

# Take a look at our sample itineraries or let us know your thoughts for a new trip!

We would be delighted to custom-make intineraries to suit your clients' needs – budget or luxury, hard-core birding or nature watching, botany and culture thrown in?

Just tell us your needs and let us work out the tour! Look at our suggested itineraries on the next page – and contact us for more!



### SOUTH AND CENTRAL SWEDEN

- Dalarna: March-April
- Öland: April, mid May-late June, mid August-late October
- Scania (Skåne): May-June, August-October

#### THE NORTH

- Härjedalen: June-early July
- Abisko: mid June-early July
- Ammarnäs and Umeå: June

Map and details on reverse side!

# AviFauna ...

- provides clients with value for money (say our guests)
- · has organized birding tours since 1985
- runs 40 trips a year to all continents
- · is a member of and complies with Svenska Resebranschföreningen
- is fully bonded and complies with EU law for tour operators
- has a manned office no waiting for replies because the staff is in the field





# South and central Sweden

#### **DALARNA**

Short break for birds of the forest and mountains. Including Great Grey Owl, Ural Owl, Eagle Owl, Tengmalm's and Pygmy Owls (owls depending on rodents but the large ones fairly stable), Siberian Jay, Willow and Rock Ptarmigans, Capercaillie, Black Grouse, Hazel Hen, Red-throated Diver, Black-throated Diver, Black Woodpecker, Greyheaded Woodpecker, Gyrfalcon, Willow Tit.

Recommended time: March-April.

**Duration:** 5-7 days. **Entry points:** Stockholm, Nyköping and Västerås airports. Good to know: This is a very picturesque and lush part of

Sweden with much history.

#### **GOTLAND**

Birds and orchids. Or just birds.

One week to this very special island in the middle of the Baltic. Seabird migration, rarities and eastern species such as Collared Flycatcher, Red-breasted Flycatcher, Common Rosefinch, Barred Warbler, Montague's Harrier, Red-footed Falcon, Thrush Nightingale, Greenish Warbler et al. Breeding Golden Eagles. Ingmar Bergman and Lars Jonsson museums can be included as well as ringing demo.

**Recommended time:** Second half of May–June.

Duration: 7-10 days.

**Entry points:** Stockholm Airport, Visby Airport or ferries from Nynäshamn and Oskarshamn.

**Good to know:** Luxury accommodations, and some tourist accommodations tend to book up early during season. One year's planning is required for these type of accommodations.

#### ÖLAND

Birds and orchids. Or just birds.

Great migration (Eiders, Barnacle and Brent Geese, scoters, divers). Montagu's Harrier, usually Pallid Harrier and Black Kite, Red-footed Falcon, Eurasian Bee-eater, Golden Oriole, Collared and Red-breasted Flycatchers, Red-backed Shrike, Thrush Nightingale, Greenish Warbler (late May), Common Rosefinch, rarities. Visit to Ottenby Bird Station and ringing demo possible.

Recommended time: Second half of May to midsummer, mid August-late October. April for duck migration. Last week of May for orchids **Duration:** 7-10 days.

**Entry points:** Kalmar or Copenhagen airports (with rental cars picked up and returned in Copenhagen, a 5 hour drive). Good to know: Accommodations during bird peak period sell out early. If flying in to Copenhagen, can be combined with Scania.

#### SCANIA (SKÅNE)

Sweden's southernmost province. Honey Buzzard, Black Kite, Red Kite, White-tailed Eagle, Black Woodpecker, Savi's and River Warbler, (late May), Golden Oriole, Penduline Tit, Tawny Pipit, spectacular duck/geese migration (Marchearly May), Serin, Common Rosefinch, spectacular passerine migration (September-October), spectacular raptor migration (mid August-mid October).

**Recommended time:** May-June or August-October.

Duration: 5-8 days.

**Entry point:** Copenhagen airport (30 minute drive). **Good to know:** Can be combined with Öland as a 10-14 day itinerary. Plenty of accommodation of various standards available.

The North

#### HÄRJEDALEN

Easy birding and beautiful forests and mountains. Good chance of spotting Brown Bear and Arctic Fox. Rock and Willow Ptarmigan, Black Grouse, Capercaillie, Hazel Hen, Red-necked Phalarope, Dotterel, Temminck's Stint, Broad-billed Sandpiper, Ruff leks, Great Snipe leks, Gyrfalcon, Golden Eagle, Long-tailed Skua, ABISKO breeding Little Gulls, Hawk Owl, Black Woodpecker, Three-toed Woodpecker, Red-throated and Black-throated Diver, Bluethroat, Brambling, Siberian Jay, Lapland Bunting. **AMMARNÄS LULEÅ** 

UMEÅ

GOTLAND

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DALARNA

Recommended time: June-early July.

Duration: 8 days.

Entry points: Scandinavian Mountains Airport (Sälen, 3 hours drive), Stockholm (7 hours), Sundsvall airport (5 hours), Oslo airport, Norway (4 hours) or Östersund airport (2 hours). Good to know: Snow cover and occurrence of rodent-depending species vary from year to year. Easy access to above the treeline as a road passes through the best fjell areas, making access easy for clients with mobility issues.

## **ABISKO - THE HIGH NORTH**

Same species as Härjedalen with addition of Siberian Tit, Black Kite, Pine Grosbeak, Waxwing, Arctic Warbler (after the 20th of June) and possibly Rustic and Little Buntings. Spectacular scenery.

Recommended time: mid June-early July.

Duration: 8 days.

**Entry point:** Kiruna airport.

**Good to know:** High pressure on accommodation in Abisko, bookings required a year in advance. Easy to combine birding with culture such as the Ice Hotel and museums of the Sapmi culture.

#### **AMMARNÄS AND UMEÅ**

Same species as Härjedalen with chance of Lesser Whitefronted Goose, White-backed Woodpecker (possibly, depending on restrictions at nesting sites), Red-flanked Bluetail, Red-breasted Flycatcher, Greenish Warbler, Pine Grosbeak, Waxwing, Common Rosefinch, Rustic Bunting, Little Bunting.

> Recommended time: June. **Duration:** 8-10 days. **Entry point:** from Umeå airport. **Good to know:** High pressure on accommodation in Ammarnäs. Can be combined with Abisko for Arctic Warbler if at least 10 days (return flight from Luleå airport).

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