

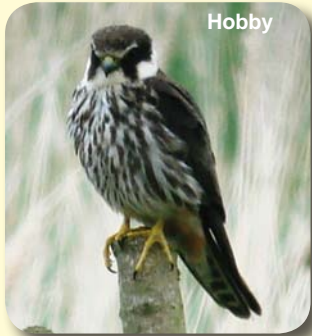
East Anglia

Birds, Dragonflies & Butterflies

August 13-17

Highlights: Shorebirds at Minsmere, fighting dragonflies & champagne b/fast along the River Ore!

The Habitat & Wildlife? RSPB Minsmere Reserve, home to Bittern, Hobby, Marsh Harrier, Avocet, Bearded Tit & Cetti's Warbler, along with nesting Common & Sandwich Terns and with peak wader passage at this time of year [Curlew Sandpiper, Spotted Redshank, Green Sandpiper, Little Stint & Ruff]. Nearby Westleton Heath holds Wood Lark & Dartford Warbler, whilst further down the coast in the middle of the Ore Estuary lies Havergate Island RSPB with more nesting Avocets and also boasting Brown Hares. Inland we shall visit Wicken Fen, the first reserve owned by the Trust and one of the best places in the UK to observe up to 21 species of Dragonflies inc. Common Hawker, Common Darter, Four-spotted Chaser & Blue-tailed Damselfly. Nearby the Suffolk Wildlife Trust Reserve of Lackford Lakes is also excellent for dragonflies inc. the larger Hawker species & Banded Demoiselle, not forgetting the superb array of butterflies, wild flowers & passage waders too. Finally, in the "Breckland", Stone-curlew breed on the stony grassland of Weeting Heath. The entire region is just full of nature reserves!



Hobby

The Accommodation & Itinerary? Meeting up at lunchtime at the *Cornwallis Hotel*, Brome for 4-night stay, set in 22 acres of grounds and offering individually decorated rooms & traditional yet modern cuisine and perfectly situated to visit all the birding & wildlife sites mentioned above. Also visiting the Suffolk Wildlife Trust Reserve of Redgrave & Lopham Fens, home to the rare Fen Raft Spider, plus experiencing a wonderful relaxing "champagne breakfast" river cruise along the Ore & Olde River estuaries.



Banded Demoiselle

Cost: £795 [s/s £135]

Deposit: £200

B/L due: June 13

Included in the cost: 4 nts. dinner, bed & b/fast at the *Cornwallis Hotel*, boat excursions along the river Ore/Alde inc. champagne b/fast and to Havergate Island, all transportation & full guidance throughout.

[NB: Since space is limited in the minibus, guests may be requested to assist in driving on a rota basis].

Not included in the cost: Lunches, entrance to Wicken Fen NT & Weeting NWT, drinks, gratuities & items of a personal nature.



Dartford Warbler