

Where to Watch Birds in Europe and Russia

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Nigel Wheatley : Where to Watch Birds in Europe and Russia before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Where to Watch Birds in Europe and Russia:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent, Concise Overview of Where to Watch Birds in Europe By Jim M. I'm not aware of any other recent single volume that gives such a broad overview of the birdwatching potential of all the European countries. As others have said, you should do additional research on specific locations if you're

going to be guiding yourself in a particular country (especially since the book is over a decade old now). A book dedicated to the whole of Europe and Russia obviously cannot contain all the information that a single book dedicated to a single country could. But on the other hand, single country guides cannot give you the big picture of birding in Europe that this guide can. And in many cases there are no single country guides for many of the nations covered. The Wheatley guides (there is one covering almost every corner of the globe) are particularly good for finding out what birds are special to particular countries, and evaluating which countries in a region are best for birding. So it's great for planning a multi-country trip and/or deciding where to go. It's also ideal if you want a nice summary of the best birding sites in a single country.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The Highlights of Birding Europe and Asia By Brian Allen If you want one book to give you the highlights of birding all the countries of Europe and Russia this is an excellent guide. There are of course well written books with much greater depth of material on for example the great birding spots of Spain or Great Britain. This book is more for those that wonder "Where could I go birding in Denmark or possibly Norway if I get the chance someday. Are there good birding sites in Slovakia or Slovenia?" From Iceland to Italy or Corsica to Finland this book provides a good overview on birds present, endemic species, sites to bird and information on safety, lodging and logistics. I would recommend this book to research all the possibilities and then when you decide on a specific country or countries to visit get the more in depth books and check the internet for updates.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A decent but not concise guide to birding Europe By P. Reese This has information on quite a few birding sites in Europe but it just touches the highlights. It is a beginning and books of this nature are difficult to get ones hands on. I used it for Estonia. There was actually more information on the internet than in the book. It lacks specific directions on how to get to the sites for example. We had a very difficult time finding several of them. We actually spent 2 days finding one site.

Nigel Wheatley continues his continent-by-continent guide to the best locales for international birding by turning his binoculars to over 250 of the most productive birding sites in Europe and Russia. Whether you want to know how Golden Eagles are distributed on the Scottish Island of Skye, which birds you'll find in the botanical gardens in Minsk, or where to go if you have your heart set on a Grey Phalarope or Lapland Bunting, this book is the essential travel companion. Though compact and portable, *Where to Watch Birds in Europe and Russia* contains a tremendous amount of information on travel, geography, and bird distribution that can be used to plan a trip from scratch or get more out of any itinerary. Wheatley gives excellent coverage not only of the well-trod fields of England and France, but also of countries newly explored by North American birders (such as Romania and Azerbaijan), such bird-rich microclimates as Malta and Greece's Strymon Delta, and several often-overlooked small nations (such as Luxembourg and Moldova). This addition to the acclaimed *Where to Watch Birds* series will be particularly valuable to birders visiting Eastern Europe, Russia, and other places whose birding sites have not been well publicized.

About the Author Nigel Wheatley is a professional conservationist and an ornithological consultant and author who has traveled extensively throughout the world in search of birds. He has written several other *Where to Watch* bird books published by Princeton. He is a founding member of the African Bird Club and the Neotropical Bird Club, as well as a member of the Oriental Bird Club and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.