

Flevo Birdwatching

Tour date:	10 th of December 2019, sunny around 5 C (8:35-13:30)
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	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
aalscholver	great cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
grote zilverreiger	great egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>
blauwe reiger	grey heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
wilde zwaan	whooper swan	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>
knobbelzwaan	mute swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>
kolgans	white fronted goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>
grauwe gans	greylag goose	<i>Anser anser</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>
krakeend	gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>
pijlstaart	northern pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>
slobeend	northern shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>
wintertaling	common teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>
tafeleend	common pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>
kuifeend	tufted duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>
nonnetje	smew	<i>Mergus albellus</i>
grote zaagbek	common merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>
blauwe kiekendief	hen harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>
sperwer	eurasian sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>
buizerd	common buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
ruigpootbuizerd	rough-legged buzzard	<i>Buteo lagopus</i>
zeearend	white tailed eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>
waterral	water rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>
meerkoet	common coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>
goudplevier	european golden plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>
kievit	northern lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>
watersnip	common snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>
kokmeeuw	black-headed gull	<i>Croicocephalus ridibundus</i>
stormmeeuw	common gull	<i>Larus canus</i>
zilvermeeuw	herring gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>
houtduif	wood pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>
holenduif	stock pigeon	<i>Columba oenas</i>
ijsvogel	common kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
grote bonte specht	greater spotted woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>
winterkoning	wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>
heggemus	hedge accentor	<i>Prunella modularis</i>
roodborst	robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>
blauwborst	bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>

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merel	blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>
kramsvogel	fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>
zanglijster	song thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>
goudhaan	goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>
pimpelmees	blue tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>
koolmees	great tit	<i>Parus major</i>
boomkruiper	short-toed treecreeper H	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>
spreeuw	common starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
gaai	eurasian jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</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>
huismus	house sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
vink	chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>
putter	goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>
rietgors	reed bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>

59 species seen/heard (H = heard only)

Highlights of the day:

The first stop was a walk to a viewing point in the south of the national park. We saw today many raptors. It started here with a beautiful Rough-legged buzzard and a Kestrel eating his prey. Good views of Red deer and Red fox.

Short view of the only Little grebe of the day. Hundreds of Lapwings were resting. Four Common snipes were flying above us.

Our next target species are some wintering duck species. Near the harbour we found one female Smew and several Common merganser. On the dyke many Common buzzards and Kestrels.

At our third stop we were searching for White-tailed eagle and Bearded reedling but without luck. But we did find a Eurasian kingfisher far away at a branch in the water. The bearded reedling was hard to find today at our fourth stop we missed it also.

A small hike at the visitor center was good for many Robins a Dunnock and we heard a Short-toed treecreeper.

At the next stop we managed to get two juvenile White-tailed eagles in sight. A female Hen harrier was passing by. A good end of nice and sunny birding tour.



