

# Suffolk

## “Special Breeding Birds”

May 17-21



Avocet

**The Habitat & Birds?** RSPB Lakenheath Fen, a large wetland of reedbeds, grazing marsh & poplar woods, home to “fluting” Golden Orioles, Marsh Harrier, Hobby, Bittern & Bearded Tit, along with Redshank, Snipe, Reed & Sedge Warblers and Reed Bunting. In the nearby “Breckland”, the stony grassland of Weeting Heath hosts the rare Stone-curlew whilst clearings & riverine woodland in the Forestry Commission area of Santon Downham hold Lesser Spotted Woodpecker & Wood Lark. On the east coast, the famous RSPB Minsmere reserve, a vast area of reedbed, lagoons, woodland & shingle coast boasts more nesting Marsh Harriers, Bitterns & Bearded

Tits, along with Avocet, Little Tern, Cetti’s Warbler & Nightingale, with nearby Westleton Heath home to Dartford Warblers. Further down the coast in the middle of the Ore estuary lies the tranquil haven of Havergate Island RSPB reserve, consisting of saltmarsh, lagoons & mudflats and home to the first ever nesting Avocets in Britain.

**The Accommodation & itinerary?** Meeting up mid-afternoon at the *Cornwallis Hotel*, Brome for 4-night stay, set in 22 acres of grounds and offering individually decorated rooms and traditional yet modern cuisine, and perfectly situated mid way between the west and east birding sites mentioned above. Plus experience a delightful relaxing “champagne breakfast” river cruise along the Ore & Alde. Following final morning departure an optional visit to the RSPB Ouse Washes reserve.

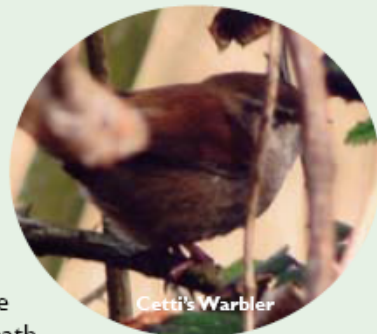
**Cost:** £675 [s/s £125]

**Deposit:** £150

**B/L due:** Mar. 17

**Included in the cost:** 4 nts. dinner, bed & b/fast at the *Cornwallis Hotel*, boat excursion along Rivers Ore/Alde inc. champagne b/fast, return boat trip to Havergate Island, all transportation & full guidance throughout. [NB: Since space is limited in the minibus, guests will be requested to assist in driving on a rota basis].

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



Cetti's Warbler



Bearded Tit, Graham Canny