

PROFILE REINOUD NORDE



Reinoud Norde was born on the second of January 1941, a very cold day during the war. He survived thanks to the village carpenter of Ruurlo, who made an instant incubator to keep him warm.

Reinoud spent most of his life in the Gelderse Achterhoek with spells in Botswana, the Shetland Islands and of course Suriname.

At the age of twelve he started his birdwatching career as a member of the 'Nederlandse Jeugdbond voor Natuurstudie' (NJN). His first research project took him to Vlieland where he studied feeding-behaviour of shorebirds.

After completing Gymnasium β , he went on to study biology at Utrecht University which resulted in two Masters: MSc (biology) and MEd, reflecting his interest in biology as well as teaching.

Biological research

- *Wadvogels en bodemfauna* (NJN publication, 1960)
- *Vegetation of Reedbeds in the Sliedrechtse Biesbos* (Utrecht University, 1967)
- *Sipaliwini Savanna expedition (1968-69)*. Collecting plants (30 new species to science), analysing the savanna vegetation and mapping transects. *Results on this website*.
- Developmental studies on the vegetation of Griend (Waddenzee) by means of permanent quadrats. Still ongoing.

- *Griend, flora en vegetatie* (Natuurmonumenten, 1987)
- *Flora and vegetation of the island of Mousa (Shetland Isles), including maps* (RSPB report 2002)
- *Neaps for Linties, Shetland* (3 RSPB reports, 2002-2004)
- *The song of the Shetland Starling* (Newsletter Shetland Birdclub, 2007)
- *Heathland Restoration project, Shetland* (RSPB, 2008)
- *Permanente Kwadraten Smeerdijk en Kienveen*, (Natuurmonumenten, 2009)
- *Elzenbroekbos Schiermonnikoog*, (Natuurmonumenten, 2014)

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Education

Teaching Biology at senior secondary level (1968 – 1999):

- Werkplaats Kindergemeenschap, Bilthoven. Teacher and Works Council Chairman.
- School voor Participatieonderwijs, Hengelo. Teacher.
- Haaksbergse Scholengemeenschap. Teacher and Member of Educational Reform Council.
- Swaneng Hill School, Serowe, Botswana. Teacher and Supervisor of the Science Club (Rhino Rescue studentproject, winning first prize at the National Science Fair) and the Video Club (producing “One day in the life of a Swaneng student”).

Volunteer Work

- Secretary of the Shetland Bird Club (2002-2008)
- Estate worker RSPB
- Part-time gardener at Hackfort historic vegetable garden

Reinoud Norde loves his family and tries to be a friend of the earth.