

# Austria's Steppes & Wetlands

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Great Reed Warbler



Common Tree Frog



Wood Sandpiper



Marsh Sandpiper

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## Summary:

This single-based tour of Burgenland and adjacent parts of Hungary yielded a total of 141 bird species and a wide range of other interesting animals (such as Souselik, Tree Frog and Fire-bellied Toad) and plants. Many vines had been damaged by late frosts the previous week and, with the delayed spring, insects such as butterflies and dragonflies were relatively scarce until the middle of the trip. Lake Neusiedl and the alkaline lakes of the Seewinkel were in good condition with lots of water remaining from the previous year. The group succeeded in finding all the key birds of the area including Pygmy Cormorant, Black Stork, Ferruginous Duck, White-tailed and Eastern Imperial Eagles, Saker, Great Bustard, many passage and breeding waders including Temminck's Stint and Marsh Sandpiper, Caspian and White-winged Black Terns, Long-eared Owl, Bee-eater, Barred Warbler, Collared Flycatcher and Penduline Tit.

## Day 1

Tuesday 3rd May

We left Heathrow Terminal 3 in mid-morning and arrived at Vienna airport a little early. After collecting our minibus and some lunch, we drove to our base for the week in the quiet little town of Illmitz, at the heart of the Neusiedler See - Seewinkel National Park. As we entered the National Park we encountered our first families of Greylag Geese, which seemed to be everywhere, as did hunting Marsh Harriers and Kestrels. We arrived at the comfortable family-run Hotel Johannes Zeche to find the regular pair of White Storks installed at their rooftop nest.

After settling into our rooms, we went out to the nearby Zicklacke soda lake. Like all the other Seewinkel lakes this year, it was quite full, although there were suitable feeding areas for waders, including Black-winged Stilt, Wood Sandpiper and Ruff. These waders were prominent during the coming week, being seen widely at wetland sites. A good range of waterfowl was out on the lake, including lots of Red-crested Pochard and a lingering Wigeon; a Montagu's Harrier disturbed the breeding Lapwings and Stilts, while the surrounding grassland contained the first of many colourful displays of Green-winged Orchids, Flax and Salvias. Green Toads gave their purring calls from the shallows of the lake. We then drove briefly to the marina via a causeway leading through the extensive reedbeds to the edge of Lake Neusiedl. However, the strong wind soon prompted us to seek more sheltered conditions near the Biological Station. On the way, Helga spotted a Hoopoe in a horse paddock close to the minibus. Walking in the relative shelter of trees, we heard Nightingale and Penduline Tit and saw distant Pygmy Cormorants and Purple Herons.

## Day 2

Wednesday 4th May

Rising to the sounds of the storks bill-clapping on the roof, we had breakfast and left at 8.30am for Lange Lacke, the largest of the Seewinkel lakes. Here we met a surprisingly strong and cool wind as we headed for the south-western part of the lake. We struggled to hold our binoculars steady as about 20 Whiskered Terns, joined briefly by a Black Tern, foraged for insects over a cultivated field. More Whiskered Terns were hunkering down at the edge of the lake, together with a Little Gull. More terns and Little Gulls were scoped near a large colony of Black-headed and Mediterranean Gulls, but everyone then agreed that it was time for coffee and a respite from

the wind. Unfortunately, the café near the lake was closed for the day, so we returned to Illmitz and met up with Harry at the National Park Visitor Centre. Harry kindly agreed to give us an impromptu presentation on the National Park, which gave us a good introduction to the region and its culture and wildlife.

After lunch, we set off for the Hungarian borderlands on the Andau Plain. Our first stop on the Plain was in the lee of some trees (instead of up a windswept observation platform!) where we saw at least five Great Bustards. The strong wind probably inhibited their activities, but one male delighted us with his 'foam bath' display. A Short-eared Owl was seen briefly, though both male and female Montagu's Harriers gave more prolonged views. Brown Hares were common throughout the area. Then we moved on a short distance to the Einserkanal, where we walked across the border over the wooden Andau Bridge that was used in the mid-1950s by 70,000 Hungarians fleeing the Hungarian Revolution. Returning to walk along the sheltered Austrian bank, we found Banded Demoiselles and a newly emerged Blue Chaser. Returning to the reserve area, we had more distant views of the bustards, but good views of pairs of Curlews, Whinchats, Garganey and finally Red-backed Shrikes.

### Day 3

### Thursday 5th May

This morning, we took a picnic breakfast out to the reed fringes of Lake Neusiedl by horse and carriage. After a short delay, we left Illmitz through meadows and past open water to our drop-off point at Sandeck Tower, a cold war watchpoint. Our journey was interrupted by occasional stops to look at birds, while Helga and Frances translated facts coming from the driver. We unloaded our picnic at the building used to house perhaps 20% of the total world stock of attractive blue-eyed White Donkeys, a local breed, which were grazing the adjacent meadow. Hot drinks were first on the menu in the morning chill, quickly followed by breakfast! Scanning across the open water and reedbeds from our vantage point we saw Pygmy Cormorants, Ferruginous Ducks and Marsh Harriers flying over the reeds and hordes of Red-crested Pochard, Garganey, Shoveler, Gadwall and Teal. Dave spotted a White-winged Black Tern in the distance. Among the waders feeding in the shallows were Spotted Redshank in smart breeding plumage, Avocets scything their bills through the water and an impressive Caspian Tern. A Bittern boomed, one of a number heard during the week, although none showed themselves. A Peregrine caused a panic amongst the water birds, disappearing with what was probably a wader in its talons. As we walked back to Illmitz, a Hoopoe carrying food flew in front of us and a Crested Lark was in one of the horse paddocks. We had brief glimpses of singing Savi's, Barred and Wood Warblers, and even Great Reed and Sedge Warblers were keeping their head down in the wind. Thankfully, the sun soon broke through and shone for most of the rest of the trip, although it was later in the day when the wind finally started to die down. A few butterflies began to fly, including an unidentified lemon-yellow species of clouded yellow. Perhaps the biggest surprise came as we walked along the edge of Illmitz and a Night Heron flew from a tree in someone's garden!

After lunch at the hotel, we drove alongside Lake Neusiedl from Podersdorf to Hölle, stopping at intervals to scan the pools and reedbed fringe. Spoonbill, Sanderling and Ringed and Little Ringed Plovers were at the pools, while a Red-backed Shrike led on to finding Stonechat, Common and Lesser Whitethroats and finally superb views of a Barred Warbler, which stayed still long enough to be scoped! Parking at Hölle, we walked along the cycle track between the main reedbeds and woodland, hearing Icterine and Wood Warblers and Nightingales, one of which sang the open. We heard our first Golden Oriole, but it stayed well out of view. Returning to Hölle, we joined a gathering of photographers at the hide opposite the Oberstinkersee, seeing first a group of Temminck's Stints at close range and then a very obliging Marsh Sandpiper in the shallows with Ruff and Wood Sandpipers - a nice end to a very varied day.

## Day 4

Friday 6th May

Today proved to be warmer, with the temperature rising to 22°C. In the morning we visited the wet meadows at Zitzmannsdorfer, near Gols. Curlews rose noisily over the fields, though breeding waders and other birds were inexplicably scarce compared with previous years. Corn Buntings sang from weedy perches and a Garden Warbler sang from bushes, while Turtle Dove, Cuckoo and Hobby were also seen. A large flock of about 200 Black Terns was visible from an observation platform overlooking the reedbed; occasionally they rose into the sky along with a couple of Little Gulls. We searched in vain for Dwarf Iris in the area we found it last year, but only saw leaves. By way of compensation, several gaudy green Tree Frogs were highly visible on last year's Reed stems. Many Oil Beetles, Small Coppers and Small Heaths were seen along the track, while a Swallowtail took minerals from a muddy patch and another nectared on thistles. Flowers included Field Fleawort, Tall Violet and Upright Bugle.

We lunched in Gols and then, suitably refreshed, drove a short distance to see if Bee-eaters had arrived back at their breeding site in a small sand quarry. We had heard their calls high overhead during the morning and were relieved to find a pair at the quarry, although they didn't stay long. We were left looking at Jackdaws, Starlings and Tree Sparrows entering nest holes in the old quarry face. A Syrian Woodpecker was feeding low down on the vines as we walked back.

Our final venue was a remnant of species-rich grassland at Hacklesberg, a hill overlooking Lake Neusiedl from the north. Amongst the plants here were Illyrian Buttercup, Small Pasque Flower, Purple Mullein and Honewort, while a visiting group of botanists pointed out Bulbous Meadow-grass - tiny, but exciting! Many butterflies were hill-topping, including more Swallowtails, Scarce Swallowtail and Queen of Spain Fritillary, while a Weaver's Fritillary was seen on the ascent.

## Day 5

Saturday 7th May

Today we headed north, pausing first at Wurmsee, where we had close views of Lapwing, Common and Wood Sandpipers, Black-winged Stilt and Blue-headed Wagtail, plus more distant views of a smart Black-necked Grebe. We had even closer views of a Green Toad, which posed for photographs. Soon, though, we had to head off for the relatively high ground of the Parndorfer Platte, in time to catch the first soaring raptors. On reaching a viewpoint looking out over huge arable fields and distant wind turbines, we soon found our first target: an Eastern Imperial Eagle that soared up and glided back several times, at one point being joined by a second bird. Later, a bird coming in from a different direction proved to be an immature, perhaps a third bird. From a different viewpoint we had very distant views of a Saker perched on a pylon, and later two birds in flight. Unfortunately we could not get any closer, which perhaps was just as well with this very rare European falcon. A few Hobbies were also seen in flight and a Grasshopper Warbler sang from a hidden perch.

After crossing the Danube, we spent a while beside an oxbow lake, where Christopher spotted a bat flying around and Dave pointed out Common Winter Damsel, European Pond Terrapin and a young Green Lizard. We had a picnic lunch overlooking the Danube, while a Collared Flycatcher sang nearby. Anthea spotted a young Grass Snake. Our afternoon destination was the WWF Marchegg Reserve, which lies further north alongside the Slovakian border, in the floodplain of the River March (Morava). A male Hen Harrier flew over as we approached Marchegg. At the Reserve, we headed first to a viewing platform overlooking a tree-nesting colony

of White Storks. As we began a circular walk around and over oxbow lakes, a Honey Buzzard appeared briefly. Several Collared Flycatchers sang as we returned through ancient riparian woodland adorned with masses of Summer Snowflake flowers, but only one was seen. A large raptor in the sky proved to be a White-tailed Eagle, which led us on to discover no less than five Black Storks flying nearby.

## Day 6

## Sunday 8th May

The morning began with a Syrian Woodpecker just outside the hotel, as we were getting ready to head south for a day in Hungary. In dry grassland next to the road near Fertoujlak (Mekszikopuszta), Anthea spotted a Souselik standing up proud of the sward, which posed nicely for scope views and photos. A pair of White-tailed Eagles sat in a distant tree towards Lake Neusiedl, while the nearby wetlands held a nice variety of waders, a noisy colony of Common Terns, and a feeding flock of Little Gulls with Black and White-winged Black Terns. We had very close views of first a Sedge Warbler singing from a post and then, at the Einserkanal sluice, which controls the water level in Lake Neusiedl, a Great Reed Warbler. As we walked out beside the canal to a viewing platform, we watched a Fire-bellied Toad inflating as it produced its surprisingly loud and tuneful calls.

After stopping at the toilets at the National Park offices, we drove east, just south of the border, to our picnic lunch spot. Our destination was Kiraly Lake, which we reached on foot through wet woodland. Several Collared Flycatchers and Icterine and Willow Warblers were singing, as did a Marsh Warbler before perching in the open long enough for scope views. Calls drew our attention to a dozen Bee-eaters overhead, while Penduline Tits and Short-toed Treecreepers called in the wet woodland, though only the latter gave us good views. A Marsh Tit was an unusual sighting. Butterflies along the track included Grizzled Skipper and several first generation Maps, while Christopher found a Weaver Beetle, a large longhorn beetle that breeds in rotten willows. We climbed up the observation platform overlooking the reedy lake, where a Downy Emerald patrolled and Little Grebe, Savi's Warbler and, frustratingly, a Little Crake called. As we drove slowly back to the tar road, a pair of Ferruginous Ducks surprised us by landing in a ditch, where they were presumably breeding. Back on the road we stopped to look at Bee-eaters on some wires, but they didn't linger. However, both River Warbler and Tree Pipit were heard in song by way of compensation.

## Day 7

## Monday 9th May

After breakfast we drove via Apetlon to the edge of Lake Neusiedl and walked to a large hide. As we left the minibus a Corn Bunting sang from the bush above us. Pygmy Cormorants, Great Crested Grebes and a few Spoonbills were in pools near the reedbed, while the rushy pastures also held plenty of displaying Lapwing, Redshank and Black-tailed Godwit, together with some boxing Hares. Several Tree Frogs were conspicuous in dying Knotweed plants by the hide. As we drove on to look at some Hungarian Grey Cattle, a female Redstart flew into the adjacent vineyard.

Returning to Illmitz, we made for the National Park Information Centre, unfortunately coinciding with some noisy groups of children and adults! When things had quietened down a little, we went into a hide, from where we saw two Spotted Flycatchers feeding and then a pair of typically elusive Golden Orioles, of which the female was eventually scoped for better views. Again, noisy Icterine Warblers and Penduline Tits refused to show themselves, but things improved as we had close views of Kentish Plovers and Lapwings with chicks on the desiccated soda-mud edges of Zicklacke. We also found a good show of Military Orchids amongst other

interesting plants on the roadside. Our ultimate destination, though, was Alois Kroiss' small farm. Alois was unable to stay, but we had been provided with a lovely lunch of locally produced meat, cheese and wine, beautifully displayed. Harry was on hand to answer any questions that we had stored up for him during the week. After eating our fill, we went to meet the 'stars of the show': the woolly pigs! With their dark, curly hair (for protection against the summer sun and winter cold), these Mangalitza pigs not only tasted good, but they looked great (if a little muddy)!

Next, we went to look for Long-eared Owls that are seen regularly in trees around a bathing lake. We took advantage of coffee and ice cream, and also the advice of the owner as to which willow tree to check. As promised, there were two fluffy chicks looking down inquisitively at us and an adult did the same from another willow nearby! Nearby, Neubruchlacke had several pairs of Black-necked Grebes. Finally, we went to try our luck at a campsite at Sankt Andra where Sausliks were said to abound. Indeed, this proved to be true, for several were visible before we had even parked the minibus. Apparently quite used to the campsite's visitors, they stood alert over their burrow entrances when concerned, but readily foraged for vegetable matter when they dropped their guard.

## Day 8

Tuesday 10th May

A last look at the reedbeds fringing Lake Neusiedl before a late breakfast finally produced an obliging Penduline Tit. A brief Little Bittern and a singing Moustached Warbler were other notable finds, while Savi's Warblers and Bearded Tits were also heard. Many dragonflies had concentrated in sheltered spots, including Variable Damselfly and Lesser Emperor. A few migrant Grey-headed Wagtails were amongst Blue-headed Wagtails in a vineyard. A female Montagu's Harrier was seen en route to Vienna airport, where we arrived in good time. After lunch and checking-in, we were told that the flight would be delayed by about half-an-hour, which in turn delayed our arrival at Heathrow, but this did not detract from a wonderful week.

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## Species Lists

Birds (✓ = recorded but not counted; H = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	May							
			3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>							✓	✓
2	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>					✓		✓	
3	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>				✓		H	✓	H
4	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓
5	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax pygmeus</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
6	Great Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>			H	H	H	H		H
7	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>								✓
8	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	✓			✓				✓
11	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>			✓					
12	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>			✓				✓	
13	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>					✓			
15	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
16	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
17	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
18	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
20	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	✓							
21	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
22	European Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>			✓			✓		
23	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>		✓	✓					
24	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
25	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>			✓			✓	✓	✓
26	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>			✓			✓		✓
27	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>					✓	✓		
28	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
29	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>					✓			
30	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	✓	✓						✓
31	Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>					✓			
32	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
33	Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>					✓			
34	Saker	<i>Falco cherrug</i>					✓			
35	Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>			✓					
36	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>				✓	✓	✓		
37	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
38	Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
39	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>						✓		H
40	European Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
41	Little Crake	<i>Porzana parva</i>						H		
42	Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>		✓						
43	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
44	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	
45	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>			✓					
46	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			✓				✓	
47	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>			✓				✓	

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			3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
48	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
49	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>			✓					
50	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>			✓				✓	
51	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>			✓					
52	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
53	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
54	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>		✓	✓	✓				H
55	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
56	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
57	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	✓					✓	✓	H
58	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>			✓					
59	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
60	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>			✓		✓	✓		✓
61	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
62	Little Gull	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>		✓		✓		✓		✓
63	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
64	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
65	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>			✓					
66	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>		✓				✓	✓	✓
67	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
68	White-winged Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>			✓			✓		
69	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
70	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
71	Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
72	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
73	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>			✓	✓	✓	H		✓
74	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
75	Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>							✓	
76	Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>		✓						
77	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓			
78	European Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	✓		✓				H	H
79	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>				✓	H	✓		H
80	European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>			✓		H			
81	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	
82	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>			H		✓	✓		
83	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
84	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓		✓				✓	
85	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>				H				
86	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓	
87	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
88	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
89	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
90	Blue-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava flava</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Grey-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava thunbergi</i>								✓
91	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>						H		
92	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>					H			
93	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	H	H	✓	H	H	H	H	
94	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	H	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
95	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>							✓	
96	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	
97	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		✓				✓		



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98	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
99	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>			H	H	✓	✓	H	H
100	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>			✓	H		H		H
101	Grasshopper Warbler	<i>Locustella naevia</i>					H			
102	River Warbler	<i>Locustella fluviatilis</i>						H		
103	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>				H		✓		✓
104	Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>						✓		
105	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	H	H	✓	H		✓	✓	✓
106	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>			H	H	H	✓	✓	✓
107	Moustached Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus melanopogon</i>								H
108	Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>			H		H	H	H	
109	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>			✓					
110	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>		H	✓	✓	✓	✓	H	✓
111	Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>			✓					
112	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	H	✓	✓	H	H	✓	✓	✓
113	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>			✓		H	H	✓	H
114	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>						✓		
115	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		H			✓	✓		✓
116	Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>					✓	H		
117	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	✓						✓	
118	Bearded Tit	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>			✓					H
119	Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>	H					H	H	✓
120	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
121	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓			✓	✓		
122	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>						✓		
123	Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>					H			
124	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>					H	✓		
125	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
126	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓				✓	✓		✓
127	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓		
128	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
129	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
130	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
131	Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>			H			H	✓	✓
132	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
133	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
134	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	H	✓	✓		✓	✓	H	H
135	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
136	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		H	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
137	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>			✓			✓		H
138	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	✓		✓		H	✓		
139	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
140	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>					H	H		
141	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>				✓		H	✓	

## Mammals (D = dead)

1	Eastern Hedgehog	<i>Erinaceus concolor</i>					D	D		
2	Bat sp.	Chiroptera					✓			
3	Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>						✓		
4	European Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
5	European Sousek	<i>Spermophilus citellus</i>						✓	✓	

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8	European (Brown) Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
9	Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	✓		✓	✓			✓	

## Herptiles (H = heard; D = dead)

1	Fire-bellied Toad	<i>Bombina bombina</i>				H		✓	H	
2	Green Toad	<i>Bufo viridis</i>	H				✓			
3	Common Tree Frog	<i>Hyla arborea</i>	H			✓			✓	
4	Water frog spp.	<i>Rana</i> spp.				H	✓	✓	✓	H
5	European Pond Terrapin	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>					✓			
6	Red-eared Terrapin	<i>Trachemys scripta</i>					✓			
7	Eastern Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta viridis</i>					✓			
8	Grass Snake	<i>Natrix natrix</i>					✓	D		

## Butterflies &amp; Moths (L = larvae)

1	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>				✓			✓	
2	Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>				✓	✓			
3	Large White	<i>Pieris brassica</i>				✓				
4	Small White	<i>Pieris (Artogeia) rapae</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
5	Green-veined White	<i>Pieris (Artogeia) napi</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
6	Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
7	Clouded yellow spp.	<i>Colias</i> spp.			✓	✓			✓	
8	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>			✓	✓		✓		
9	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>				✓	✓			
10	Peacock	<i>Inachis io</i>				✓	✓			
11	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>			✓	✓	✓			
12	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓		
13	Comma	<i>Polygonum c-album</i>					✓	✓		
14	Map Butterfly	<i>Araschinia levana</i>						✓		
15	Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>				✓		✓		
16	Weaver's Fritillary	<i>Boloria dia</i>				✓				
17	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
18	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>					✓			
19	Grizzled Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>						✓		
20	Black-veined Moth	<i>Siona lineata</i>				✓				
21	Speckled Yellow	<i>Pseudopanthera macularia</i>			✓	✓				
22	Mother Shipton	<i>Callistegi mi</i>				✓				
23	Spindle Ermine	<i>Yponomeuta cagnagella</i>			L					

## Dragonflies

1	Banded Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx splendens</i>		✓				✓		
2	Common Winter Damselfly	<i>Sympecma fusca</i>					✓	✓		✓
3	Azure Bluet	<i>Coenagrion puella</i>								
4	Variable Bluet	<i>Coenagrion pulchellum</i>								✓
5	Common Blue-tail	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>						✓		✓
6	Lesser Emperor	<i>Anax parthenope</i>								✓
7	Hairy Dragonfly	<i>Brachytron pratense</i>				✓				
8	Downy Emerald	<i>Cordulia aenea</i>						✓		
9	Blue Chaser	<i>Libellula fulva</i>		✓			✓	✓		
10	Four-spotted Chaser	<i>Libellula quadrimaculata</i>				✓				
11	Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>								✓

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## Other Invertebrates (H = heard only)

1	Field Cricket	<i>Gryllus campestris</i>	H	H	✓	H	H	H	H	
2	Mayfly spp.	Ephemeroptera		✓				✓		
3	Red & Black Froghopper	<i>Cercopis vulnerata</i>				✓				
4	Hornet	<i>Vespa crabro</i>						✓		✓
5	Violet Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa violacea</i>				✓				
6	Cockchafer					✓				
7	Rose Chafer					✓	✓	✓		
8	Weaver Beetle	<i>Lamia textor</i>						✓		
9	Oil beetle sp.	<i>Meloe spp.</i>				✓				
10	Great Diving Beetle	<i>Dytiscus (marginatus?)</i>							✓	

## Higher Plants

1	Austrian Flax	<i>Linum austriacum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
2	Bulbous Meadow-grass	<i>Poa bulbosa</i>				✓				
3	Burdock sp.	<i>Arctium sp.</i>						✓		
4	Black Bog-rush	<i>Schoenus nigricans</i>	✓						✓	
5	Carthusian Pink	<i>Dianthus carthusianorum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
6	Celery-leaved Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus sceleratus</i>							✓	
7	Comfrey sp.	<i>Symphytum sp.</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
8	Crosswort	<i>Cruciata laevipes</i>					✓			
9	Cypress Spurge	<i>Euphorbia cyperisias</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	
10	Dragon's Teeth	<i>Tetragonolobus maritimus</i>	✓		✓	✓			✓	
11	Early Spider Orchid	<i>Ophrys sphegodes</i>							✓	
12	Elder	<i>Sambucus nigra</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
13	Field Eryngo	<i>Eryngium campestre</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
14	Field Fleawort	<i>Tephrosia integrifolia</i>				✓				
15	Field Pansy	<i>Viola arvensis</i>				✓		✓		
16	Field Scabious	<i>Knautia arvensis</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	
17	Grape Hyacinth	<i>Muscari neglectum</i>	✓		✓	✓				
18	Great Fen Sedge	<i>Cladium mariscus</i>								✓
19	Greater Celandine	<i>Chelidonium majus</i>						✓		
20	Greater Pond Sedge	<i>Carex riparia</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
21	Green-winged Orchid	<i>Anacamptis morio</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
22	Guelder Rose	<i>Viburnum opulus</i>	✓			✓		✓	✓	
23	Honewort	<i>Trinia glauca</i>		✓		✓			✓	
24	Honeywort	<i>Cerinth minor</i>			✓	✓			✓	
25	Hop	<i>Humulus lupulus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓		
26	Hop Trefoil	<i>Trifolium campestre</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	
27	Hound's-tongue	<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
28	Illyrian Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus illyricus</i>				✓				
29	Kidney Vetch	<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i>		✓			✓		✓	
30	Lady's Bedstraw	<i>Galium verum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
31	Long-headed Clover	<i>Trifolium incarnatum</i>							✓	
32	Meadow Clary	<i>Salvia pratensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
33	Military Orchid	<i>Orchis militaris</i>	✓		✓	✓			✓	
34	Musk Thistle	<i>Carduus nutans</i>				✓				
35	Oleaster (Russian Olive)	<i>Eleagnus angustifolia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
36	Ox-eye Daisy	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>								

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37	'Pannonian' Spurge	<i>Euphorbia pannonica</i>						✓		
38	Purple Mullein	<i>Verbascum phoeniceum</i>				✓				
39	Ragged-Robin	<i>Silene (Lychnis) flos-cuculi</i>						✓		
40	Sainfoin	<i>Onobrychis sp.</i>								✓
41	Salad Burnet	<i>Sanguisorba minor</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
42	Silverweed	<i>Potentilla anserina</i>				✓				
43	Small Pasque Flower	<i>Pulsatilla pratensis</i>				✓				
44	Spindle	<i>Euonymus europaeus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓		
45	Sprawling Speedwell	<i>Veronica prostrata</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
46	Star-of Bethlehem	<i>Ornithogalum angustifolium</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
47	Strawberry sp.	<i>Fragaria sp.</i>		✓		✓	✓			
48	Summer Snowflake	<i>Leucojum aestivum</i>					✓			
49	Tall Violet	<i>Viola elatior</i>				✓				
50	Tubular Water-dropwort	<i>Oenanthe fistulosa</i>					✓	✓		
51	Tufted Milkwort	<i>Polygala comosa</i>							✓	
52	Upright Bugle	<i>Ajuga genevensis</i>				✓	✓	✓		
53	White Champion	<i>Silene latifolia</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	
54	Wild Asparagus	<i>Asparagus officinalis</i>			✓					
55	Wild Garlic (Ramsons)	<i>Allium ursinum</i>					✓			
56	Wild Mignonette	<i>Reseda lutea</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	
57	Wild Privet	<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓		
58	Wild Teasel	<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>		✓		✓		✓		
59	Wild Thyme	<i>Thymus praecox</i>							✓	
60	Yellow rattle sp.	<i>Rhinanthus borbasii</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
61		<i>Lepidium cartilagineum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	



European Sousek



Long-eared Owl