Aircraft Recognition List

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 Aerospatiale/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
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](http://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/london/learning/scout_groups.cfm)
- Newark Air Museum - Newark
  [http://www.newarkairmuseum.org/education.html](http://www.newarkairmuseum.org/education.html)
- Imperial War Museum - Duxford
  [http://duxford.iwm.org.uk/server/show/nav.24144](http://duxford.iwm.org.uk/server/show/nav.24144)
- Fleet Air Arm Museum - Yeovilton

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](http://www.air-britain.com/abrecognition.html)

Alternatively please contact Mr Ken Walker, 9 Yellowhammers, Alton, Hants, GU34 2JR
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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](https://www.air-britain.co.uk/actbooks/acatalog)

Suggested aircraft images websites

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

Online Aircraft Recognition Challenges

[http://www.airliners.net/quiz](http://www.airliners.net/quiz)
[http://www.aircraftrecognition.com](http://www.aircraftrecognition.com)
[http://www.cnpag.org/recognition_quiz.htm](http://www.cnpag.org/recognition_quiz.htm)

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