

## **Birding in Germany and The Netherlands**

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*The following is a list of the species identified by local birders Vicki Metcalfe and Denis Orchard in the course of their travels in Germany and Holland in June and July, 2009. An account of their summer holiday is published in the October 2009 edition of the New Edinburgh News.*

Now that we are birders – and six weeks means a lot of time on our hands – we took our binoculars and a borrowed Birds of Britain and Europe (thank you, Jane). We were able to list about 70 species of bird with varying degrees of certainty. The easy way to expand one's life list is to change continents. Even Berlin offered up two "life" birds, the Hooded Crow and the Goldfinch – not our colourful American goldfinch but with a bright red patch on its face and bright yellow wing patches.

Avocet	Goldfinch	Nightingale
Black swan	Goshawk	Oystercatcher
Blackbird	Grey heron	Pheasant
Blackcap	Great egret	Pigeon
Black-tailed godwit	Great tit	Red-necked grebe
Bonaparte's gull	Great-crested grebe	Redstart
Brent goose	Green finch	Robin
Buzzard	Greylag goose	Rock dove
Canada goose	Herring gull	Scaup
Carrion crow	Hooded crow	Shelduck
Chaffinch	Hooded merganser	Song thrush
Collared dove	House martin	Spoonbill
Common gull	House sparrow	Spotted flycatcher
Coot	Jackdaw	Starling
Cormorant	Kildeer	Swallow
Cuckoo	Lapwing	Tit – marsh or willow
Dipper	Laughing dove	Thrush nightingale
Dunlin	Lesser black-backed gull	Tree creeper
Egyptian goose	Little tern	Tufted duck
Eider duck	Magpie	White dove
Flycatcher - prob red-breasted	Mallard	White stork
Gadwall	Marsh warbler	Wood pigeon
Glaucus gull	Moorhen	Wren
Goldcrest	Mute swan	Yellowlegs or redshank