

Flevo Birdwatching

Tour date:	19 th of September 2018, excellent weather, around 20 C.
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

Our first stop was the viewing point at the Jan van de Boschpad. Before we reached the viewing point we had already seen some nice birds. 2 Hobby's were hunting dragonfly's above the trees. And we saw several Great spotted woodpeckers.

A spotting scope is an absolut must at this point. When scanning the area we picked up White-tailed eagle and groups of Dunlins and Ruff. There was a lot of activity of songbirds. We managed to spot Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Linnet and Winchat. A Sparrowhawk was attracted to al this birds and this small raptor was trying to catch a goldfinch. Very spectacular. On our way back we saw another flock of songbirds and we picked out Blackcap, Chiffchaf and a Treecreeper.

Our second stop was the shelter called "De Zilverreiger" A very big bird was at the Markermeer. Great Black-backed gull, on of the largest gulls in the world. Before we walked to the hide we saw several Kestrels and Marsh harriers. During the morning we saw at least 10 Kestrels. On the rocks we had good views of a Kingfisher.



Just before we entered the zone with reed we heard the tinkling bell sound of Bearded reedling. A view moments later we saw a family group of the beautiful bird.

At the hide it was a little bit quit with birds. But good enough for a group of 6 Common snipes. We heard the loud song of a Cetti warbler.

At the Knardijk we stopped to have a good view of a large group of Common pochards.

The shelter "de Grauwe Gans" is the birding hotspot of the Oostvaardersplassen at the moment, because of the low water level. Between the groups of Teal, Shoveler, Pintail and Wigeon we found Spotted redshank, Black-tailed godwit and a Bar-tailed godwit. The last is a very rare visitor to the Oostvaardersplassen. A groups of at least 200 Avocet is resting here.

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Our last stop this morning gives us some more species, Mute swan, Little grebe and a Common sandpiper.

During the morning we did not see Blackbird and House sparrow !



Nederlandse naam

fuut
dodaars
aalscholver
grote zilverreiger
blauwe reiger
knobbelzwaan
grouwe gans
brandgans
bergeend
nijlgans
smient
wilde eend
krakeend
pijlstaart
slobeend

English name

great crested grebe
little grebe
great cormorant
great egret
grey heron
mute swan
greylag goose
barnacle goose
common shelduck
egyptian goose
eurasian wigeon
mallard
gadwall
northern pintail
northern shoveler

Wetenschappelijke/Scientific name

Podiceps cristatus
Tachybaptus ruficollis
Phalacrocorax carbo
Casmerodius albus
Ardea cinerea
Cygnus olor
Anser anser
Branta leucopsis
Tadorna tadorna
Alopochen aegyptiacus
Anas penelope
Anas platyrhynchos
Anas strepera
Anas acuta
Anas clypeata

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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>
sperwer	eurasian sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>
buizerd	common buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
zeearend	white tailed eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>
torenvalk	common kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
boomvalk	hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>
meerkoet	common coot	<i>Fulica atra</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>
grutto	black-tailed godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>
rosse grutto	bar-tailed godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>
zwarte ruiters	spotted redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>
oeverloper	common sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</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>
grote mantelmeeuw	greater black-backed gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>
houtduif	wood pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>
turkse tortel	collard dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
ijsvogel	common kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
grote bonte specht	greater spotted	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>
oeverzwaluw	woodpecker	<i>Riparia riparia</i>
boerenzwaluw	sand martin	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
witte kwikstaart	barn swallow	<i>Motacilla alba</i>
Winterkoning H	white wagtail	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>
paapje	wren	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>
zwartkop	whinchat	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>
tjiftjaf	blackcap	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>
baardman	chiffchaff	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>
pimpelmees	bearded tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>
koolmees	blue tit	<i>Parus major</i>
staartmees	great tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>
boomkruiper	long-tailed tit	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>
spreeuw	short-toed treecreeper	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
gaai	common starling	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>
ekster	eurasian jay	<i>Pica pica</i>
kauw	magpie	<i>Corvus monedula</i>
zwarte kraai	eurasian jackdaw	<i>Corvus corone</i>
Vink H	carrion crow	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>
groenling	chaffinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>
putter	greenfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>
kneu	goldfinch	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>
	linnet	

63 species (H=only heard)