

Tour date:	11 th of april 2022
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

After a week of cold windy and rainy weather it was a beautiful day. Sunny and 15 degrees Celsius. I met Anita and Sue from the USA at trainstation Oostvaarders.

Our first stop was Jan van den Boschpad"; There are no leaves on the trees yet. So we managed to get good views of Robin, Blackcap, Blue tit, Great tit, Willow warbler, Chiffchaff and Chaffinch. A bit more difficult was the Hawfinch Taco spotted in top of Tree. Sue managed to get a glimpse of it when it flew away. Treecreeper was only heard. On our way to the look out a group of Whimbrels was passing high in the sky.

At the look out we had excellent views of a Bluethroat and a Ring ouzel.

The next stop was the "Grote Praambult" Far away we saw 4 White-tailed eagles. A little bit closer there were still some winter visitors present: 2 Whooper swans.

At the "Kleine Praambult" we had good views of the Konik horses.

We stopped also two times at the Oostvaardersdijk. At one time we saw 9 White-tailed eagles together. And finally some waders. We add Ruff, Black-tailed godwit, Redshank and Dunlin to our list. Unfortunately we did not see any Spoonbill today.

Wetenschappelijke/Scientific name

Nederlandse naam	English name	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>
grouwe 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>
smient	eurasian wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</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>
grote zaagbek	common merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>
bruine kiekendief	marsh harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>
buizerd	common buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
zeearend	white tailed eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>
torenavalk	common kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>

Flevo Birdwatching

waterhoen	moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
meerkoet	common coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>
scholekster	oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>
kluut	avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>
kievit	northern lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>
bonte strandloper	dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>
kemphaan	ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>
regenwulp	whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
grutto	black-tailed godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>
tureluur	common redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>
kokmeeuw	black-headed gull	<i>Croicocephalus ridibundus</i>
zilvermeeuw	herring gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>
kleine mantelmeeuw	lesser black-backed gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>
houtduif	wood pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>
holenduif	stock pigeon	<i>Columba oenas</i>
	greater spotted	
grote bonte specht	woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>
boerenzwaluw	barn swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
graspieper	meadow pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>
witte kwikstaart	white wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>
winterkoning	wren H	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>
roodborst	robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>
blauwborst	bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>
Cetti zanger	Cetti's warbler H	<i>Cettia cetti</i>
merel	blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>
beflijster	ring ouzel	<i>Turdus torquatus</i>
zanglijster	song trush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>
fitis	willow warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>
tjiftjaf	chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</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>
appelvink	hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>
putter	goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>
kneu	linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>

66 species. H = heard only