

 **[CNE26] Birds of the Eemlanden 2**

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N 52° 14.275 E 005° 20.445

UTM: 31U E 659829 N 5790082

Dec: N 52.2379167 E 5.34075

DMS: N 52° 14' 16.5" E 5° 20' 26.7"

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 2**



**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.

Lapwing



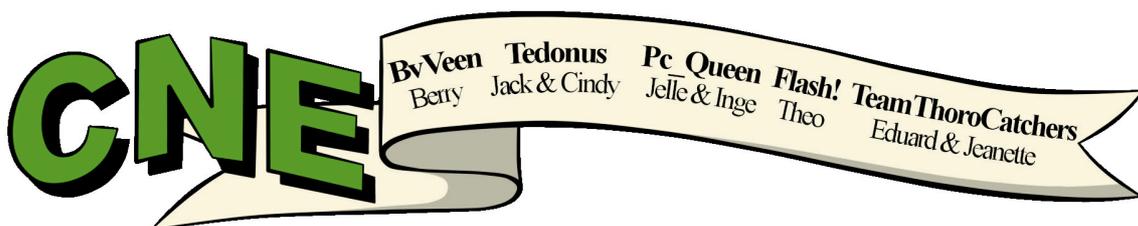
The lapwing (*Vanellus vanellus*) is one of the most characteristic meadow birds in the Netherlands. It has a striking black crest, a green and purple back, and broad wings. Their call is also unmistakable. They live in open agricultural landscapes, primarily open, wet grasslands. Here they find their food, including larvae, spiders, and snails. They also eat earthworms, which they lure to the surface by kicking. They also breed here in a homemade hole lined with straw. In this hole, they usually lay four eggs. A centuries-old tradition in the Netherlands is the discovery of the first lapwing egg. This is considered the beginning of spring. It was traditionally presented to the King's Commissioner and the mayor of the municipality. In mild winters, the lapwing remains in the Netherlands, but they generally migrate to England and France in October. They return to the country in February. Unfortunately, the number of breeding pairs decreases slightly each year. At the moment there are still about 100,000 spread throughout the country.

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/



Cache Attributes



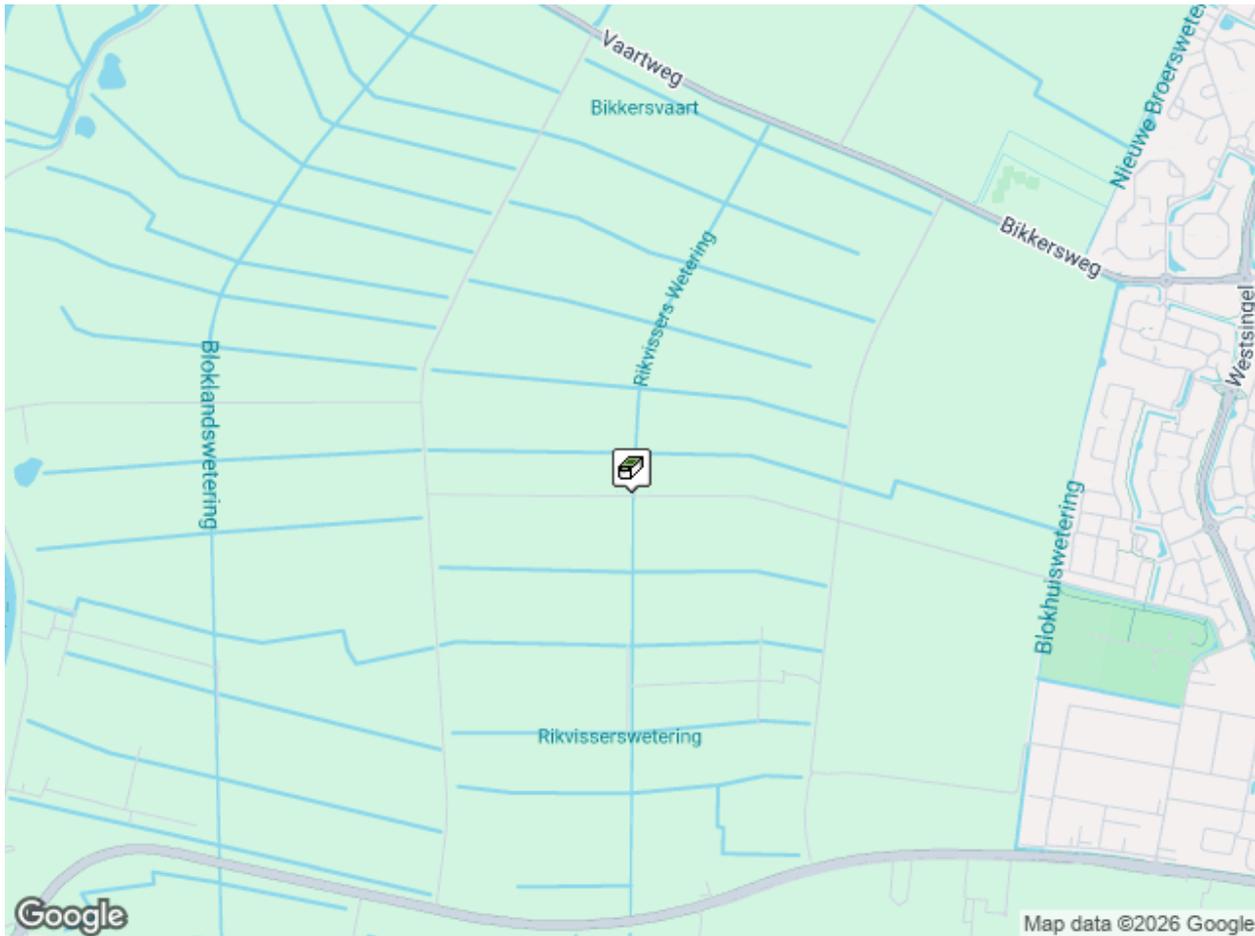
[What are Attributes?](#)

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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