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## **Tour D2 - Birding in Tata and nearby fishponds**

*During the day we will be birding in Tata a nice baroque town 75kms from Budapest. The Old lake of Tata (Öreg-tó) is a protected Ramsar area where many geese and waterfowls spend the winter. The forests around the lake are also excellent habitats for woodpeckers, tits, songbirds, thrushes. Near Tata is the Ferencmajor fish-pond system, where beside egrets, herons and other waterfowls, raptors can also appear. Tata can also offer a short sightseeing in the downtown.*

### **Itinerary Tata**

Your birding trip will start at your hotel in Budapest at 7am, where we will pick you up. We envisage that we arrive to Tata at around 8-8.30 am, which is the best time to see and hear birds. We start birding around the Lake Öreg (Old Lake) and the surrounding gallery forests.

On the lake we will have a chance to see Greylag Geese and ducks, for example Malard, Pochard, Red-crested Pochard. Beside ducks we likely see Yellow-legged Gull, Black-headed Gull, Common Tern, as well Crested Grebe, Coot, Mute Swan, Cormorant, Grey Heron, White Stork.

After observing the waterfowls, we will make a walk in the park around the Lake Öreg. Seven woodpecker species are living in this grove and we hope we can see Great-, Middle- and Lesser-Spotted, Syrian, Green and if we are very lucky Black Woodpecker as well. In the parks surrounding the Old Lake we can see different tits like Great, Blue, and Marsh Tit, Nuthatch, Treecreeper, Siskin, Treecreepers, Blackcap, Chiffchaff.

Later at around lunchtime we will go to another park the so-called English park, where we also try to find woodpeckers we missed in the morning. We will see finches like Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Chaffinch or even Hawfinch. And we have a chance to see Spotted and Collared Flycatcher, Robin, Wren and thrushes. We will have our sandwich lunch in the park, and after lunch we will go to Ferencmajor.

Ferencmajor is 8 km from Tata where 13 fishponds located adjacent and give the birds an excellent habitat. Mostly water birds can be observed here like various ducks, Cormorant, different sandpipers, Great White Egret, Little Egret, Grey Heron, Night Heron. With some luck Purple Heron, Little Bittern, Black Stork is also possible.

But we can find here Stonechat, Whinchat, Barred Warbler, Savi's Warbler, Sedge Warbler, Reed Warbler, Great Reed Warbler, Grasshopper Warbler, Bearded Reedling, Penduline Tit, Corn Bunting too. Raptors can appear as well like Marsh Harrier, Hobby or with some luck even White-tailed Eagle. We finish birding at around 4pm, and will return to to Budapest by 5.30pm.



*Tata Forest*



*Red-crested Pochard*



*Syrian Woodpecker*



*Hawfinch*



*Great White Egret*



*Sedge Warbler*