

Aircraft Recognition List



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General

This list of aircraft has been produced to support the requirements of the Air Spotters' Badge and the relevant sections of the Aviation Skills Badges. It is a representative range of aircraft in current use, most of which are regularly seen in this country.

Combat aircraft

- 1 BAe Hawk
- 2 BAe Harrier / Sea Harrier
- 3 Lockheed F-16 Fighting Falcon
- 4 Eurofighter Typhoon
- 5 McDonnell-Douglas F-15 Eagle
- 6 McDonnell-Douglas F-18 Hornet
- 7 Panavia Tornado
- 8 SAAB Gripen
- 9 Shorts/Embraer Tucano
- 10 Dassault Mirage 2000

Large military aircraft

- 11 BAe Nimrod
- 12 Boeing C-17 Globemaster
- 13 Boeing KC-135 Stratotanker/E-3 Sentry
- 14 Lockheed C-130/J Hercules

Light and executive aircraft

- 15 BAe Jetstream 32/41
- 16 BAe 125/Dominie/Hawker 1000
- 17 Cessna 150/152
- 18 Grumman Gulfstream 2/3/4/5
- 19 Pilatus-Britten-Norman Islander / Defender
- 20 Piper PA-28 Cherokee
- 21 Piper PA-38 Tomahawk
- 22 Robin DR.400/500 series
- 23 Cessna Citation
- 24 LearJet
- 25 Grob Tutor G115E

Helicopters

- 26 Bell JetRanger/OH-58 Kiowa
- 27 Boeing-Vertol CH-47 Chinook
- 28 Eurocopter Squirrel
- 29 McDonnell-Douglas AH-64 Apache
- 30 Aérospatiale/Westland Gazelle
- 31 Robinson R-22/R-44
- 32 Agusta Westland Merlin
- 33 Westland Sea King/Sikorsky S-61 N
- 34 Agusta Bell AB-212

Airliners

- 35 Aérospatiale/Aeritalia ATR-42/72
- 36 Airbus A-318/319/320/321
- 37 Airbus A-340
- 38 Airbus A-380
- 39 BAe 146 or Avro RJ85/100
- 40 Boeing 737
- 41 Boeing 747
- 42 Boeing 777
- 43 Bombardier Dash-8
- 44 Bombardier Regional Jet CRJ700/900/1000
- 45 Fokker Friendship F27/F50
- 46 McDonnell-Douglas DC-10/MD-11

Heritage aircraft

- 47 Douglas DC3/C47 Dakota
- 48 Supermarine Spitfire
- 49 Avro Vulcan
- 50 Hawker Hunter

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Skills Badges support material

An Aircraft Recognition Resource CD is available from The Scout Information Centre of each of the aircraft listed together with pre-set example test challenges and answer worksheets.

Leaders or instructors may wish to use their own material to support the requirements of the Skills Badges involving aircraft recognition from material gleaned from other specialist sources. The use of the 50 listed aircraft is, however, recommended.

The well known scouting resources website - www.scoutingresources.org.uk - have appropriate aircraft recognition worksheets suitable for an air activities programme.

- Aircraft Liveries [Worksheet](#)
- Aircraft Silhouettes [Worksheet](#)

Scout Groups who have a nearby Air Scout Group (RAF Recognised) may also have access to the ATC Aircraft Recognition CD - RAFC Cranwell 33.232

Many of the Aircraft Museums in the UK have produced appropriate resources to support many of the Skills Badge Requirements – why not make contact with their Educational Departments.

- RAF Museums – Hendon & Cosford
http://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/london/learning/scout_groups.cfm
- Newark Air Museum - Newark
<http://www.newarkairmuseum.org/education.html>
- Imperial War Museum - Duxford
<http://duxford.iwm.org.uk/server/show/nav.24144>
- Fleet Air Arm Museum - Yeovilton
http://www.fleetairarm.com/en-GB/trails_quizzes_guides.aspx

Annual Aircraft Recognition Contest

Air Britain, a national air spotters & aircraft enthusiasts society, annually hold an open contest at the RAF Museum in Hendon, London on the 3rd Saturday in November, for individual and team entries which includes the **Maclean Rolls Trophy** specifically for Scout / Air Scout teams.

Further details and entry forms may be obtained from the Air Britain Recognition Contest webpage
<http://www.air-britain.com/abrecognition.html>

alternatively please contact Mr Ken Walker,
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Recommended publications

- Jane's Aircraft Recognition Guide – 5th Ed.
ISBN 978-0007257928
- Air Britain Publications (Various)
<https://www.air-britain.co.uk/actbooks/acatalog>

Suggested aircraft images websites

- Air Britain Photo Images Collection
<http://www.abpic.co.uk>
- Aircraft Photos Network
<http://www.aircraft-photos.net>
- Flight International Image Collection
<http://www.theflightcollection.com>
- Kevin's Aircraft Photo's
<http://www.kevair.fotopic.net>
- Steve Campton's Collection
<http://www.electric-image.co.uk/aircraft.html>
- Plane Spotters
<http://www.planespotter.org>
- Airliners Picture Search Engine
<http://www.airliners.net/search/>
- Aviation Photos
<http://www.aviationphotos.org>
- Scottish Aviation Enthusiasts
<http://www.taxiwayalpha.com>
- Andy Hutchings Spotters Site
<http://www.novembertango.co.uk/index.html>
- Aircraft Spotting Gallery
<http://aircraftspotting.net/pictures>
- Military Aircraft Visual Recognition Guide
<http://www.aircav.com/recog/recogtoc.html>
- Jet Photo Pictures Site
<http://www.jetphotos.net>

Online Aircraft Recognition Challenges

- <http://www.cosmic.com.au/cgi-bin/quizsample.asp>
- <http://www.airliners.net/quiz>
- <http://www.aircraftrecognition.com>
- http://www.cnapg.org/recognition_quiz.htm

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