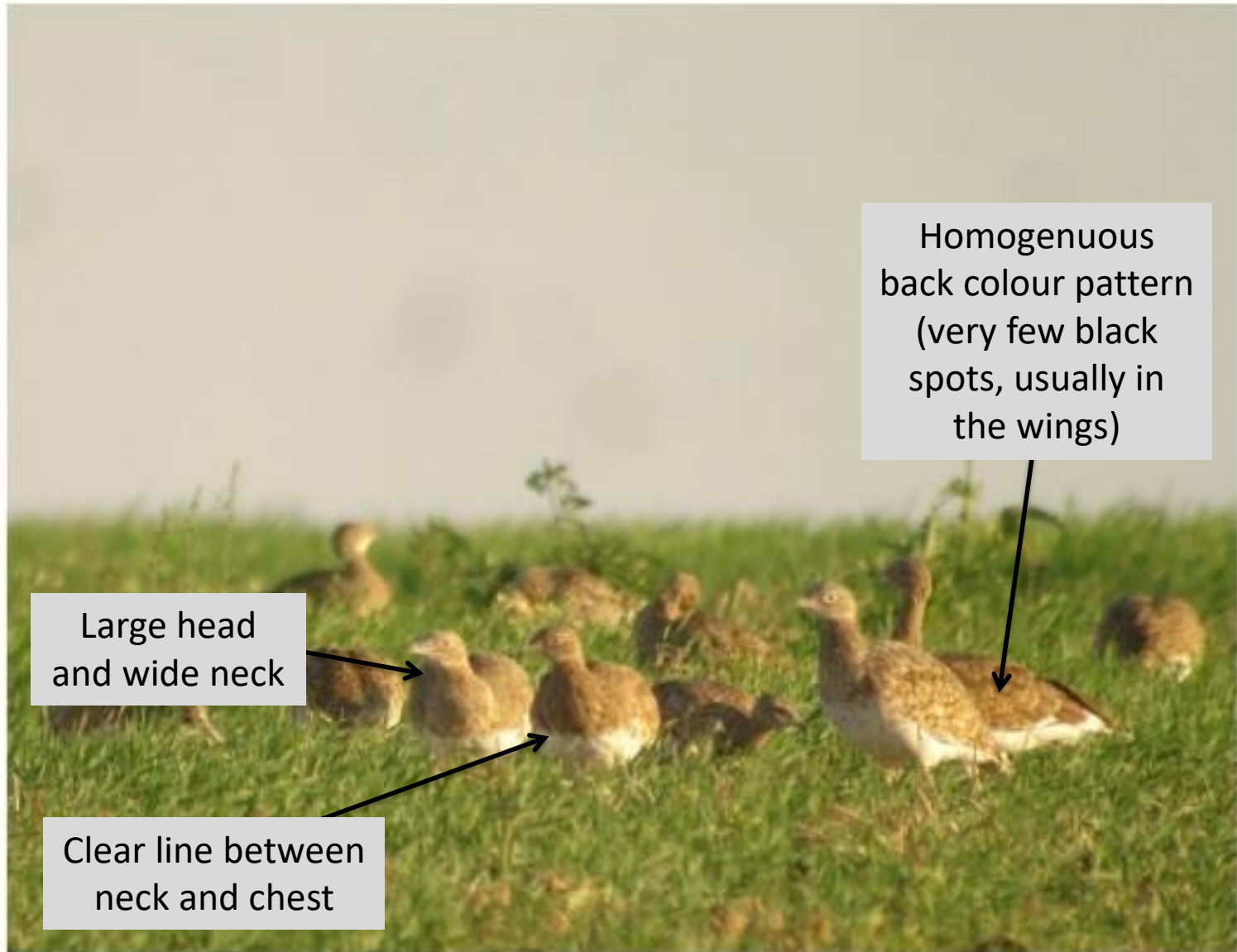


Appendix S1

Little bustard identification photo-guide

Males

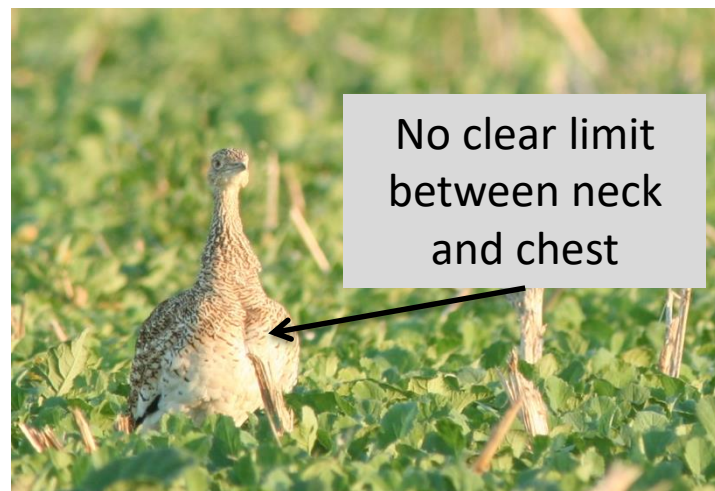


Large head
and wide neck

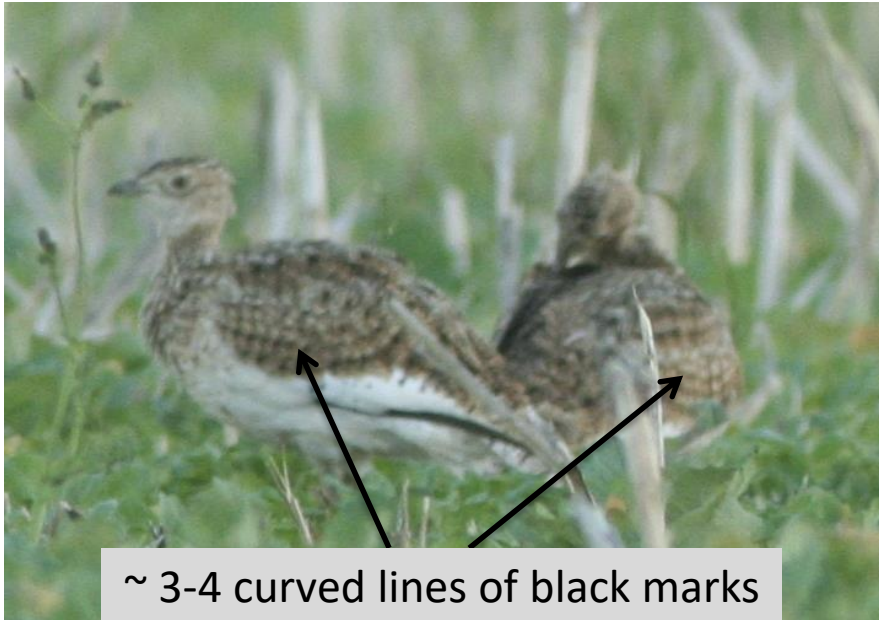
Clear line between
neck and chest

Homogeneous
back colour pattern
(very few black
spots, usually in
the wings)

Females



Youngs (less than 1 calendar year)



~ 3-4 curved lines of black marks
in the wing (two young
individuals in this picture)



Similar to females but...



Side marks already visible
in young chicks

Difficult identification example (noted down as 'undetermined')



Probably a first calendar year male which plumage is moulting to adult winter plumage: The limit between neck/chest becomes evident, head and neck are thick. However, its age is doubtful.