

Some bird sites in Swedish “Pilelandet” (outside Vellinge Municipality)

1. Sandhammaren

Sandhammaren is the south-eastern outpost of Scania. It is a typical migration site and waterbirds and passerines can be spotted in large numbers in both spring and autumn.

How to get there

Drive on road 9 eastward from Ystad. Turn right towards Kåseberga some 3.5 km after Ystad Sandskog. Drive past Kåseberga and after another 7 km, there is a side road to the right towards Sandhammaren.

2. Kåseberga

Kåseberga is an excellent site to watch migration of geese and ducks in spring. On some days tens of thousands of birds may be seen. The migration is seen best from the harbour or sheltered from the wind below Kåsehuvud. Resting birds can be spotted in the village or in the clump of trees on Kåsehuvud during spring and autumn.

How to get there

Drive on road 9 eastward from Ystad. Turn right towards Kåseberga some 3.5 km after Ystad Sandskog. After another 8 km or so there is a side road towards Kåseberga harbour.

3. Fyledalen

Fyledalen is known as an excellent raptor site, and boasts breeding Golden Eagle, Red Kite and others. August-March is the best time of year for a visit.

How to get there

On road 13 between Sjöbo and Ystad, at the church in Sövestad, turn off towards Högestad. From Högestad, follow the road signs for Fyledalen. Another way is to follow road 19 northward from Ystad. After about 7.5 km, turn off towards Lyckås and drive on to Lyckås Castle. Then follow road signs for Fyledalen.

4. Krageholmssjön & 5. Ellestadssjön

Two lakes situated between Ystad and Sjöbo in the middle of the south Scanian lake and hill district. Many geese and ducks are attracted to the lakes, especially in autumn. Raptors are abundant in the vicinity all year round.

How to get there

To reach Krageholmssjön, turn west towards Skårby in Sövestad (along road 13). This will take you to the southern part of the lake. Ellesstadssjön is reached by going south from Snogeholm Castle to the northern part of the lake.

6. Näsbyholm

The flat areas around Näsbyholm are good raptor sites. Golden Eagle is one of the breeding species and Black Kite is a regular visitor. A newly created wetland attracts large numbers of geese, ducks and waders.

How to get there

Follow road E65 eastward from Malmö. Turn right (south) at the road sign for Näsbyholm and Gärdslöv a few kilometres before Skurup. After passing the railway, turn off to the first gravel road on your left. An excellent observation site is the pull-in on the right just before the road enters the wood.

7. Börringesjön & 8. Havgårdssjön

Classic raptor sites, where Golden and White-tailed Eagles are seen in winter. Golden Eagle also breeds in the area and can thus be spotted all year round. Water birds stop over on the lakes during migration.

How to get there

Follow road E65 eastward from Malmö. Turn right (south) towards Anderslöv shortly after the passage of the exit to Sturup Airport. After passing the railway, you will soon see Börringesjön to the right (west) and Havgårdssjön to the left (east). Suitable observation points can be found along the road between the lakes and the road east of Havgårdssjön.

9. Klagshamn

Klagshamn is a spit of land extending a little less than 2 km straight out into the Öresund strait south of Malmö. The north and south sides of Klagshamn hold some fine coastal meadows with the southern areas being especially good for birds. Passerines stopping over on migration are found in the shrubberies on the spit.

How to get there

Follow road E6 southward from Malmö. Turn right (west) at the sign for Västra Klagstorp and follow the road signs for Klagshamn. Then, in a minor roundabout turn right (south) towards the harbour.

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