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## Front Cover – SPUR WINGED PLOVER

Common in all the area of the Middle East and Turkey. They live near water ponds and beaches, feed on insects, worms, small crabs and shrimps. Scientific name: *Vanellus spinosus*, Family *Charadriidae*.

They live on the ground and make their nest before the spring on the ground, laying between 2-4 eggs with a greenish and brown spotted shell.

During the nesting time the small birds protect their nest, eggs or chicks and attack any animal or person coming close.

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