

# East Coast Seabird Weekend – Trip Itinerary

2024

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13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024

£799

This is a trip every birdwatcher and wildlife photographer should make.

Departure is from Norfolk early morning of Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June and drop off is in Norfolk evening of 15<sup>th</sup> June. Pick up and drop off 'en-route' can be arranged.

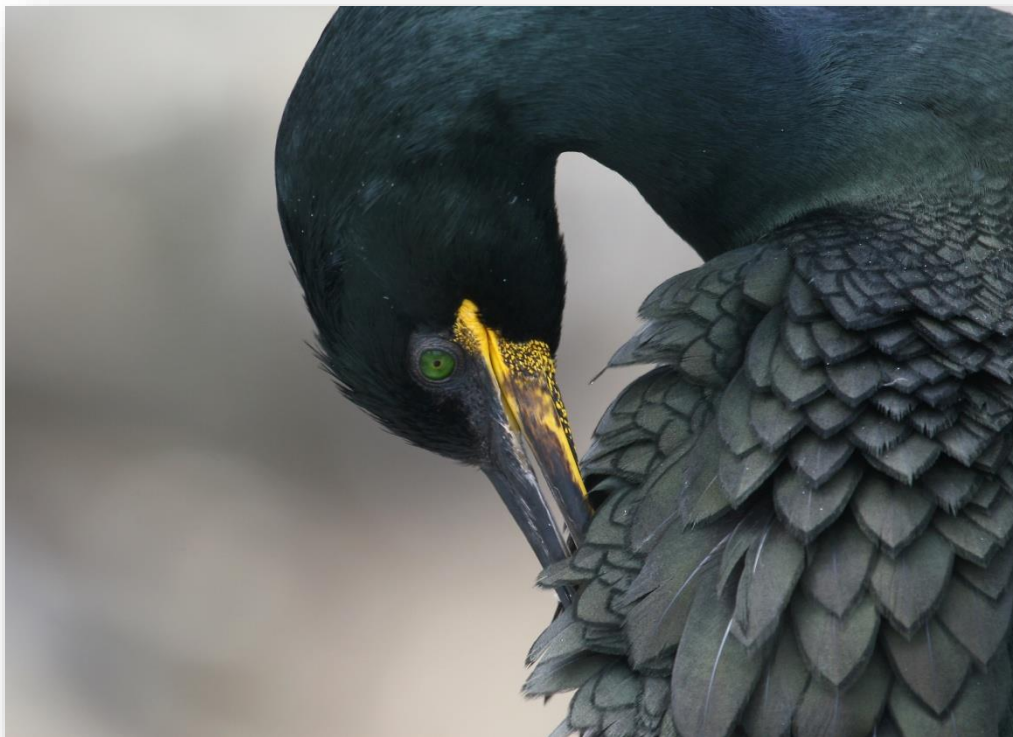
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Day 1            Visit to Bempton RSPB in Yorkshire and travel to Northumberland

Day 2            Farne Islands and the Northumberland Coast

Day 3            Visit to a Tern Colony and drive back to Norfolk

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Shag by Carl Chapman

Although we will endeavour to follow our planned programme due to bad weather and other considerations this is not always possible. You can rest assured that any alterations to our planned itinerary will be made to make maximum use of our time and weather conditions. It is imperative you note a trip out on a boat to the Farnes is only considered if the weather is suitable.

### Overview

This is a weekend tour to Yorkshire and Northumberland to see an amazing spectacle. Each year seabirds return to the Farne Islands to breed in huge numbers. This is an opportunity to see one of the true wildlife wonders of the British Isles as well as being able to relax in pleasant surroundings.

There is much to see and photograph on this trip.

### Day 1 - Thursday

We set off from Norfolk in the morning stopping for lunch around midday at the RSPB reserve at Bempton to see the breeding Gannets. We will arrive at our comfortable accommodation in Northumberland. Depending upon the time of our arrival we will be able to take a stroll in the surrounding countryside to photograph or watch wildlife.

We will retire back to our accommodation for dinner and a good nights' sleep.

### Day 2 - Friday

After a filling breakfast we will head towards the quay to catch our boat out to the Farne Islands. Here it is possible we may be able to see and photograph Puffins, Guillemots, Razorbills, Fulmars, Kittiwakes and Shags as well as Eider, Sandwich Terns, Arctic Terns, Common Terns and Grey Seals. We may also be lucky enough to see Roseate Terns as well as Bottlenose Dolphins or Harbour Porpoise



Guillemot by Carl Chapman

We will sail around the islands for several hours and our skipper will give us all ample opportunity to get close in to see and photograph the wildlife of the islands. Due to current NT restrictions it is likely we will not be allowed to land on the islands. We will take our packed lunch to eat at an appropriate time. However, hopefully by the time we sail this may have changed.

After our boat trip we travel along the coast for more birdwatching and photographic opportunities. We will then retire back to our accommodation for a hearty evening meal and a good night's sleep.

Day 3 – Saturday

After our breakfast we will visit a local tern colony which will hopefully have a few resident Little Terns.

Shortly after we will make our way back to Norfolk maybe stopping to visit other places along the way.



## Puffin by Carl Chapman

What is included?

Boat trip around the Farne Islands.

Photographic Tuition.

All meals and lunches from lunch on day 1 to lunch on day 3 are included within the price.

Transport to and from Norfolk and pick up en route at suitable locations.

Accommodation is normally in en suite rooms and lunches will be packed to give us more time in the field.

Rooms are offered on a single or shared basis. A single room supplement of £65 is payable although sharing can be arranged on most occasions.

What is not included?

All drinks with meals and items of a personal nature.

There is a very small chance we may be able to land on one of the islands. If we do the NT charge a landing fee for each island we visit (approx. £15 to £20 per NT website) this fee is payable to the National Trust – this is free to NT members who bring with them their membership cards

Further notes.

This is an easily graded trip with most walking being on level ground.

Group Size.

4 Persons

How to Book

Please telephone 07833 463 034 or 01263 837 038 at a time convenient to yourself or email [carl@wildlifetoursandeducation.co.uk](mailto:carl@wildlifetoursandeducation.co.uk)

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