

## ASHDOWN FOREST - NIGHTJAR SUNSET BIRD WALKS 2017

1. Monday 19 June 2017—assemble 21.10 hrs. for 21.15 prompt start
2. Monday 26 June 2017---assemble 21.10 hrs. for 21.15 prompt start
3. Thursday 6 July 2017---assemble 21.00 hrs for 21.10 prompt start

Join us out on the Forest around dusk with one of our Voluntary Rangers (an experienced birdwatcher) to hear and hopefully see the elusive and mysterious Nightjar, a rare bird of English folklore which comes to the heathland of Ashdown Forest each summer from Africa and makes display flights soon after sunset. We also hope to see an increasingly uncommon crepuscular bird, the Woodcock, now “red-listed”.

Walk is aimed at novices and non-birdwatchers. Limited number of places on each walk (12) so book early to avoid disappointment. Bring a warm jumper as evenings get cold—*please no bright outer garments of red/orange/yellow*. Wear sturdy footwear—ground can be very uneven (and possibly muddy). Walk lasts around one & a half hours—starting from a little before/around sunset. *Bring a torch—we end in darkness*. You may wish to bring insect-repellent.

There is a small charge of £3 per person. Children over 10 years welcome if accompanied by an adult. Weather-dependent—walk will be cancelled if raining on the evening. *Sorry—no dogs*.

Please email [conservators@ashdownforest.org](mailto:conservators@ashdownforest.org) to book a place and pay on the day.

You will be advised of the meeting point/venue approx one week before the event –depending on where the Nightjars are evident.