

Flevo Birdwatching

Tour date:	September 14 th , 2015
Name of areas visited:	Texel Southernmost of the northern Islands in the Netherlands. On the island from 09.45 until 16.00 hrs. Hondsbosscche Zeewering: We tried but rain was too bad.
Guide:	Robert de Groot

Nederlandse naam

Aalscholver
Grote zilverreiger
Blauwe reiger
Lepelaar
Knobbelzwaan
Grauwe gans
Bergeend
Nijlgans
Smient
Wilde eend
Krakeend
Wintertaling
Tafeleend
Kuifeend
Eider
Bruine kiekendief
Buizerd
Torenavalk
Fazant
Meerkoet
Scholekster
Kluut
Bontbekplevier
Kleine plevier
Strandplevier
Goudplevier
Kievit
Steenloper
Drieteenstrandloper
Kemphaan
Wulp
Rosse grutto
Tureluur
Groenpootruiter
Watersnip
Kokmeeuw
Stormmeeuw

English name

Great Cormorant
Great Egret
Grey Heron
(Eurasian) Spoonbill
Mute Swan
Greylag Goose
(Common) Shelduck
Egyptian Goose
(Eurasian) Wigeon
Mallard
Gadwall
(Common) Teal
(Common) Pochard
Tufted Duck
(Common) Eider
Marsh Harrier
(Common) Buzzard
(Common) Kestrel
(Common) Pheasant
(Common) Coot
Oystercatcher
Avocet
Great ringed Plover
Little ringed Plover
Kentish Plover
(European) Golden Plover
Northern Lapwing
Turnstone
Sanderling
Ruff
Eurasian Curlew
Bar-tailed Godwit
(Common) Redshank
(Common) Greenshank
(Common) Snipe
Black headed Gull
(Common) Gull

Scientific name

Phalacrocorax carbo
Casmerodius albus
Ardea cinerea
Platalea leucorodia
Cygnus olor
Anser anser
Tadorna tadorna
Alopochen aegyptiacus
Anas penelope
Anas platyrhynchos
Anas strepera
Anas crecca
Aythya ferina
Aythya fuligula
Somateria mollissima
Circus aeruginosus
Buteo buteo
Falco tinnunculus
Phasianus colchicus
Fulica atra
Haematopus ostralegus
Recurvirostra avosetta
Charadrius hiaticula
Charadrius dubius
Charadrius alexandrinus
Pluvialis apricaria
Vanellus vanellus
Arenaria interpres
Calidris alba
Philomachus pugnax
Numenius arquata
Limosa lapponica
Tringa totanus
Tringa nebularia
Gallinago gallinago
Chroicocephalus ridibundus
Larus canus



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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>
Grote stern	Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>
Houtduif	Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>
Holenduif	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>
Turkse tortel	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
Boerenwaluw	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
Huiswaluw	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>
Graspieper	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>
Witte kwikstaart	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>
Merel	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>
Zwartkop	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>
Fitis	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>
Spreeuw	(Common) Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
Ekster	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>
Kauw	(Eurasian) Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>
Zwarte kraai	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>
Huismus	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
Vink	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>
Groenling	Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>
Putter	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>
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Soorten waargenomen / Species observed	(H) = Alleen gehoord / Heard only	Total

Weather: Reasonable, but cold for this time of the year. Sunny with clouds, as if painted by a Dutch Master. Later on really a lot of precipitation.

Highlight of the day: Avocet, not one but tens of them.

Despite a blown out tyre we get to the ferry in time. During the crossing we see Black-headed Gulls and Lesser Black-backed Gull. They feast on handouts by schoolkids.

De Petten: This is an area, that as an introduction to Texel's birdlife, does not disappoint. It is high tide at the moment and many birds wait for the foraging areas to become available again. Snipe, Bar-tailed Godwit, Shelduck and Spoonbill. They do have long legs, but too short to wade in deep water. So they wait, and preen and sleep. In between we find Common Redshank, Teal and Ruddy Turnstone.

Mokbaai, formerly an area where flying boats were based. The dunes to the south-west have been added to the island since 1740: Driving on we get to the end of the road, overlooking the mudflats of the Mokbaai. We see a huge group of Curlew, and Golden Plovers. From here we walk towards the viewpoint overlooking the Horsmeertjes, two fresh water lakes. There are Common Pochard on these and in the bushes surrounding the viewpoint we see Chaffinch, a Blackcap and Greenfinch. The wind is quite strong so most small birds prefer shelter we do not see many other songbirds.

We have lunch in Oudeschild, the fishing port of the island. After that we make a move to Ottersaat and Dijkmanshuizen. Two people are in the hide at Dijkmanshuizen, they mention a few birds they



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have seen and we manage to see most birds they named as well: Cormorant, Yellow and White Wagtail. Teal and Shoveler, Redshank and more Snipe. A Marsh Harrier passes in the distance.

Wagejot, Lancasterdijk: More Avocets, the Japanese designed version of a shorebird, a few pencil strokes of black and white, depicting that bird. The concrete wall, which houses a colony of Sand Martins (a.k.a. Bank Swallows) is now deserted. We can see where the tunnels have been dug.

De Bol: Nice group of Spoonbills, they rest on the inland side of the dike. On the canal and lake there are Coots. Coffee at Prins Hendrik (Prince Henry, not related to the house of Windsor)

Reddingboothuis area: The Life Boat House itself is just a building, but the area around it can deliver some nice birds. Just before reaching it, a three hundred meter stretch of road runs on the seaward side of the dike. That gives us a chance to watch out over an open stretch of water.

A Sandwich Tern flies past, quickly, as if to have to reach the wintering grounds by the end of the day. The tide is going out now, and some birds are on the now exposed mud, including Sanderling and Bar-tailed Godwit. The weather now turns a bit towards being too wet. So we forfeit on leaving the vehicle. We manage to spot a female Pheasant, hiding in the side of some bushes. Dark clouds appear again.

We catch the ferry and instead of returning the same, and quickest, way, we drive past the coast. But the weather turns really bad, at times rain prohibits views of more than 25 meters. A Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, recently reported from the area near Camperduin stays hidden. The clients do get to see some of the smaller villages on the mainland. A deluge near the Beverwijk tunnel slows us down for some time, but, reaching Amsterdam, it is dry again.



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Different areas on Texel



Tuintjes
Life Boat house

Slufter
Schorren

Utopia

De Bol

Waal en Burg (mid
island)

Lancasterdijk

Dijkmanshuizen

Ottersaat

Oudeschild-haven

Paal 9

De Petten
Mokbaai

Horsmeertjes

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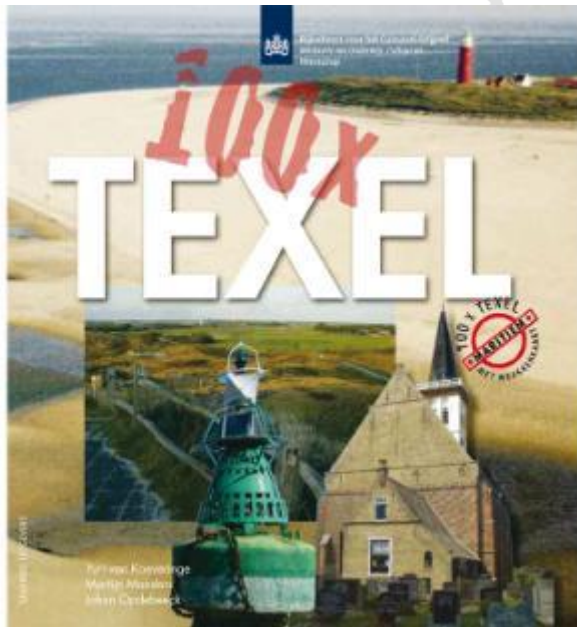
Books on Texel:



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