BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY FROM HIDES
Kiskunsag, HUNGARY

This is not a proper trip report, but more like a colourful photographic summary, a selection pictures were made by our guests. This is not from one tour, but result of the last couple of years’ Bird Photography Tours based at our Kondor EcoLodge. Here we use several different areas and habitats with different specialized hides. Our basic programme offers 7 days with one arrival and orientation day, spending at each different areas and hides minimum 1 full day and on departure day an optional extra half day photography if time permits. Each hide offers comfortable space for 2 photographers. Photographers will spend time at each hide in a rotating system. Our team put out hundreds of nestboxes for Rollers, Little & Scops Owls, Hoopoes which boosted up the populations offering really great photo opportunities.

Eurasian Roller, photo by Marin Sabik, mobile hide

Day1
After arrival to Budapest Airport we do either a quick 1-1.5-hour-long transfer to Kondor EcoLodge or we check out habitats and photographing birds as we go in the Kiskunsag National Park, arriving in the evening to the accommodation. Depending on arrival time checking the areas & some hides.

Day2-6
Spending full days in a rotating system at one of the professional hides from the below list:

Hides at Kondor EcoLodge, Kiskunsag National Park, HUNGARY

1. Drinking & Feeding Station Hide – Sparrowhawk, Common Redstart, Long-tailed Tit (Northern form), Hawfinch, Tree Sparrow, Nuthatch, Lesser-spotted Woodpecker

The following species can be seen and photographed in the garden of Kondor EcoLodge during a year: Sparrowhawk, Honey Buzzard, Common Cuckoo, Scops Owl, Tawny Owl, European Bee-eater, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Wryneck. European Hoopoe, Common Redstart, Black Redstart, Mistle Thrush, Chiffchaff, Icterine Warbler, Willow Warbler, Blackcap, Lesser Whitethroat, Goldcrest, Spotted Flycatcher, Long-tailed Tit Northern form, Great Tit, Blue Tit, Nuthatch, Short-toed Treecreeper, Eurasian Golden Oriole, Wren, Tree Sparrow, Linnet, Chaffinch, Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Hawfinch, Yellowhammer, Siskin
The furthermore species can be seen and photographed, walking distance from our Kondor EcoLodge during a year:

European Bee-eater by Gabor Orban

B. Hides at other parts of Kiskunsag National Park, HUNGARY:

1. **Red-footed Falcon Tower Hide** – Red-footed Falcon, Turtle Dove, Roller
2. **Alkaline Lake Shorebird Hide** - Black-winged Stilt, Avocet, Little Ringed Plover, Marsh Sandpiper
3. **Freshwater Lake Floating Hide** – Ferruginous Duck, Spotted Crane, Squacco Heron
4. **Roller Hide**
5. **Little Owl Hide**
6. **Hoopoe Hide**
7. **Raptor feeding station** - White-tailed & Imperial Eagle, Rough-legged Buzzard, Hen Harrier

Some of the Species which can be photographed from different hides in the Kiskunsag National Park: Pygmy Cormorant, Great White Egret, Little Egret, Grey Heron, Purple Heron, Squacco Heron, Bittern, Little Bittern, Spoonbill, Sparrowhawk, Red-footed Falcon, Black-winged Stilt, Avocet, Little Ringed Plover, Lapwing, Dunlin, Curlew Sandpiper, Ruff, Marsh Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, White-winged Tern, Whiskered Tern, Turtle Dove, Common Cuckoo, European Bee-eater, European Roller, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Middle Spotted Woodpecker, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Little Owl, Golden Oriole, European Hoopoe, Common Redstart, Black Redstart, Blackcap, Lesser Whitethroat, Long-tailed Tit Northern form, Nuthatch, Red-backed Shrike, Lesser Grey Shrike, Tree Sparrow, Hawfinch, Chaffinch, Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Yellowhammer

Red-footed Falcon female by Stuart Elsom/Sunbird

Photo Tour to Hungary
Day 7
After breakfast final morning Photography session at Kondor EcoLodge and/or vicinity. Midday transfer back to Budapest Airport.

Mobile hides within a mile distance from Kondor EcoLodge

European Bee-eater photos by Eric Muller, mobile hide

European Bee-eater photo by Eric Muller & by Andy Morffew

Eurasian Roller photos by Tibor Horvath
Eurasian Roller photo by Eric Muller, mobile hide

Eurasian Rollers from mobile hides, photos by Eric Muller & Tibor Horvath

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Eurasian Rollers from mobile hides

photos by Joerg Mager & Howard Birley
European Bee-eater & Eurasian Roller from mobile hides

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Eurasian Roller from mobile hides
European Hoopoes from mobile hides, photos by Eric Muller

Scops Owl photo by Eric Muller

Little Owl photo by Andy Morffew; Little Owls by Tibor Horvath
Garden Hides at Kondor EcoLodge

Tree Sparrow & Hawfinch by Pete Gilbert

Lesser-spotted Woodpecker & Syrian Woodpecker by Chris Massie-Taylor
Tree Sparrow & European Nuthatch by Chris Massie-Taylor

Hawfinch by Stuart Elsom/Sunbird Photo Tour to Hungary

Winter Wren & European Goldfinch; photos by Tibor Horvath
Floating Hide & Fix Hide at Lakeside

Squacco Heron & Purple Heron by Eric Muller

Black-winged Stilt & Squacco Heron by Andy Morffew

Red-necked Grebe by Bauke & Andreas; Ferruginous Duck by Eric Muller
Black-winged Stilt by Tibor Horvath & Eric Muller; Blue-headed Wagtail female by Eric Muller at top

Pygmy Cormorant by Howard Birley & Whiskered Tern by Chris Massie-Taylor
Tower Hide

Red-footed Falcon male & female by Chris Massie-Taylor

Eurasian Kestrel female by Howard Birley & Andy Morffew

Red-footed Falcon males by Stuart Elsom/Sunbird Phototour at Kondor
Red-footed Falcon male & female by Stuart Elsom/Sunbird Phototour at Kondor

Lesser Grey Shrike by Stuart Elsom/Sunbird Phototour at Kondor & Howard Birley

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Red-footed Falcon female and male by Joerg Mager

European Kestrel & Eurasian Jackdaw by Zoltan Oroszi

WINTER RAPTOR HIDE

White-tailed Eagles and Imperial Eagle by Zoltan Oroszi