

# BIRD WATCHING



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## **Bird watching trip 1: Birds of alpine forests**

DURATION: 6 - 8 hours

DIFFICULTY: walking on trails

HABITATS: coniferous forest, mixed forest, rock cliffs

PRICE: request a quote

A trip into alpine coniferous forests that cover the slopes of hill and mountains around Bohinj. You can see over 40 bird species that are restricted to the forest biome. The area is one of the best places in Slovenia to observe rare species of grouse, owls and woodpeckers.

It is possible to adapt the course of the trip to the desired bird species. Our guests can include the listening and observing the owls to the trip. In this case the trip can either begin early, couple hours before the dawn or in the afternoon and is then prolonged into the night.

Observing of the capercaillie courting can also be included in the trip during April and May.

Interesting bird species:

<b>Interesting bird species:</b>	<b>Best watching period:</b>
Golden eagle	All year round
Honey buzzard	May - September
Goshawk	All year round
Capercaillie	April - May
Black grouse	April - May
Hazel grouse	April - October
Ural owl	All year round, best between April and July
Tengmalm's owl	All year round, best between April and July
Pygmy owl	All year round, best between April and July
Black woodpecker	All year round
Grey-headed woodpecker	All year round
Three-toed woodpecker	All year round
Ring ouzel	March - September
Red-breasted flycatcher	May - August
Nutcracker	All year round, best between April and October
Oriole	May - August



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### **Bird watching trip 2: Birds of the forest edge and high mountains**

DURATION: 5 -6 hours

DIFFICULTY: walking on trails

HABITATS: forest edge, alpine meadows, rock faces, barren mountain terrain

PRICE: request a quote

Slovenian mountains offer untouched nature, magnificent sights and a possibility to observe several bird species that are adapted to live in bare rocky environment, 2000 meters above sea level. The funicular will take us to the top of mount Vogel where we will observe several alpine species of birds, mammals, reptiles and plants.

Interesting bird species:

<b>Interesting bird species:</b>	<b>Best watching period:</b>
Golden eagle	All year round, best between May - September
Rock ptarmigan	May - September
Crag martin	May - September
Water pipit	May - September
Alpine accentor	May - September
Rock thrush	May - September
Western bonelli's warbler	May - September
Wallcreeper	Difficult to see; all year round
Alpine chough	All year round
Snowfinch	All year round, best between May - September
Redpoll	May - September
Citril finch	Difficult to see; best between May - September



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### Bird watching trip 3: Birds of dry submediterranean meadows

DURATION: 8 - 10 hours

DIFFICULTY: walking on trails

HABITATS: forest, scrublands, dry xerophytic meadows, rock faces

PRICE: request a quote

The far southwestern part of Slovenia that lies by the Adriatic Sea represents the most ecologically diverse part of the country. It lies on the edge of the submediterranean climate zone but there is already a strong Mediterranean component to the fauna and flora. The abandonment of the traditional land use has led to a rapid natural succession so today the area is mostly covered by a mosaic of dry rocky meadows and pastures, scrublands in various stages of succession and forests.

The area is ideal for observing rare birds of prey, owls and passerines. Beginning and course of the trip can be adjusted to the desired bird species and can be extended into the night to include listening of the owls and nightjar.

Interesting bird species:

Interesting bird species:	Best watching period:
Golden eagle	All year round
Short-toed eagle	April - September
Peregrine falcon	All year round
Rock ptarmigan	All year round, best between April - July
Eagle owl	All year round, best between March - July
Little owl	All year round, best between March - July
Scops owl	May - August
Nightjar	May - September
Hoopoe	May - September
Grey-headed woodpecker	All year round
Wryneck	May - August
Crested lark	Best between April - August
Woodlark	Best between April - August
Red-rumped swallow	Difficult to see; April - September
Tawny pipit	May - August
Nightingale	April - September
Blue rock thrush	April - September
Barred warbler	May - August
Eastern orphean warbler	May - August
Sardinian warbler	May - August
Subalpine warbler	May - August
Moustached warbler	April - September
Zitting cisticola	April - September
Cetti's warbler	All year round
Melodious warbler	May - August
Olivaceous warbler	Difficult to see; May - August
Sombre tit	Difficult to see; March - September
Red-backed shrike	May - August
Woodchat shrike	Difficult to see; May - August
Italian sparrow	All year round
Ortolan bunting	Difficult to see; April - September
Cirl bunting	Best between April - September
Black-headed bunting	Difficult to see; May - August
Rock bunting	Best between April - September



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### **Bird watching trip 4: Birds of Lake Cerknica and Dinaric forests**

DURATION: 6 - 8 hours

DIFFICULTY: walking on trails

HABITATS: lake, reeds, wet meadows, woods

PRICE: request a quote

During the trip we will visit lake Cerknica which is one of the best locations in Slovenia for observing water and marsh birds, and also Dinaric forests.

Lake Cerknica is situated on the largest karst field in Slovenia. It is a shallow eutrophic lake, surrounded by a large area of wet meadows and reed beds. The region around the lake is sparsely populated and the habitats are very well preserved. The area holds a great importance for birds. More than 250 bird species have been recorded so far and over one hundred species breed in the area. Location is very interesting for observing water birds and birds breeding in reed beds.

Dinaric forest complex is one of the largest forested areas in Europe and stretches almost across entire western part of Balkan Peninsula, from Slovenia to Montenegro. There is an abundance of forest bird species, especially passerines and woodpeckers. Big game is very numerous and all three European large predators - wolf, lynx and brown bear - are also present.

Interesting bird species:

<b>Interesting bird species:</b>	<b>Best watching period:</b>
Ferruginous duck	May - August
Red-necked grebe	May - August
Bittern	May - August
Little bittern	April - August
White stork	May - September
Black stork	May - September
White-tailed eagle	When the lake is flooded
Marsh harrier	May - September
Honey buzzard	May - September
Corncrake	May - August
Spotted crane	Difficult to see; May - August
Little crane	Difficult to see; May - August
Ural owl	All year round
Tengmalm's owl	All year round
Hoopoe	May - September
Kingfisher	When the lake is flooded
Black woodpecker	All year round
Grey-headed woodpecker	All year round
White-backed woodpecker	Difficult to see; all year round
Three-toed woodpecker	Difficult to see; all year round
Wryneck	May - August
Collared flycatcher	May - August
Crag martin	May - September
Yellow wagtail	April - September
Whinchat	April - September
Barred warbler	May - August
Sedge warbler	May - August
Grasshopper warbler	May - August
Cetti's warbler	May - August
Reed warbler	May - August
Great reed warbler	May - August
Red-backed shrike	May - August
Nutcracker	All year round
Oriole	May - August
Rosefinch	June - August
Reed bunting	Best during May - August
Corn bunting	Best during May - August