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## **Tour D4 - 1-day birding in Börzsöny Mountains**

*During this trip we will be birding in Börzsöny Mountains, a range of low mountains situated between the Danube bend and Ipoly river. The Börzsöny Mountains is an excellent habitat for woodland species. In this woodland habitat beside the common Great and Blue Tit we likely see Hawfinch, Song Thrush, Robin and different Woodpeckers (Black, Great-spotted, Middle-spotted) and likely Wryneck as well. Some raptors are also possible like Peregrine, Kestrel, Common Buzzard and Honey Buzzard and we will hear and see various warblers like Whitethroat, Blackcap.*

### **Itinerary Börzsöny**

Our tour will start at your hotel, where my guide will pick you up at 7.30. We will drive you first to Királyrét (King's meadow) one of the most popular excursion destination for Budapest citizens. In the area we will see the common Great and Blue Tit, Chaffinch, Goldfinch as well as Nuthatch and Robin.

Börzsöny is also an excellent habitat for Woodpeckers. At this period of the year we have good chance to see several woodpeckers like Great-spotted Woodpecker, Middle-spotted Woodpecker, Green Woodpecker and the largest woodpecker in Hungary the Black Woodpecker. If we are very lucky, we can see White-Backed Woodpecker as well. Beside woodpeckers we likely see Stock Dove.

Other interesting bird we can see with reasonable chance is the Collared Flycatcher. More luck we need to see Red-breasted Flycatcher. Though a very shy bird we will likely see Hawfinch and in the valley streams Grey Wagtail. Greenfinch and Linnet are species we will see as well.

If the weather is rainy Börzsöny offers the greatest chance to see Fire Salamander, the nicest amphibian in Hungary.

During the day in the Börzsöny Mountains we will also visit open areas, which offer excellent habitat for raptors. We will see Kestrels hovering in the sky and Common Buzzards sitting on hay rolls or poles. With more luck we might see also Peregrine Falcon and Honey Buzzard as well. We finish our tour at 16.30 and go back to the hotel by 6 pm.



*Börzsöny*



*Great-Spotted Woodpecker*



*Collared Flycatcher*



*Common Buzzard*