



Great Grey Shrike © Steve Race

# Autumn Birdwatching and Wildlife Photography

Based at Highfield Farm, Driffield East Yorkshire

2.5 days commencing on 15/10/2020



<p><b>First Day</b>  <b>Approximate times:</b>  <b>Arrival 1300</b></p> <p><b>1930-2130</b></p>	<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 6.30pm</p> <p>Evening talk by YCN. On the birdlife of the Yorkshire Coast, Wolds and North York Moors National Park</p>
<p><b>Second Day</b>  <b>0830 – 1700</b></p> <p><b>1230-1300</b></p>	<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>
<p><b>Third Day</b>  <b>0830 – 1700</b></p>	<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><b>Destinations can include:</b></p> <p><b>Flamborough Bird Observatory</b></p> <p><b>Filey Bird Observatory</b></p> <p><b>Spurn Bird Observatory and the Humber</b></p> <p><b>Top Hill Low</b></p> <p><b>Yorkshire Wolds</b></p> <p><b>Hornsea Mere</b></p>	<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>Autumn migration brings thousands of birds to our coastline from Europe, Siberia and even further! End of August and early September things start to get exciting with waders increasing in numbers. Many birds such as <b>Grey Plover</b> and <b>Black-tailed Godwit</b> still in their beautiful summer plumage. Seabirds are on the move with <b>Manx Shearwater</b> and <b>Arctic Skua</b> You never know what's could turn up such as a juvenile <b>Black-browed Albatross</b> in 2016!</p> <p>The scenic East and North Yorkshire coast is also one of the best in the country for scarce songbirds. On our autumn trips we have a fairly good chance of seeing birds such as <b>Barred Warbler</b>, <b>Red-backed Shrike</b> and <b>Yellow-browed Warbler</b>. In 2016 we enjoyed great views of many species of wader including the rare <b>Pectoral Sandpiper</b>, On the 2014 tour we saw a rare <b>Masked Shrike</b> at Spurn. Another fantastic day at Spurn in mid-September 2013 starred an amazing <b>Great Snipe</b>, while in 2012 the YCN birding tour found an <b>Arctic Warbler</b> at Flamborough!</p> <p>October sees the arrival of our wonderful winter thrushes <b>Redwing</b> and Fieldfare this is also a great month for <b>Short-eared Owls</b> and occasionally <b>Long-eared Owl</b>. On the cliff top fields <b>Snow Bunting</b> and <b>Lapland Bunting</b> can often be found. Rare birds later in the autumn include the beautiful <b>Pallas's Warbler</b> from Siberia.</p>

**Client Reviews from 2016**

“The course earlier this month was splendid; the easy style which your guides 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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*Merlin © Richard Baines*



*Barred Warbler © Richard Baines*



*Happy clients on YCN tour 2014 © Richard Baines*