

Birdwatch sweden

scandinavian breeding birds

Scandinavia is home to some of Europe's most exciting breeding birds. This short tour, based around the beautiful Black River Valley, takes in the cream of them. We will hope to see five species of owl, three of grouse and at least four of woodpecker, along with Common Crane and a wealth of waterbirds, raptors and passerines.

From our comfortable accommodation in a lakeshore cottage we'll be exploring some spectacular and unspoilt forest and wetland habitats, which harbour not only these special birds but also an impressive range of mammals including Elk, Wolf and Lynx. This tour brings you into the heart of the real Swedish wilderness that still dominates the landscape of this friendly and prosperous country.

itinerary

Day 1: Depart London Luton at 6.25 am with arrival at Västerås airport at 9.40 am. The leader will be waiting with our tour vehicle. Short break at a small, nearby wetland on Ängsö, a breeding site for several pairs of Slavonian Grebe. Good spot also for Black and Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers, Osprey, Goshawk, Ortolan Bunting, Icterine Warbler and Hawfinch. Ringing excursion for Ural Owls. Capercaillies and Common Cranes might turn up along the road. Evening excursion for Great Grey Owl.

Day 2. Early morning around Färna Ekopark and Kolsva for Three-toed, Black and Grey-headed Woodpeckers and Wryneck. Red-backed Shrikes may just have arrived. In the afternoon, Eagle Owl excursion with Common Rosefinch, Ortolan Bunting and Slavonian Grebes in the vicinity. Relaxed afternoon with optional birdwatching at Lake Fläcksjön with Black Terns, Little Gulls, waders, White-tailed Eagles, Goshawks and Common Cranes.

Evening excursion for Pygmy Owl.

Day 3. Grouse morning with Hazel Grouse excursion. Forest walk in best grouse habitats and lakes with Black-throated Divers and breeding Osprey. Visit to the forest feeding station where Nutcrackers, Grey-headed Woodpeckers, Bullfinches and Crested, Willow, Coal and Long-tailed Tits could all turn up. Evening excursion for Tengmalm's Owl.

Day 4. Dedicated to the coastal lagoons of the Uppland Baltic Sea coast. Caspian Tern, Little Gull, waders, Montagu's Harrier and White-tailed Eagle are target species. Visit to virgin forest with good chance of Red-breasted Flycatcher. We pay short visits to one or two lakes on our way back for Great Reed Warblers, Black Terns and many others.

Transfer to airport, Departure 22.20 and arrival back at London Luton at 23.35.

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Great Grey Owl Markus Rehnberg

holiday information

Dates:	15th - 18th May 2006
Leader:	Daniel Green
Cost:	£699 per person sharing twin rooms
Deposit:	£100
Group size:	7 plus the leader



Price includes: return economy class flights including prepaid taxes, ground transport throughout, accommodation in a lakeside cottage in twin rooms with shared shower and wc, all meals, services of WildWings/Birdwatch Magazine leader and bird checklist.

Price excludes: drinks, insurance and other items of a personal nature.

Birds: Expected no of species 110-120.