



Tico Tours The United Kingdom: Summary

The United Kingdom (UK) has a bird list of almost 600 species, including several endemic species and sub-species and is located within the Western Palearctic biogeographical region, which covers Europe, North Africa and the Middle East.

The UK is a very intensely birded country with many information services relaying news of rarities to the numerous twitchers. There are also many people who are not obsessive with their hobby, and many charities that protect birds and habitats across the country, one such example is the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) which has over 1 million members and a number of important nature reserves aiding the conservation of many scarce British species. We will visit a wide range of these reserves during our tours. All in all this results in a vast network of birders and nature reserves making the process of finding target species that little bit easier.

The UK is an interesting birding location year-round, with a constant range of highly sought resident species present during all seasons, supplemented by sub-Saharan breeding species through spring and summer and more northerly and eastern species during autumn and winter when birds from all points of the compass may be present.

The UK has been shaped by millions of years of geological activity and for approximately 30,000 years of human activities resulting in a wide range of impressive natural geological and man-made features present within the many varied landscapes, whether it be the rugged mountain highlands and islands of Scotland, the upland moors of Yorkshire and Lancashire, the many river estuaries like the Humber, Severn, Thames, the beautiful Lake District, the fenland of East Anglia, the huge chalk cliff of East Yorkshire, the Yorkshire Wolds, the north Norfolk saltmarshes, Norfolk Broads, heathland, ancient woodland, impressive Castles, Misters, Cathedrals, Churches and the World Heritage Site at Stonehenge, many of these features will be seen during our tours through the country.

The following are a selection of scheduled tours to the UK. Customized tours can be arranged throughout the UK for any duration, in any season, for any target

species. In addition, tour extensions can be easily organised to extend your birding tour or to take in some of the many impressive famous towns and cities throughout the UK, such as London, Cambridge, Oxford, Stratford Upon Avon, Bath, Harrogate, Lincoln etc. Please enquire for details.

Tours:

1. Winter Birding at its Best: East Anglia and the South Coast of England;
2. Ultimate Winter Birding: Yorkshire and East Anglia;
3. Yorkshire in Winter;
4. Yorkshire: Spring Migrants and Speciality Breeders;
5. Ultimate UK Breeding Bird Tour (and Southwest Extension);
6. Scottish Specialities; and
7. Eastern Promise: Yorkshire and East Anglia.