

## Guidelines for our Giant Snipe excursion

These guidelines are to minimise disturbance to the wildlife and to protect both them and their habitat. In addition, this will give you the best opportunity to see the birds well. Please note that we vary the route on each trip and we will only run trips to see the Giant Snipe once or twice a week.

To see the Giant Snipe on the ground involves walking in rough pasture, and sometimes boggy fields. Please be aware that there are cattle present so there is a small risk of ticks.

We advise tucking trousers into socks and spraying socks and shoes with insect repellent.

Our guides will use playback and a flashlight to find the birds, however, the flashlight will only be kept on the birds for a short time. Guests are requested not to use their own torches on the birds.

### Protocol:

ONCE YOU ARE IN THE FIELD OUR GUIDE WILL LEAD YOU TO A SUITABLE PLACE AND AS DARKNESS FALLS, START TO PLAY THE TAPE. **PLEASE KEEP AS QUIET AND STILL AS POSSIBLE.**

ONCE A BIRD HAS RESPONDED TO PLAYBACK, THE GUIDE WILL SLOWLY MOVE FORWARD TO FIND THE BIRD.

**ONLY WHEN THE BIRD IS IN THE TORCHLIGHT AND SETTLED, WILL YOU BE INVITED TO MOVE FORWARDS. STAY IN AS CLOSE A GROUP AS POSSIBLE, MOVE SLOWLY AND QUIETLY TO AVOID FLUSHING THE BIRD.**

Try to avoid using flash photography, and remain quiet.

### What to take:

- Binoculars
- Flashlight - for seeing where you are walking - our guide will have a powerful light for finding the birds
- Hat
- Insect Repellent
- Long-sleeved shirt or T-shirt
- Long trousers
- Walking Shoes or Boots
- Umbrella or waterproof jacket