

BIRDWATCHING IN NORTH-EASTERN POLAND 9 days

Route: Warsaw – Biebrza marshes – Białowieża forest – Lake Siemianówka – Warsaw



Explore most exciting bird sites with a professional bird-watcher-guide who will help you find great snipe and ruff leks, best waders spots, breeding colonies of all three marsh terns, both spotted eagles, 10 species of woodpeckers, wide range of warblers and several southern and eastern species regularly breeding in Poland like citrine wagtail, bee-eater or roller.

North-eastern Poland is the least populated region in the country. Nature and people have coexisted here for ages. Respect for natural environment and reasonable use of natural resources created unique habitats and traditional, "backward" countryside.

Biebrza Marshes and Białowieża Forests are definitely the most interesting birding sites in the country. In addition to many bird species, these regions offer breathtaking landscapes of wetlands, marshes, river pools and primeval forests. Traditional agriculture still means wooden cottages, horse-pulled carts and old 19th-century cobbled tracts that will lead us through the country.

Day 1. Warsaw – Biebrza Marshes

Arrival to Warsaw. Meeting with your guide. In Warsaw, we take a short walk across 1 or 2 sites near the city (to search for several western species that do not occur in



north-east Poland (warblers, nightingale, Syrian woodpecker). Afternoon: transfer to Biebrza Marshes.

Day 2. Biebrza Marshes

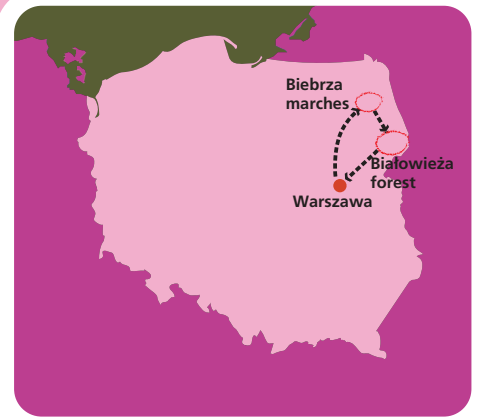
Birdwatching in vast pools of the Narew River, exploring the Lower Basin of Biebrza from its western bank (ducks



and geese, grebes, waders, marsh terns, eagles, garganey, ruffs' lek, white-tailed eagle), evening trip for beavers.

Day 3. Biebrza Marshes

Trip across the Lower Basin of Biebrza Marshes with several stops for birdwatching in open marshes and river floods (waders, ducks, terns, aquatic warbler, bluethroat, Montagu's harrier), a number of raptor spots, afternoon trip deep into flooded meadows on Biebrza River.



Day 4. Biebrza Marshes

Exploring dryer habitats in search for shrikes, bee-eaters, tawny pipits, visit to the European Stork Village, evening trip for snipes and warblers.

Day 5. Biebrza Marshes – Białowieża Forest

After breakfast: transfer to Białowieża Forest with several stops en route for rollers, Dojlidy fish-ponds with ducks, grebes, penduline tits.

Day 6. Białowieża Forest – Lake Siemianówka

Birdwatching around Lake Siemianówka (marsh terns, grebes, raptors, citrine wagtail, black stork), evening trip for great snipe lek.

Day 7. Białowieża Forest

A walk in northern part of Białowieża Forest in search for forest birds, woodpeckers, grey-headed woodpeckers, barred warblers.

Day 8. Białowieża Forest

Early morning visit to Strict Reserve of Białowieża National Park, a primeval forest with ancient trees and many forest birds, three-toed, white-backed, middle spotted woodpeckers, collared flycatcher; board-walk track through natural forest for red-breasted flycatcher, hazel grouse; exploring Narewka River Valley for woodpeckers, warblers, hawfinches, rosefinches.

Day 9. Białowieża – Warsaw

After breakfast: transfer to Warsaw, short birding in Vistula valley (if time allows). Departure.

Please note that the order of the visited places may change.

