

Flevo Birdwatching

Tour date:	6 th of July 2016, from 7:30 until 12:00 sunny, around 17C
Name of area visited:	Oostvaardersplassen, marshland and mainly willow woods between the towns Almere and Lelystad in the Flevopolder in the Netherlands
Guide(s):	Taco

Nederlandse naam	English name	Wetenschappelijke/Scientific name
fuut	great crested grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
dodaars	little grebe H	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
aalscholver	great cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
kleine zilverreiger	little egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
grote zilverreiger	great egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>
blauwe reiger	grey heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
lepelaar	eurasian spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>
knobbelzwaan	mute swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>
kolgans	white fronted goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>
grauwe gans	greylag goose	<i>Anser anser</i>
indische gans	bar headed goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>
grote canadese gans	canada goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>
brandgans	barnacle goose	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>
bergeend	common shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>
nijlgans	egyptian goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>
wilde eend	mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
wintertaling	common teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>
tafeleend	common pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>
kuifeend	tufted duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>
bruine kiekendief	marsh harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>
havik	northern goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>
buizerd	common buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
zeearend	white tailed eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>
boomvalk	hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>
meerkoet	common coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>
scholekster	oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>
kluut	avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>
steltkluut	black-winged stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
kievit	northern lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>
visdief	common tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
houtduif	wood pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>
turkse tortel	collard dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
koekoek	common cuckoo H	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>
ijsvogel	common kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
grote bonte specht	greater spotted woodpecker H	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>
boerenwaluw	woodpecker H	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
huiswaluw	barn swallow	<i>Delichon urbica</i>
witte kwikstaart	house martin	<i>Motacilla alba</i>
winterkoning	white wagtail	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>
blauwborst	Wren H	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>
merel	bluethroat	<i>Turdus merula</i>
zanglijster	blackbird	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>
	song thrush	

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kleine karekiet	reed warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>
tuinfluiter	garden warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>
grasmus	common whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>
zwartkop	Blackcap H	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>
tjiftjaf	Chiffchaff H	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>
spreeuw	common starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
ekster	magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>
kauw	eurasian jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>
raaf	common raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>
zwarte kraai	carrion crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>
vink	chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>
groenling	greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>
putter	goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>
kneu	linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>
rietgors	reed bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>

Total number of birds seen/heard; 57, H=only heard.

Highlights of the day:

- Visitors center "De Oostvaarder"; very nice building providing panoramic views over a couple of manmade islands in this Southern part of the Oostvaardersplassen. Species seen here: Some winter visitors are stayin all year round: White-fronted goose and Barnacle goose. On our way to the visitor centre a Common Whitethroat
- Parking lot along the "Oostvaardersdijk"; viewpoint overlooking the Oostvaardersplassen. Species seen here: Far away views of the juvenile White-tailed eagle on his nest. In the reedbeds a singing Reed bunting.
- "Krakeend route", walk to observation hide overlooking shallow waters and grassland. Species seen here: Two Kingfishers. One hovering like a Kestrel ! On the small lake Great and Little Egret and Spoonbill. Linnets and Goldfinches in the small trees around us. At the second shelter a beautiful male Black-winged Stilt
- "Kleine praambult", elevated look-out in the north-eastern part of the nature reserve the Oostvaardersplassen. Overlooking huge area of wet grassland. Species seen here: Some Avocets and a patrolling Marsh harrier. Very briefly a singing Bluethroat.
- "Grote praambult", elevated look-out in north-eastern part of the nature reserve the Oostvaardersplassen. Overlooking some forest, ponds and a huge area of wet grassland. Species seen here: Our first stop of the day. Nice sightings of a hunting Hobby trying to catch a small bird. Several Northern Raven and two Road deer.