

# Flevo Birdwatching

Tour date:	29 September 2019
Name of area visited:	Oostvaardersplassen, marshland and mainly willow woods between the towns Almere and Lelystad in the Flevopolder in the Netherlands
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<b>Nederlandse naam</b>	<b>English name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
fuut	Great crested grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
aalscholver	Great cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
grote zilverreiger	Great egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>
blauwe reiger	Grey heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</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>
wilde eend	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrinchos</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>Athya ferna</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>
ruigpootbuizerd	Rough legged buzzard	<i>Buteo lagopus</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>Recuvirostra avosetta</i>
steltkluut	Black winged stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
bontbekplevier	Great ringed plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</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>Larus 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>
kleine mantelmeeuw	Lesser black backed gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>
visdief	Common tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
houtduif	Wood pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>
grote bonte specht	Great spotted woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>
boerenzwaluw	Barn swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>

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witte kwikstaart	White wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>
winterkoning	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>
heggemus	Hedge accentor	<i>Prunella modularis</i>
roodborst	Robin	<i>Erithacus rebecula</i>
paapje	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola ruberta</i>
roodborsttapuit	Common stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>
merel	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>
Cetti zanger	Cetti's warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>
Zwartkop	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia articapilla</i>
Tjiftjaf	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>
Bardman	bearded tit	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>
Pimpelmees	Blue tit	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>
Koolmees	Great tit	<i>Parus major</i>
Staartmees	Long tailed tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>
Spreeuw	Common starling	<i>Strunus vulgaris</i>
Gaai	Eurasian jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>
Ekster	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>
Kauw	Eurasian jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>
Kraai	Carrion crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>
Vink	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>
Kneu	Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>

Total number of species: 63

## Highlights of the day:

- I "Jan van den Boschpad"; elevated look-out in the most southern part of the nature reserve the Oostvaardersplassen. Species seen here: Starting in the rain with a nice Hobby perched in a tree. Some small bushes hold quite a big group of Long tailed tits. From the lookout we saw many ducks and geese; female Pintail, Ringed plover, Teal, Grey lag geese, Barnacle geese. And we heard a lot of Cetti's warblers from the reed beds. On our way back to the car we came across a Sparrowhawk harassed by two Jays.
- II Parking lot along the "Oostvaardersdijk"; viewpoint overlooking the Lepelaarsplassen. Species seen here: Many Avocets and one Black winged stilt. A remote White tailed eagle took flight and good view of an big group Shelducks.
- III Parking lot along the "Oostvaardersdijk"; viewpoint overlooking the Oostvaardersplassen. Species seen here: Heard some Bearded reedlings and some an array of gulls and a distant White tailed eagle.
- IV Julianapad: a trail through the reedbeds to a nice hide: Robin, Chifchaf and calling of Bearded reedlings
- V "Zeearend", observation hide "de kluut". Species seen here: Due to the low water level a lot of waders were present; many Avocets, Bar tailed godwits, Ruff, Redshank and a Spotted redshank

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- V "Zeearend", trail to the observation hide through the forest. Species seen here: Through "a just to be forest" with Stone- and Winchats, Chaffinch, again a Hobby and Kestrels. From the hide we saw a big group of Linnets and some very nice stags of the Red deer (rutting). On our way back good views of a subadult White tailed eagle.
- VI "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: Quick view here before catching the train to the airport; at least three Great white egrets and more Red deer as well as a roe deer on our way to the train.



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