

Tour date:	20 th July, Day 8:00-16:00, Sunny, 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

Highlights of the day:

- "Jan van den Boschpad"; elevated look-out in the most southern part of the nature reserve the Oostvaardersplassen. Species seen here: A single White-tailed eagle far far away. During our return walk there was more activity. Good views of Songtrush, Goldfinch, Common whitethroat and very cooperative male Sparrowhawk perched in a tree
- "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. Three more White-tailed eagles on the grasslands. Close to the eagles we saw at least one Cattle egret. A group of around 50 Spoonbills. A perched Cuckoo far away but good views.
- "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: Many waders far away, so difficult to check. Luckily we managed to spot a Spotted redshank.
- "Praamweg", road through wet grassland area with Konik horses. Species seen here: A beautiful Little grebe in the middle of a small lake.
- "Zeearend", observation hide and visitor centre. A good show of a male Common redstart. At the first part of the hike to the shelter there was a lot of activity of songbirds. And we had nice views of Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Willow warbler, Chiffchaff, Sedge warbler, Reedwarbler, Common whitethroat and a Spotted flycatcher. Just before we left the forest we spotted a Icterine warbler At the shelter we could add a juvenile Bluethroat, Ruff, Black tern and Common redshank to our growing list. A group of Female Red deer with young crossed the lake, which was a magnificent sight.
- Parking lot along the "Oostvaardersdijk, shelter de Zilverreiger"; viewpoint overlooking the Oostvaardersplassen. Species seen here: Excellent views of a pair of Eurasian oystercatcher. During the small hike to the shelter a male Bluethroat was very helpful and was showing off. Also a group of Long-tailed tits.
- Parking lot along the "Oostvaardersdijk"; viewpoint overlooking the Oostvaardersplassen. Species seen here: Our last stop was our last chance for Ruddy shelducks who were present here a couple of day ago. Unfortunately we dipped that one. Instead we added Garganey and Eurasian teal to our daylist.

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>
koereiger	cattle egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</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>
gauwe gans	greylag goose	<i>Anser anser</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>
slobeend	northern shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>
wintertaling	common teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>
zomertaling	garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</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>
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>
kievit	northern lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>
kemphaan	ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>
grutto	black-tailed godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>
tureluur	common redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>
zwarte ruiter	spotted redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</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>
noordse stern	arctic tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>
zwarte stern	black tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>
houtduif	wood pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>
holenduif	stock pigeon	<i>Columba oenas</i>
koekoek	common cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>
gierzwaluw	common swift	<i>Apus apus</i>
grote bonte specht	greater spotted woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>
oeverzwaluw	sand martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>
boerenzwaluw	barn swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
witte kwikstaart	white wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>
winterkoning	wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>
heggemus	hedge accentor	<i>Prunella modularis</i>

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roodborst
blauwborst
gekraagde roodstaart
merel
zanglijster
sprinkhaanzanger
rietzanger
kleine karekiet
spotvogel
tuinfluiter
grasmus
zwartkop
fitis
tjiftjaf
Cetti's zanger
grauwe vliegenvanger
pimpelmees
koolmees
staartmees
spreeuw
gaai
ekster
kauw
zwarte kraai
huismus
vink
groenling
putter
rietgors

robin
bluethroat
common redstart
blackbird
song thrush
grasshopper warbler
sedge warbler
reed warbler
icterine warbler
garden warbler
common whitethroat
blackcap
willow warbler
chiffchaff
Cetti warbler
spotted flycatcher
blue tit
great tit
long-tailed tit
common starling
eurasian jay
magpie
eurasian jackdaw
carrion crow
house sparrow
chaffinch
greenfinch
goldfinch
reed bunting

Erithacus rubecula
Luscinia svecica
Phoenicurus phoenicurus
Turdus merula
Turdus philomelos
Locustella naevia
Acrocephalus schoenobaenus
Acrocephalus scirpaceus
Hippolais icterina
Sylvia borin
Sylvia communis
Sylvia atricapilla
Phylloscopus trochilus
Phylloscopus collybita
Cettia cetti
Muscicapa striata
Cyanistes caeruleus
Parus major
Aegithalos caudatus
Sturnus vulgaris
Garrulus glandarius
Pica pica
Corvus monedula
Corvus corone
Passer domesticus
Fringilla coelebs
Chloris chloris
Carduelis carduelis
Emberiza schoeniclus

