

 **[CNE26] Birds of the Eemlanden 1**

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N 52° 13.682 E 005° 20.917

UTM: 31U E 660402 N 5789000

Dec: N 52.2280333 E 5.3486167

DMS: N 52° 13' 40.92" E 5° 20' 55.02"

Difficulty: ★★★★★
Terrain: ★★★★★Size:  (Small)Log Counts:  1 Post Reviewer Note  1 Temporarily Disable Listing  1 Submit for Review**Long Description****This cache is part of CNE 2026**

CNE stands for the culture and nature event. The event took place on March 21, 2026, in Amersfoort. More information about CNE can be found at: www.cultuurennaturevent.nl

With this event and these caches, we're eager to show everyone all the wonderful things Amersfoort and the surrounding area has to offer in terms of culture and nature. We hope you have lots of fun with these caches!

BvVeen, Tedonus, Pc_Queen, Flash! and TeamThoroCatchers**[CNE26] Birds of the Eemlanden 1**



**Caution! This is a cycle path.
Motorized traffic is prohibited on a large portion of the route. This is
strictly enforced!**

North of Amersfoort, around Bunschoten-Spakenburg, lies a vast polder landscape. It's an open peat meadow area. This means plenty of grasslands, but also plenty of water. Ditches separate the meadows, which in turn flow into ditches. All this makes it an excellent spot for meadow and water birds, which also occur here in hundreds of numbers. This tour passes through two areas: De Eemland and Het Arkemheen. The latter is one of the oldest polders in the Netherlands, established in 1356. What's special about this polder is that it has never been subject to land consolidation. Winding ditches can still be seen here, in contrast to the straight ditches of the Eemland.

This approximately 35-kilometer bike ride passes through these bird-rich areas. Each cache tells about a specific bird that can be seen there. Inside the cache, you'll also find a bird, but it's different from the one listed. You need this bird to determine your bonus. The value is the number of the cache for that bird.

Example:

In the first cache, you'll find a black-tailed godwit, along with an A.

Cache number 8 tells you about the black-tailed godwit.

So, A=8.

Enjoy this bike ride through the bird-rich Eemlanden and don't forget your binoculars—it's definitely worth it. You might spot some of the caches there.

Black-tailed Godwit



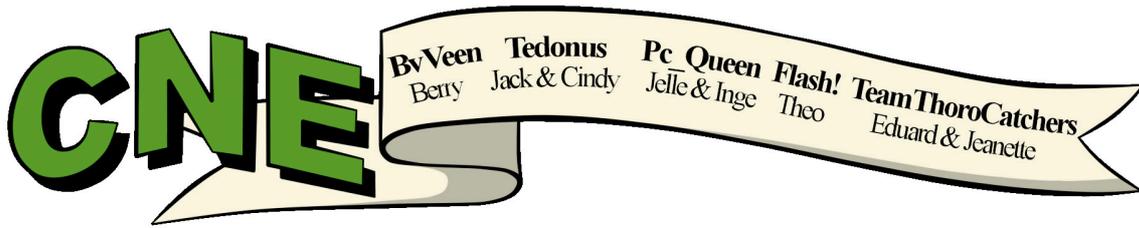
The black-tailed godwit (*Limosa limosa*) is a quintessential Dutch meadow bird. So Dutch, in fact, that it was chosen as the national bird in 2015. The black-tailed godwit is a large, slender wading bird with a straight beak. In summer, the male has an orange-brown head, neck, and chest. They are also spotted with brown. Striking white stripes can be seen on the wings, which are clearly visible in flight. The black-tailed godwit is a true migratory bird. They can be found in the Netherlands from February to July. They breed in open grasslands, where they also forage. They build an inconspicuous grass nest, close to their own kind. They lay an average of four eggs, which hatch after 25 days. The young emerge immediately from the nest and can fly after just 25 days. Once the young are ready to fly, they stay together for about another week. In early July, they depart again via France, Spain, and Portugal to Senegal and Guinea-Bissau. Then, in February, they return to the same place where they were born. Unfortunately, the black-tailed godwit is in decline in the Netherlands. Of the 130,000 breeding pairs in 1960, there are now only about 25,000. Hopefully, this will change soon, as approximately 90% of all European black-tailed godwits breed in the Netherlands.

The municipality of Bunschoten has given permission for this cache. Thank you for this.



This cache is part of a larger series

For a complete list of the rest of these caches, please refer to www.cultuurennatuurevent.nl/caches-cne-2026/



Additional Waypoints

	Prefix	Lookup	Name	Coordinate
 	01		Parking (Parking Area)	N 52° 13.645 E 005° 21.431

Note: Here you can leave your car for the entire route

Cache Attributes



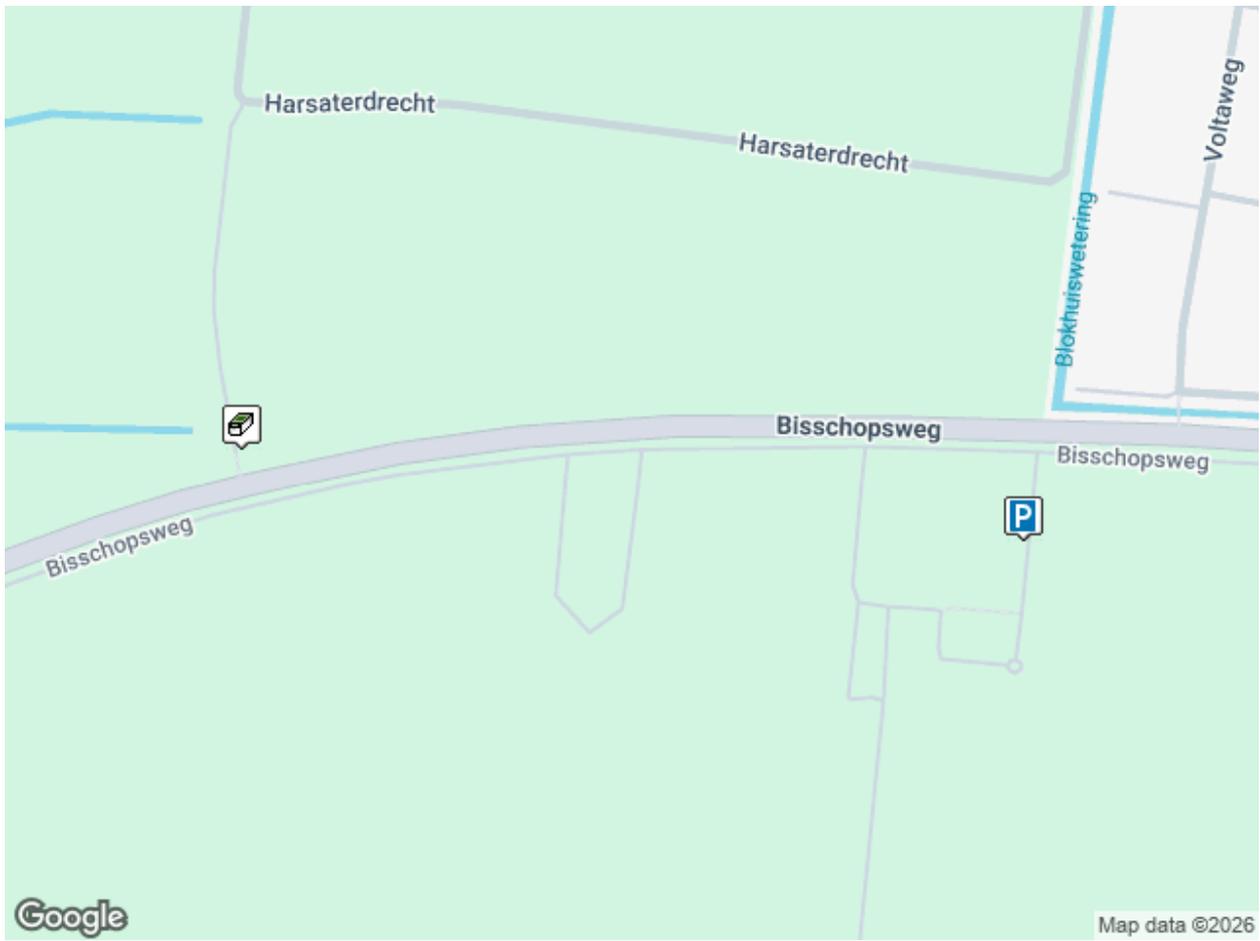
[What are Attributes?](#)

Ticks nearby, No motorcycles allowed, No off-road vehicles allowed, No quads allowed, Bicycles allowed, Picnic tables nearby, Recommended for tourists, Significant hike, Scenic view nearby, Livestock nearby

Logs

Overview Map

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