

# Flevo Birdwatching

Tour date:	2th December 2018
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>
wilde zwaan	Whooper swan	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>
knobbelzwaan	Mute swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>
toendrarietgans	Bean goose	<i>Anser fabalis</i>
kolgans	White fronted goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>
grauwe 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 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>
brilduiker	Common goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>
nonnetje	Smew	<i>Mergus albellus</i>
grote zaagbek	Common merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>
blauwe kiekendief	Hen harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>
sperwer	Eurasian sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>
havik	Northern goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>
buizerd	Common buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
ruigpootbuizerd	Rough legged buzzard	<i>Buteo lagopus</i>
torenvalk	Common kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
waterhoen	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
meerkoet	Common coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>
goudplevier	European golden plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>
kievit	Northern lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>
bonte strandloper	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>
tureluur	Common redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>
kokmeeuw	Black headed gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>
stormmeeuw	Common gull	<i>Larus canus</i>
zilvermeeuw	Herring gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>
houtduif	Wood pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>
grote bonte specht	Great spotted woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>
oeverpieper	Rock pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>
witte kwikstaart	White wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>

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winterkoning	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>
heggemus	Hedge accentor	<i>Prunella modularis</i>
merel	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>
goudhaan	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>
pimpelmees	Blue tit	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>
koolmees	Great tit	<i>Parus major</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>
huismus	House sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
vink	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>
rietgors	Reed bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>

Totaal species seen/heard: 56

## 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: Big group of Northern shovelers, some Greylag goose and two Common redshank with their heads tucked in the feathers.
- "Trekvogel veldje"; small wet/grassy area with scrubs. Species seen here: Eurasian sparrow hawk flew off with a quarry, Dunnock or Hedge accentor gave us a pretty close look, in the canal two couples of Common merganser. On the grassy part of the dyke a couple of Mew or Common gulls. House sparrows were chirping again after the sparrow hawk left.
- Parking lot along the "Oostvaardersdijk"; viewpoint overlooking the Lepelaarsplassen. Species seen here: One Rock pipit on the boulders in the shelter harbour, some Common shelducks and a quick look at a Goshawk swooping in from the sky
- Observation hide "De Grauwe gans"; viewpoint overlooking the North part of the Oostvaardersplassen. Species seen here: Group of Golden plovers flew overhead, some contact calls by just a brief sighting of a Goldcrest, some Lapwings flew by. A Eurasian jay surprised us when leaving the hide, and a Great spotted woodpecker appeared at the end of the trail.
- "Praamweg", road through wet grassland area with Konik horses. Species seen here: No sign of the Grey shrike or the Rough legged buzzard only a small group of Pintails pretty close by.
- "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: Northern Goshawk swooped by and a couple of Whooper swan in the opposite waterbody.
- "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: Eurasian wigeon, Red fox crossed the grass fields in search of a meal, Horses, cattle and Red deer in the distance.
- "Trekweg", road along a man made canal and a highway. Species seen here: Two Rough legged buzzard Were foraging on the grassy fields hovering above the grassland before the highway. We had some nice close views and saw all the diagnostic features of this species. As we turned from the Trekweg to the train station we spotted a big group of geese in the field and turned the car around. After a quick scan

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we discovered, Greylag goose, White fronted goose, Barnacle goose and after a closer look also Bean goose, this was a success.

It was a drizzly Sunday morning but we still managed to see 56 species of birds and had a nice time birding together.



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