

Flevo Birdwatching

birding tours in the Netherlands



Date: 6th of may 2019

Tour: Oostvaardersplassen

Guide: Pim

Around 14 pm I met Chris in the Vondelpark area in Amsterdam. From here we drove in about 30 minutes to the province of Flevoland, all of this is reclaimed land. We first stopped at a nature reserve called “Lepelaarplassen” (Spoonbill lakes). On our walk to the bird hide it was warbler time. We saw and heard: Willow warbler, Reed warbler, Sedge warbler, Marsh warbler, Savi’s warbler and Cetti’s warbler. There was enough food for every bird in the form of million mosquitoes.



Warbler road – Lepelaarplassen – Almere.

From the bird hide we saw many ducks and shorebirds on a large (wet) field. Closeby some Common greenshanks and Common redshanks and hidden in the vegetation a Wood sandpiper. From long distance we saw a Little ringed plover.





Meadow pipet – Oostvaardersdijk – Lelystad.

Next stop was a 15 minute drive on the dyke, a short hike to a birdhide through a reed field. Again many warblers and Barn swallows.

Next stop was at a White stork colony, they were nesting in a large electricity pole.

After this we drove to the visitor centre for a hike of about 1,5 hours. It was a bit windy so we only heard about four Bluethroats and some Common redstarts. But some other birds were more cooperative like Northern wheatear, Common chaffinch and we saw a group of Red deer.



White stork colony – Lelystad.

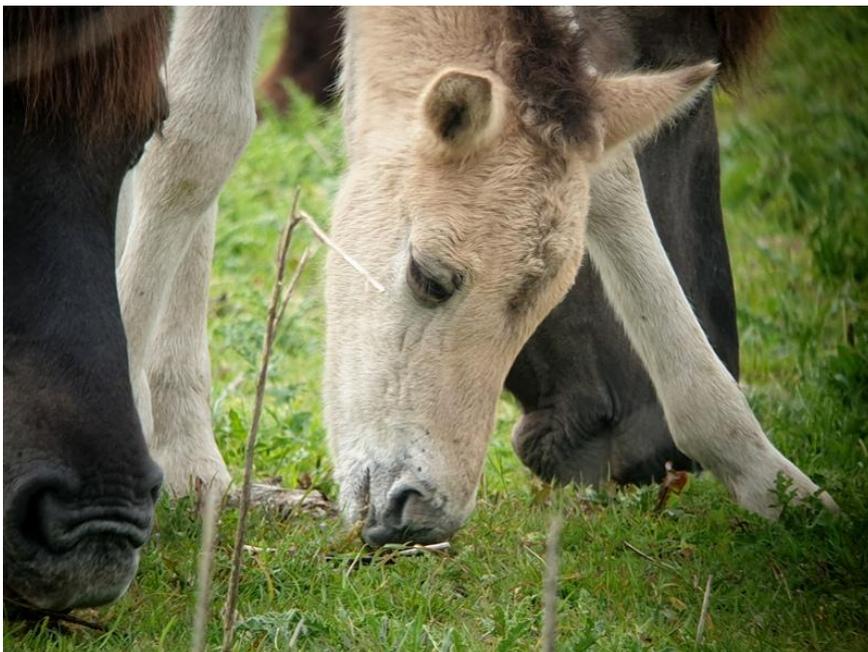


White stork – Lelystad.



Common chaffinch – Oostvaardersplassen.

In the Oostvaardersplassen you can find many wild horses (around 500-600) and Red deer (around 600). In the past there lived around 3000 of this grazers.



Konik horse – Oostvaardersplassen.

Our last stop of this birdtour was at the "Oostvaardersfield" where a Stonechat really showed well. From a bird hide we saw many Common greenshanks.





Stonechat – Oostvaardersplassen.

We managed to “catch” the following birdspecies during this tour:

Mute swan, Barnacle goose, Greylag goose, Egyptian goose, Common shelduck, Mallard, Gadwall, Northern shoveler, Common teal, Northern pintail, Eurasian wigeon, Common pochard, Tufted duck, Little grebe, Great crested grebe, White stork, Eurasian spoonbill, Grey heron, Great egret, Great cormorant, Common buzzard, Western marsh harrier, Common kestrel, Common moorhen, Eurasian coot, Eurasian oystercatcher, Pied avocet, Northern lapwing, Little ringed plover, Black tailed godwit, Common redshank, Common greenshank, Wood sandpiper, Black headed gull, Herring gull, Lesser black backed gull, Common tern, Feral pigeon, Wood pigeon, Common cuckoo, Common swift, Great spotted woodpecker, Eurasian magpie, Northern jackdaw, Carrion crow, Blue tit, Great tit, Long tailed tit, Barn swallow, House martin, Cetti’s warbler, Willow warbler, Common chiffchaff, Sedge warbler, Reed warbler, Marsh warbler (just heard), Grasshopper warbler (just heard), Savi’s warbler (just heard), Eurasian blackcap (just heard), Garden warbler, Common whitethroat, Winter wren, Short toed treecreeper (just heard), Common starling, Common blackbird, Song thrush (just heard), Bluethroat (just heard), Common nightingale (just heard), Common redstart (just heard), Northern wheatear, Stonechat, House sparrow, White wagtail, Meadow pipet, Common chaffinch, European greenfinch, European goldfinch, Common linnet & Common reed bunting (79 birdspecies)



Stonechat – Oostvaardersplassen.

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