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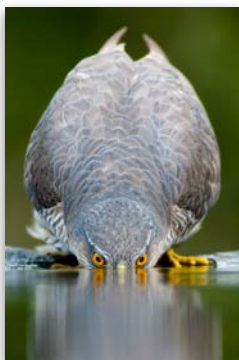
PHOTOGRAPHY MASTERCLASS

with Mark Carwardine

#5 Interview with Bence Mate – the ultimate photography hides

BEST TIME TO GO TO THE HIDES

Mid-April to mid-July: otter, ground squirrel (there are about 3,000 in the colony – it's the largest population in Europe – and there are two hides specifically to photograph them), goshawk, sparrowhawk, marsh harrier, spoonbill, great white egret, little egret, squacco heron, grey heron, European bee-eater (from last week of May), hoopoe, European roller (from early May), turtle dove; other likely species include: little owl, black woodpecker, Mediterranean gull.



January and February: otter, white-tailed eagle, common buzzard, bittern, great white egret, grey heron, water rail, kingfisher; other likely species include: red fox, hare, marsh harrier, spoonbill, great cormorant, caspian gull, black-headed gull.

Bence Mate, from Hungary, has won more awards in the prestigious Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition than anyone else on the planet – and is the only person to have been awarded both Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year and Wildlife Photographer of the Year. He gained an international reputation for designing one-way special glass hides. He has written several books, including the brilliant "The Handbook of Bird Photography" (with Markus Varesvuo and Jari Peltomaki) and "The Invisible Wildlife Photographer" (with a foreword by Mark). For more information, have a look at his English language website: www.matebence.hu/en/.



JOIN MARK ON A HUNGARIAN HIDE WORKSHOP

If you love photographing wildlife, this is a brilliant opportunity! Join Mark for a fun week of unlimited and exclusive use of Bence's hides at a hotspot in Hungary for many eastern European species, and some that are mostly lost in Britain, such as white-tailed eagles, hawfinches, goshawks, bitterns and cuckoos. The hides offer dazzling perspectives (including underwater), and the week will be jam-packed with every opportunity to practise and perfect your photography. The groups are small – just five people – and Mark will offer advice, help and inspiration throughout. And by the end of the week, with a little luck, you will have a stunning collection of new wildlife photographs. Various dates in January, February, April, May and June. Please click [here](#) for more information.



SOME OF BENCE'S MOST ICONIC IMAGES



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