

 **[CNE26] Birds of the Eemlanden 5**

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N 52° 16.096 E 005° 20.885

UTM: 31U E 660220 N 5793473

Dec: N 52.2682667 E 5.3480833

DMS: N 52° 16' 5.76" E 5° 20' 53.1"

Difficulty: ★★★★★

Size:  (Small)

Terrain: ★★★★★

Log Counts:  2 Post Reviewer Note  2 Temporarily Disable Listing  2 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

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**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.

Eurasian wigeon



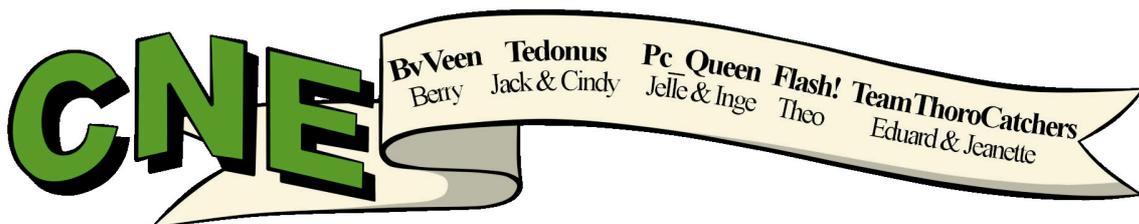
The Eurasian wigeon (*Mareca penelope*) is also called the whistling duck because of its distinctive call. Males have a chestnut-brown head with a creamy-yellow forehead stripe. They have a pink breast, gray wings, and a white belly. Females are less distinctive, being reddish brown or grayish with a white belly. This is a true winter visitor. Most Eurasian wigeons fly from Scandinavia and Siberia to the Netherlands in October and November. In the Netherlands, they prefer to overwinter in water-rich grasslands. During the day, you often see them on the water, and at night they move onto land to eat plants, seeds, and roots. Around March, they return to their breeding grounds in the far north. Approximately 900,000 Eurasian wigeons overwinter in the Netherlands each year, which represents a large portion of the total population.

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



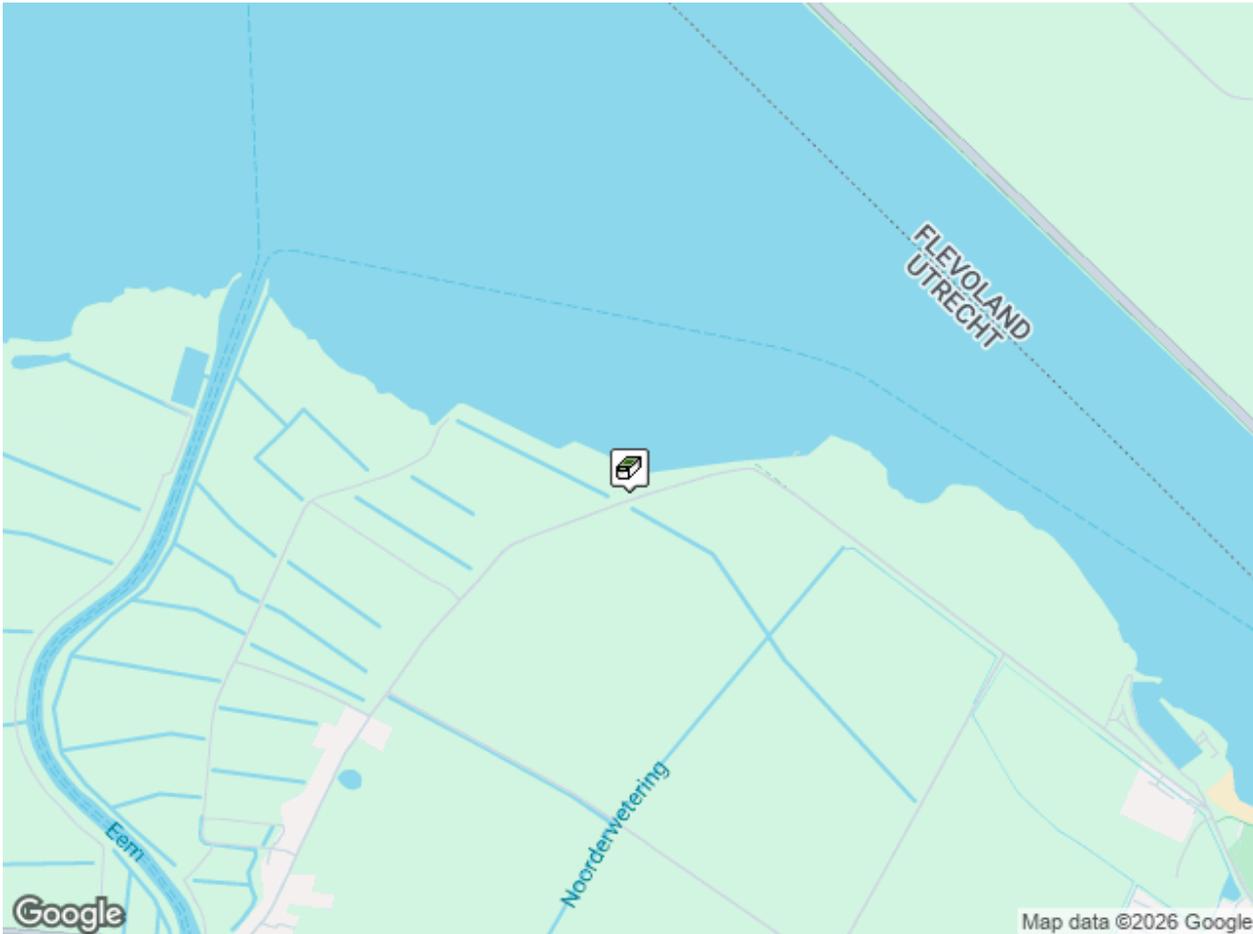
[What are Attributes?](#)

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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