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## Spring Birding and Wildlife Photography

Based at Highfield Farm, Driffeld East Yorkshire

7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021



<b>First Day</b> <b>Approximate times:</b> <b>Arrival 1.30pm</b>  <b>1930-2130</b>	<p>Arrival at the hotel. YCN guide will meet you. A get to know your guide session, a brief talk about the itinerary discuss any changes and opportunities due to weather, birds etc. with Coffee and biscuits. This is followed by the first excursion to Top Hill Low Nature Reserve approx. 20 mins drive away. Top Hill Low is a great place for wildfowl and waders with many bird hides</p> <p>Evening meal approximately 7.00pm</p> <p>Evening talk by YCN. On the birdlife of the Yorkshire Coast, Wolds and North York Moors National Park</p>
<b>Second Day</b> <b>0830 – 1700</b>  <b>1230-1300</b>	<p>Full day birding tour, see destinations below for places we can visit and potential species. Sites will be chosen based on weather; birds present the day before and clients preferences.</p> <p>Evening meal approximately 6.30pm</p> <p>Approximate lunch break time each day; a packed lunch and drink will be provided. There will also be opportunities for café and toilet stops during the day as required.</p>
<b>Third Day</b> <b>0830 – 1700</b>	<p>Full day birding tour, see destinations below for places we can visit and potential species. Sites will be chosen based on weather; birds present the day before and clients preferences.</p>
<b>Destinations can include:</b>  <b>North York Moors National Park</b>  <b>Flamborough Bird Observatory</b>  <b>Filey Bird Observatory</b>  <b>Top Hill Low</b>  <b>Yorkshire Wolds</b>	<p>Based at Highfield Farm, this 2.5-day tour focuses on the wonderful diversity of bird species in East and North Yorkshire. Over 100 species of bird are possible.</p> <p>Spring is a fantastic time for arriving songbirds and breeding waders. In the forests and moorland of the North York Moors National Park <b>Turtle Doves</b>, <b>Redstarts</b>, <b>Whinchats</b>, <b>Ring Ouzels</b> and <b>Pied Flycatchers</b> can be seen along with the majestic <b>Northern Goshawk</b>. Nearby nesting <b>Golden Plover</b>, <b>Lapwing</b>, <b>Curlew</b> and <b>Snipe</b> flourish amongst the heather and mosses of the beautiful North York Moors National Park</p> <p>On Flamborough Headland the <b>Puffins</b>, <b>Razorbills</b>, <b>Guillemots</b>, <b>Kittiwakes</b>, <b>Shags</b> and <b>Gannets</b> have arrived back to nest in their hundreds of thousands providing fantastic photographic opportunities.</p> <p>Nearby at Top Hill Low nature reserve spring is a great time to watch fantastic birds such as <b>Barn Owls</b> amongst the many newly arriving wetland warblers such as <b>Reed Warbler</b>, <b>Sedge Warbler</b>, <b>Grasshopper Warbler</b> and <b>Cettis Warbler</b>.</p> <p>This wonderful combination of forests, moorland and towering sea cliffs provides a great birdwatching and photography destination.</p>

### Client Review

“The course earlier this month was splendid; the easy style which you and Steve have helps that a lot. Without wishing to overload you with compliments, you combine an encyclopaedic knowledge of birds with being a great teacher and communicator. It was a pleasure to be part of this course from first to last”.

“The accommodation and food at Highfield was once again top notch, nothing seems too much trouble for them. Please pass on our thanks to them”

**Richard Baines** and **Steve Race** (see our web site [yorkshirecoastnature.co.uk](http://yorkshirecoastnature.co.uk) for profiles) will be leading this tour.

YCN expert guides will work hard to ensure you have memorable experiences. Our small group tours ensure you learn a great deal, from identification tips to field craft advice, as well as getting to grips with those difficult-to-find species. If you are interested in nature photography, there will be plenty of opportunities to learn new skills or improve your technique from our experienced guides. With up to the minute news our timetable may change. The unpredictability of east coast birding is all part of the fun! **If there is any species you would particularly like to see, please let us know.**

#### **Please Bring**

Warm, waterproof clothing, stout footwear and, if you have them, binoculars. We do have a limited number of high-quality binoculars for hire at £10.00/day; please let us know if you need a pair. A telescope will be available on the tour for closer views of the birds.

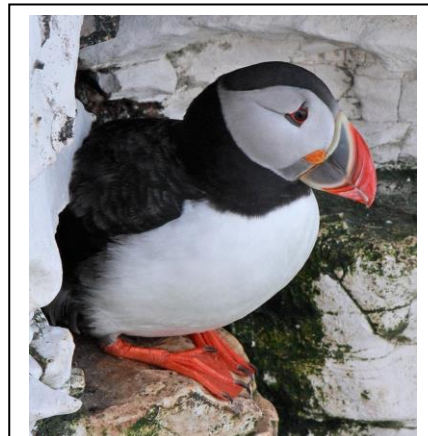
#### **Please Note**

The tour will include some walking on rough ground. If you have a medical condition, physical or sensory impairment or learning difficulty which is relevant to the event, please let us know.

Every effort will be made to conduct the tour; however, in exceptional circumstances such as severe weather, Yorkshire Coast Nature reserves the right to change the content, guides or cancel the tour at short notice. In the event of cancellation by Yorkshire Coast Nature or Highfield Farm a full refund of the tour costs will be made. If you have any queries prior to the tour please call us on 07747753260.



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*Puffin © Steve Race*



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