

PHOTOGRAPHY EXPEDITION TO THE
**SWEDISH
TAIGA FOREST**



9th to 16th June 2026



A journey from the forests and lakes of Tiveden National Park to the mountains of Funäsdalen in the heart of Scandinavia focus on bird photography. A trip that combines two totally different areas in search of northern specialities in the main moment of the mating and nesting season.



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Forests and lakes of Tiveden National Park, mountains of Funäsdalen. Breeding and nesting season.



9th - 16th June
8 days / 7 nights



Group size
4-6 people



Tour Leader
Yanina Maggiotto



Local Guide
David Tverling

- PN Tiveden
- Great grey owl
- Pygmy owl and Tengmalm's owl
- Black-throated loon and red-throated loon
- Funäsdalen
- Ruff and golden plover
- Little gull and red-necked phalarope
- Siberian jay and northern species
- Return to Stockholm





Wildlife photography tour visiting two distant areas in central and southern Sweden at the best time in Spring for photographing attractive northern species. The timing of the trip, close to the Summer equinox, means that the daylight hours are spread over most of the day, providing plenty of time for photography.

In the first stage of this trip we will go deep into the forests of the **Tiveden National Park** (in the centre-south of the country) in search of owls to photograph such interesting species as the **great grey owl**, the **Tengmalm's owl** and the **pygmy owl**, birds that we will try to capture not only perching but also hunting. At the same time, we will visit hidden lagoons in the middle of the forest to find **grebes** and **loons**, especially the **black-throated loon**. We will also find the **red-throated loon**, but getting close-up shots of them will be more of a challenge.

On the fourth day of the trip, we will head north towards Funäsdalen, a mountainous area where our focus will be on the wader leks, with the ruff as one of the most outstanding species, although it will not be the only one. In fact, at this stage of the trip we will have the opportunity to photograph such striking species as the **Siberian jay**, the **red-necked phalarope**, the **Little gull**, the **hazel grouse** or the **three-toed woodpecker**.

Our guides in Sweden will be working hard since very early on Spring to locate the territories of the key species for this tour in the hope of ensuring a successful experience.

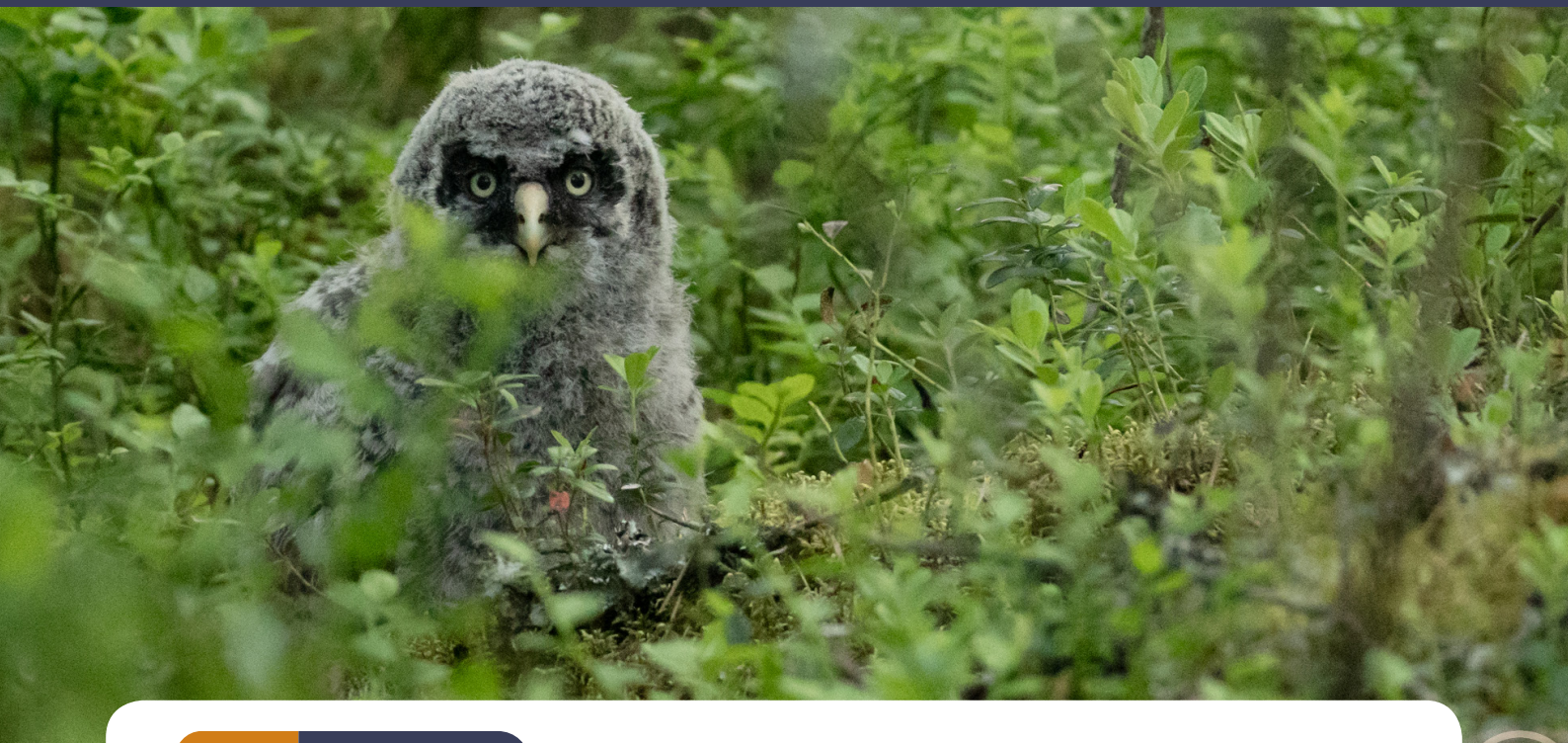


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Day 1 9th June

Arrival at the Arlanda airport in **Stockholm**. Transfer by minibus to the **Tiveden National Park** (2.5 h). Accommodation at Nature Resort Tiveden, a cosy lodge on the shores of a large lake surrounded by the vast forests of the Scandinavian taiga. This first afternoon we will go out to photograph the legendary **great grey owl**.

Day 2 10th June

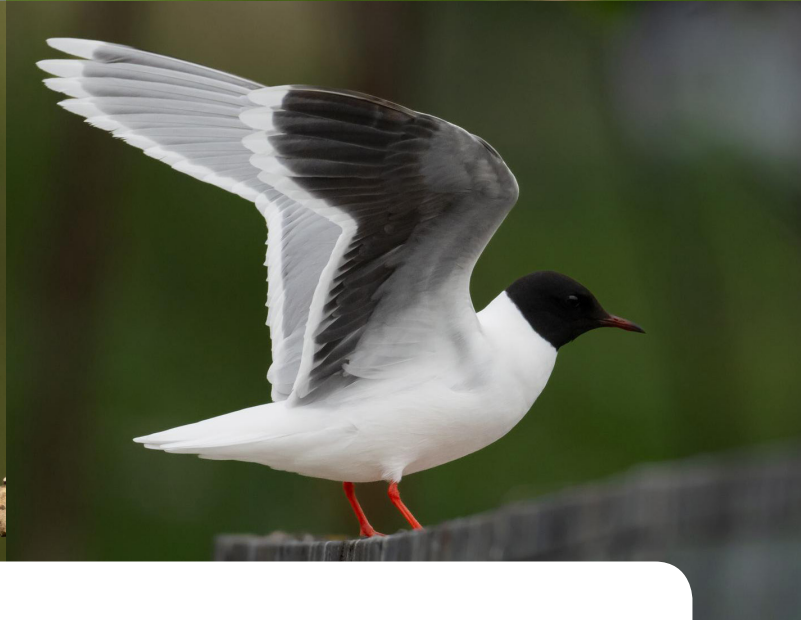
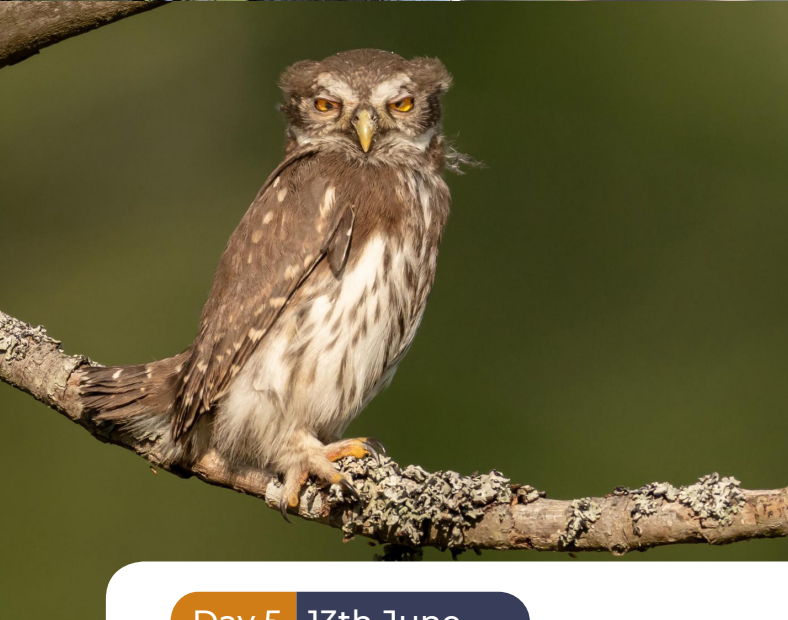
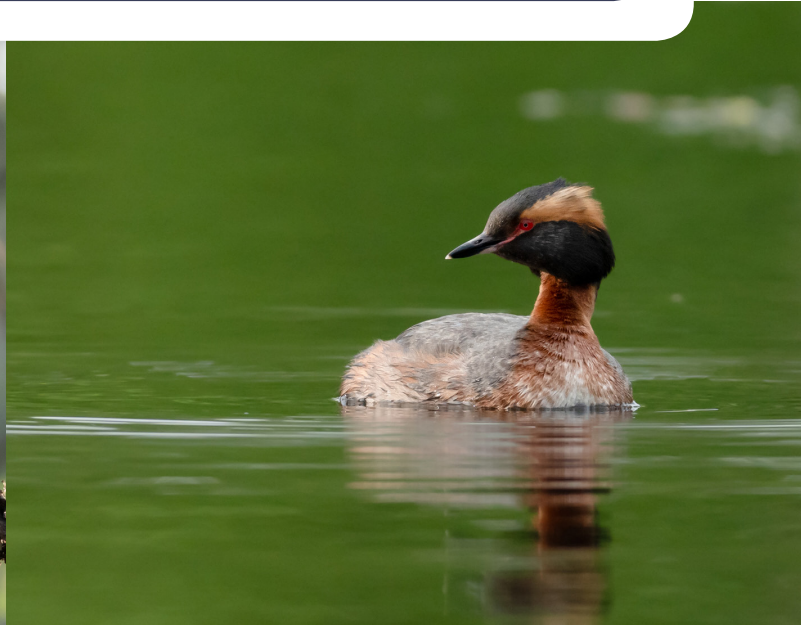
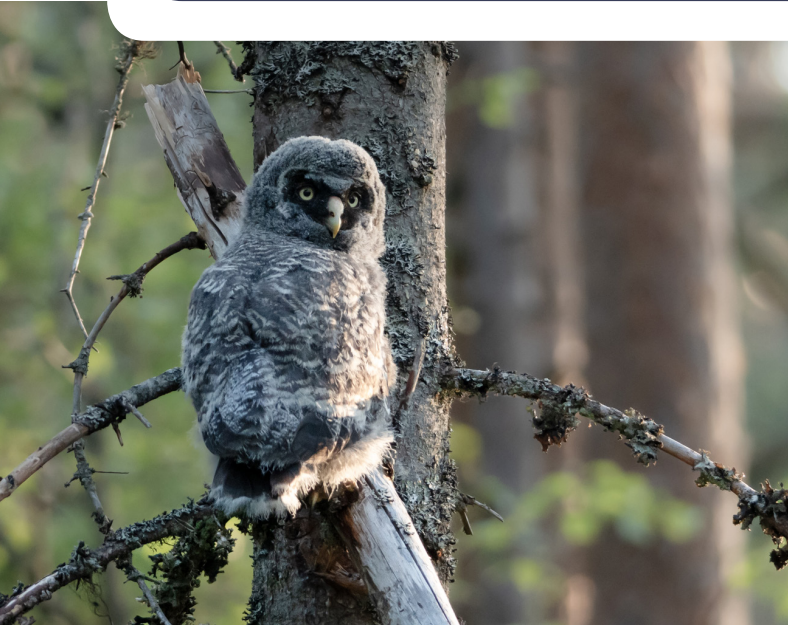
Second morning photography session dedicated to the **great grey owl**. We will focus on photographing the male hunting in clearings and forest areas. In the afternoon, we will change target species to focus on **loons** and **grebes** in lake areas surrounded by forest. The long photoperiod at this time of the year means that we will still have time for one last outing in the final hours of the day, this time in search of the **pygmy owl** and the **Tengmalm's owl**.

Day 3 11th June

The first hours of the third day will be devoted to the loons, trying the most difficult species, the **red-throated loon**, which will be located in remote lagoons deep inside the forest. After this early morning outing, we will return to the lodge to rest before a mid-afternoon departure to complete our photographic report with the loons and the **Tiveden's owls**, adapting the activity to those species we wish to improve our previous results.

Day 4 12th June

Early departure to the north towards **Funäsdalen** (7 hours drive across the centre of the country). Despite the long journey, we will arrive in time to rest at the **Eriksgarden Hotel**, a comfortable and warm mountain resort that will be our base for the next few days. This afternoon we will visit a breeding location for different species of **waders**. In this environment we will also try nocturnal species such as the **long-eared owl**.



Day 5 13th June

The first target of the day will be a ruff lek in an area situated around 1000 m above sea level with a mountain background, where we will find an exciting bird community with **skuas, phalaropes, plovers** and other fantastic species. We will look for the best photo opportunities calmly and patiently, enjoying a scene as Nordic as idyllic. But it is not only the **waders** that will attract our attention, as in this area we will also try to get good images of the **Siberian jay** and the **three-toed woodpecker**.



Day 6 14th June

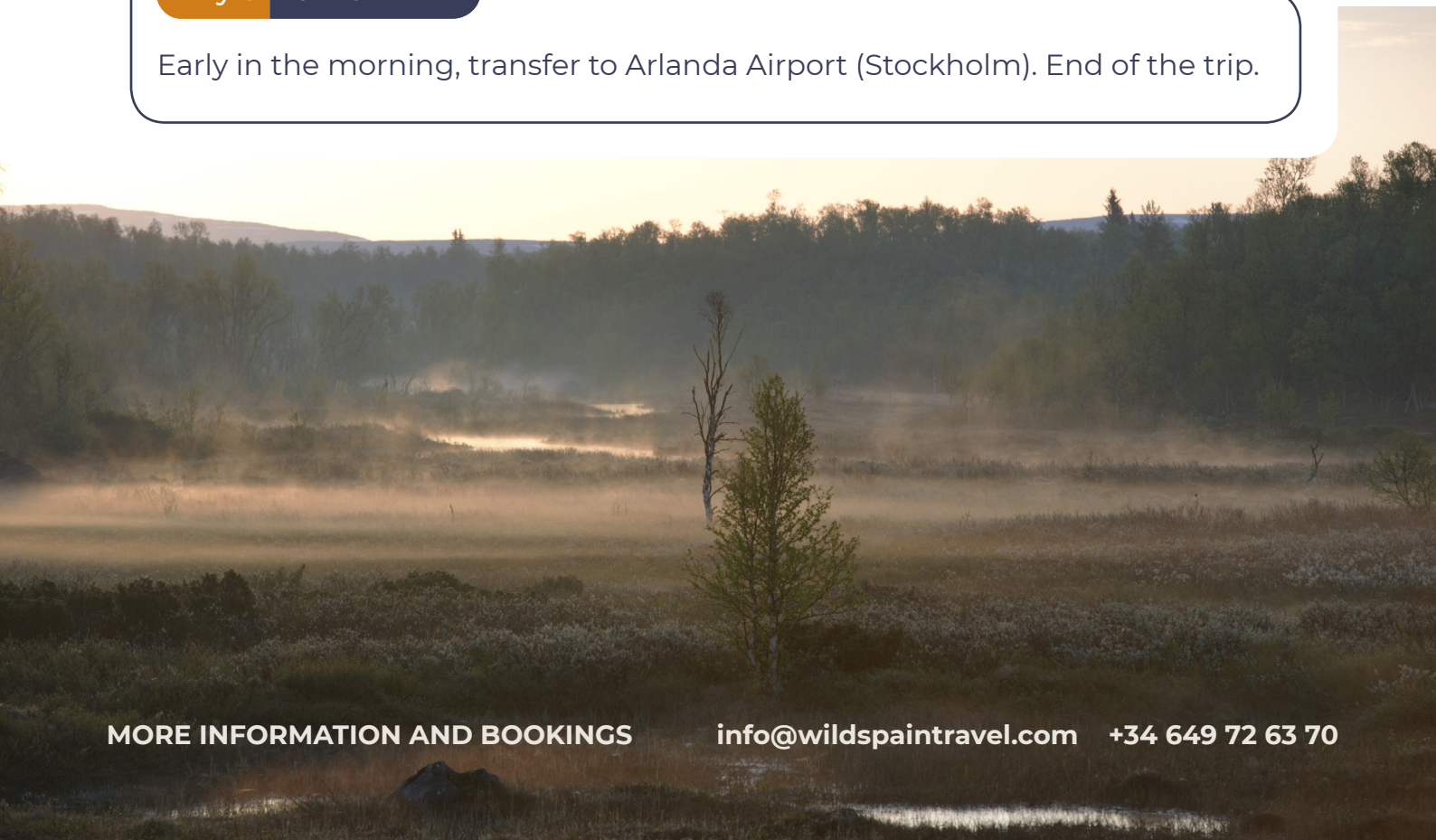
With the option for another visit to the wader leks, this day's programme will focus on other typical birds of northern Europe, such as the **hazel grouse** or the **little gull**. **Loons, grebes, Siberian jay, three-toed woodpeckers** or northern passerines such as the **Lapland tit** will be some of the other species that we will actively look for during the day.

Day 7 15th June

Third day in **Funäsdalen** in search of northern species to complete our report on the birds of the area. **Loons, grebes, Siberian jay, three-toed woodpeckers, hazel grouse, phalaropes, northern passerines...** depending on the results on the previous days we will focus on a different set of species. This day has been added to the trip due to the enormous ornithological interest of the area, as it was evident on the previous trip carried out on June 2025.

Day 8 16th June

Early in the morning, transfer to Arlanda Airport (Stockholm). End of the trip.



Some comments and advice

In June, in the areas to be visited in Sweden we will find mild temperatures in the middle of the day, but cold in the early and late hours, when they can even be freezing. In the south, where there are plenty of lakes and milder temperatures, we will need to protect ourselves from mosquito bites, which are very common (long-sleeved clothing, gloves and hats with mosquito netting are necessary). In contrast, in the north there will be no mosquitoes but temperatures will be lower, so it will be important to pack warm clothes in our luggage.

It is recommended that you wear half-boots suitable for walking in wet and marshy areas. The clothing in general should also be waterproof so that you can keep dry even when lying low to the ground to photograph waders, loons and other land and water birds.

During the activity in the photography areas we will communicate with each other by whatsapp to avoid talking loudly and disturbing the birds. It is very important to follow the guide's instructions at all times.

Photography of most of the species on this trip is done by watching, without hide, so walking is necessary to reach the places frequented by the target species. Throughout the trip we will enjoy of plenty of opportunities to photograph very relevant and attractive species at close range with potentially excellent results, but it should be noted that these results will depend largely on the skill and ability of the photographer as the photographic situations will be totally natural and spontaneous.

Finally, it is important to note that the trip takes place at a time of year when daylight hours extend over much of the day. This will make it easier to have plenty of time available for activities, but it can also make the trip hard and physically demanding because of the deregulation involved in terms of sleeping, resting and eating schedules. Birds will undoubtedly be our best stimulus to combat the sudden change in our daily rhythms.

Flight is not included on this programme. It is recommended to reserve the arrival flight arriving along the morning before 14:00 pm. Return travel has to be booked preferably after 17:00 pm.



€ Price

€4.505,00

/person

Price for 4 people.

€4.215,00

/person

Price for 6 people.

Included in the price:

Airport transfers and transportation throughout the tour.

Accommodation in selected hotels, single room

Full board

Tour leader and local guides

Travel insurance

Not included:

International flight

Anything not listed under "Included in the price"

Booking Terms and Conditions

Booking Deposit: A non-refundable deposit of €1,350.00 is required to confirm your booking.

Final payment deadline: May 2, 2026.

Important Note: The tour departure is guaranteed with a minimum of 4 participants. If the tour cannot take place due to insufficient participants, we will refund the deposit less a €100 administration fee.

Accommodation

•Nature Resort Tiveden (<https://www.hamgarden.com/en/>)

•Eriksgarden (<https://eriksgarden.se/en/>)

Equipment

-  Photography equipment including a light tripod
-  Recommended lens: 70-200 mm and 500-600 mm
-  Camouflage clothing and soft colours
-  Warm and waterproof clothes, including trousers and shoes
-  Mosquito hat and gloves to protect against mosquito bites
-  Waterproof boots (rubber boots)

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