

Opticron Savanna WP 8x30

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IN SHORT: Hardy all-rounders that will go wherever you go.

The Opticron Savanna binoculars are lightweight, waterproof and durable. For most wildlife watching or for taking on walks, they make a perfect partner.

Ergonomically they're ideal for me. The wide barrels will help them rest comfortably in a variety of hand sizes, and the focus wheel should be right at most peoples fingertips without having to resort to unusual hand contortion. The focus wheel itself is wide and ridged, meaning it's easy to focus even when you're wearing thick gloves.



I'm someone who should wear glasses but usually doesn't, so the twist-type retractable eyecups are a big plus. Whether I'm making my optician proud or not, I can find a setting that is perfect for me.

The main thing I love about these binoculars is that they're easy to take wherever I go. I travel quite a bit, and so I need kit that is easy to carry around, sometimes over long distances, and that I know I can depend on when I get there. The Savannas haven't let me down yet. They come complete with a neoprene case and are really lightweight, making them ideal for putting in a bag and taking on your next adventure.

For most wildlife viewing or birdwatching, these should have enough range for you to enjoy most of what you can find around the UK. And they offer a nice bright image and a wide field of view, so they are useful for tracking moving targets.

It might be easy to say that these are a good entry-level binocular (certainly the price point is very friendly), but I'm certainly not an entry-level birder and I take them everywhere I go. If you're in the market for a low-cost binocular that won't let you down, congratulations, you've just found it!