

“Coastal Birding”, Norfolk

Nov. 9-13

6th year running to pay homage to the ornithological “Mecca”!

The habitat? Hides overlooking “Scrapes” of both fresh and salt water lagoons tucked in behind the seawall, conifer plantations, reedbeds, estuarine channels, mudflats and sandbanks stretching to the horizon, the open North Sea – it can only be Norfolk!

The birds? The ornithological “mecca”! Skeins of winter geese including Pink-footed & Brent, sea-duck especially Eider, Common & Velvet Scoter, Goldeneye, Pintail & Red-breasted Merganser, Red-throated Diver & Slavonian Grebe. Peregrine, Marsh & Hen Harrier along with Bittern & Barn Owl. Thousands of waders, notably Knot along with Golden Plover, Bar-tailed Godwit & Ruff. Diurnal passerine movements of thrushes, finches, starlings & larks can be very impressive, along with late seabirds including skuas and Little Auks. Snow Bunting & Shore Lark, possibly Lapland Bunting, Bearded Tit & Cetti’s Warbler, with rarities an annual occurrence. Norfolk just always attracts birds, and more birds!

The itinerary? All the classic birding spots will be visited including Titchwell & Snettisham RSPB Reserves, Holkham Gap, Holkham Hall, Cley NWT, Holme Dunes, Hunstanton Cliffs and Wells Woods.

The Accommodation? 4 nights based at the comfortable and friendly *Briarfields Hotel*, conveniently situated alongside the Titchwell RSPB Reserve and giving easy access to all the major birding sites.

Cost: £645 [s/s £105] **Deposit:** £150 **B/L due:** Sep. 9

Included in the cost: 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast at the *Briarfields Hotel*, transportation & full guidance throughout. [NB: Since only small distances are involved and there is limited space in the minibus, guests may be requested to assist in the driving on a rota basis].

Not included in the cost: Entrance to Cley & Holme reserves, travel insurance, lunches, drinks, gratuities & items of a personal nature.