



## **Tour D1 - 1-day birding Kiskunság**

*During this trip we will be birding in Kiskunság a Pusta (steppe, grassland). Kiskunság is some 70 km South-East of Budapest and is the biggest habitat of Great Bustard which is the main target bird for many birders. We will also visit fishponds where different ducks, herons, gulls, shanks, waders and warblers can be seen. We will also see typical birds of the Kiskunság like White Stork, Crested Lark, Corn Bunting, Bee-eater, Roller and with some luck various raptors like Saker, Red-footed Falcon and White-tailed Eagle.*

### **Itinerary Kiskunság**

Our tour will start at 7.30 at the hotel, where we will pick you up. In the morning we will drive to Kiskunság to visit the National Park. Kiskunság like Hortobágy is a big “Pusta” (steppe) with grasslands, saline lakes and in certain areas quicksand. In Kiskunság the main attraction is the Great Bustard, which is also a symbolic bird of Hungary.

The Great Bustard is a resident bird in Hungary and one of its highest populations can be found in Kiskunság. Usually it can be seen in larger flocks (30-40 species) and it is an unforgettable experience when you see them in flying. If we are fortunate on the steppe we will also see different birds of prey like Buzzard, Kestrel, Merlin, Red-footed Falcon or another symbolic bird of Hungary the Saker.

In the afternoon we will also go to a fishpond. Depending on water conditions at the fishponds we have chance to see Ruffs, Redshanks, Spotted Redshanks, Lapwings, Avocets, Marsh Sandpipers and many Grey Herons, Great White Egrets and with good chance Squacco Herons, Purple Herons, Spoonbills. Very likely we will see and hear Sedge Warblers and Great Reed Warblers as well. We will have a chance to see raptors like Marsh Harrier or if we are fortunate even White-tailed Eagle.

In Kiskunság we can also see some birds, which are very typical for this area, like Yellow Wagtails, White Storks, Corn Buntings, Stonechats, Tree Sparrows. On certain fields, Greylag Geese can be seen as well. We will have a reasonable chance to see Bee-eaters and with some luck even Rollers.

We finish our trip birding at Kiskunság at 4pm, and get back to the hotel by 5.15.



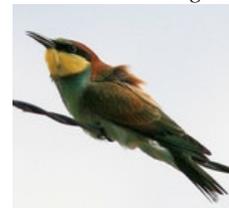
*Kiskunság*



*Great Bustard*



*Great White Egret*



*Bee-eater*