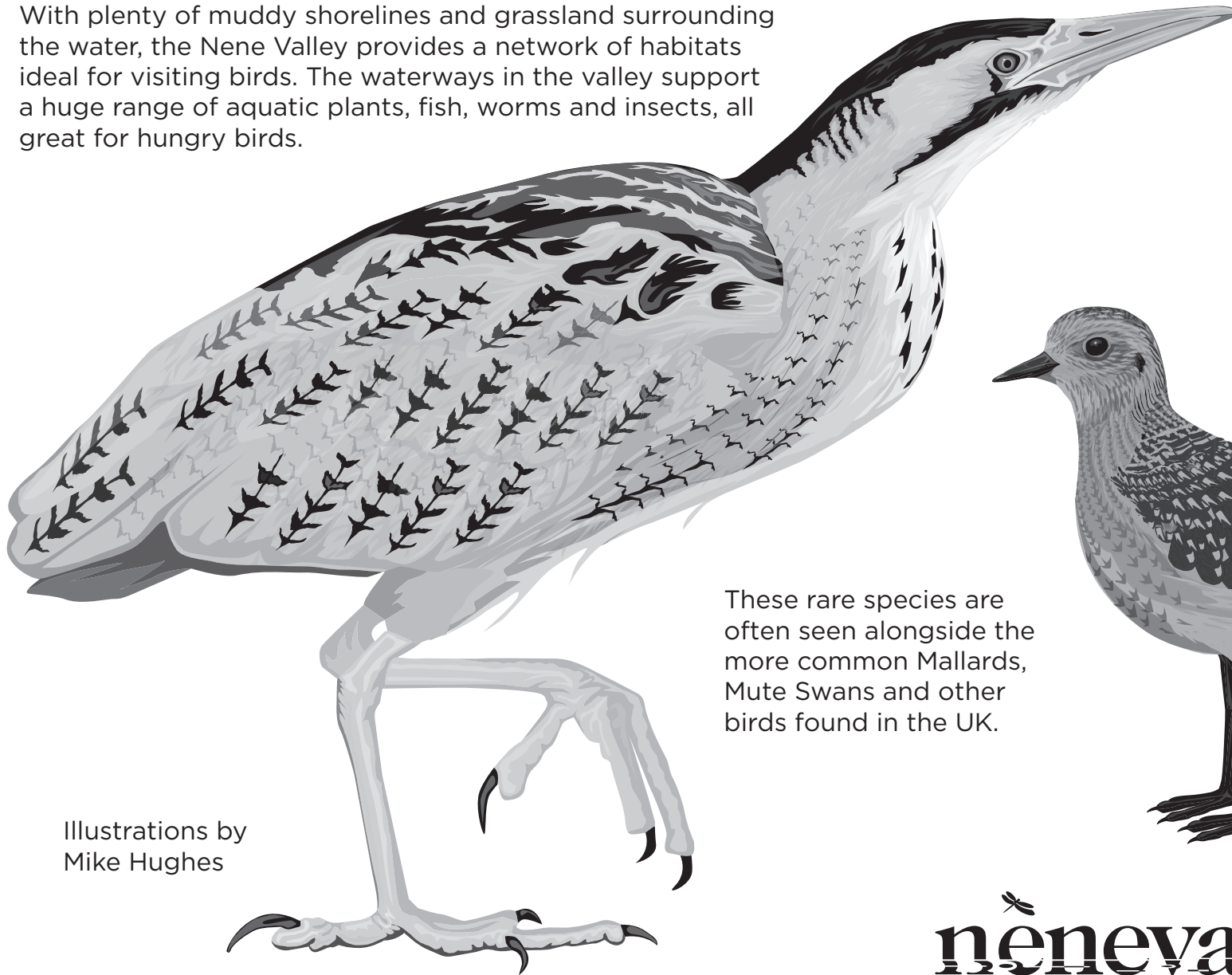


# Home for the winter

With plenty of muddy shorelines and grassland surrounding the water, the Nene Valley provides a network of habitats ideal for visiting birds. The waterways in the valley support a huge range of aquatic plants, fish, worms and insects, all great for hungry birds.

From October to March, the SPA attracts over 20,000 waterbirds, including vital populations of Golden Plover (right), Gadwell and Bittern (left) and migrating birds can travel from places like Iceland, Scandinavia and Russia.

Rare birds you can expect to see along the Nene Valley include Great-Crested Grebes, Shovelers and Pochards.



These rare species are often seen alongside the more common Mallards, Mute Swans and other birds found in the UK.

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