Let's start with basics.. What are Yellowhammers? <br>

Yellowhammers are a common passerine bird species distributed throughout Eurasia, New Zealand, and Australia, mostly non-migratory with partial exceptions for some Eastern Europe populations.1<br>

Originally from grassland, they have well-adapted to agricultural landscapes, preferably lowland farmland with open space and shrub patches.2 <br>

Although they are widely distributed, they have been suffering population decline in the last 20-30 years due to habitat destruction and human activity.3 <br>

To raise awareness, it was even elected as the Bird of the Year by the Czech Ornithological Society in 2011! Our hopes are high to make history again.. 👀 <br><br>

Now to the author’s favourite part: songs! <br>

Yellowhammer songs are constructed into 2 parts: the **first phrase**(or initial phrase) and the dialect.

But a picture(and sound, in this case) is worth a thousand words! Nudge this little guy to test your ears out😊 <br>

Can you hear the two different parts?<br>

The more rhythmic, fast-tempoed *‘chit,chit,chit,chit’* or *‘mic,mic,mic,mic’*, as I like to call, is the **first phrase**, and if you were good enough, you would have even heard the differences between all the songs! <br>

The longer, whistle-like latter part, ‘dee-doo-’ (sometimes just the first ‘dee-’) is the dialect, which is shared within locality (like a whole town). Meaning if you go to Prague, they will be all singing the same ‘dee-doo-‘, but when you go to Paris, they will all be singing ‘dee-tee-‘!