

Birds in Norfolk's Broads Brecks & Heaths Trip Itinerary 2025

Operated by Wildlife Tours & Education

Tour Dates

5th to 7th April 2025

£733

This is a trip focusing on the special birds that Norfolk holds.

We will meet at our hotel in Norfolk at 10am on 5th April and leave mid evening on 7th April.

Day 1 Arrive Norfolk and explore the Norfolk coast and heaths

Day 2 Explore the Norfolk Broads

Day 3 Depart after a day in the Brecks



Bittern 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.

Overview

This is a concentrated tour of the three main habitats within Norfolk. We will explore the beautiful North Norfolk coast and its reserves, the Norfolk Broads and the Breckland area of South Norfolk

We shall look for Crossbills, Bittern, Marsh and Hen Harrier, Hawfinch, Lesser spotted Woodpecker, Woodlark, Snow Bunting, Shorelarks and Cranes as well as a host of other birds and wildlife.

Day 1 - Saturday

We will meet at our comfortable hotel in Norfolk where you may park your vehicle for the duration of the tour. Transportation to the hotel for anyone arriving by public transport can be arranged. We will aim to meet and be on the road by 10am. The North Norfolk coast is a wonderfully rich area visited each winter by a variety of birds including many many thousands of Geese of up to six species, which we will aim to see by visiting reserves and other areas. The heaths, slightly inland from the coast, are home to Goshawks, Firecrests, Woodlarks and Dartford Warblers. We will finish our day by visiting a coastal raptor roost and return to our hotel for a well-deserved meal.



Dartford Warbler – Carl Chapman

Day 2 – Sunday

We will have an early morning walk followed after breakfast by a trip to the Norfolk Broads. Here we will look for Bittern and Cranes as well as wintering Short Eared Owls and Mediterranean Gulls that will soon be venturing off to their breeding grounds in mainland Europe. We will finish the day at a raptor roost that may give us many tens of Marsh Harrier as well as the odd Merlin and Hen Harrier.

We will return to our hotel for our evening meal.

Day 3 – Monday

The name Breckland is derived from 'broken land'. The soil is poor and stone ridden. Heathland here is ideal for Woodlark. We will also look for one of the most difficult to see resident species in the British Isles; the Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. Other species we hope to encounter are the very nomadic Crossbills and the hard to find Hawfinch.



Hawfinch – Carl Chapman

What is included?

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

Transport during the weekend.

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

A single room supplement of £75 is payable although sharing can be arranged on most occasions.

What is not included?

All drinks with meals and items of a personal nature.

Any entrance fees to reserve areas we may visit.

Further notes.

This is a trip which will give us the maximum amount of time in the field therefore early mornings and late evenings to make use of available light is usual. Most walking will be on level or gently undulating ground. We will be taking our time to explore the areas thoroughly.

RSPB and NWT members are asked to bring along their membership cards.

Group Size.

4+

How to Book

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