

Austria's Steppes & Wetlands

Naturetrek Tour Report

3rd – 10th May 2023



Map Butterfly



Displaying Great Bustard



Red-footed Falcon



European Suslik (PB)

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Sanddeck area

Summary

This single-base tour of the lowland areas of Austria and adjacent parts of Hungary yielded a total of 127 bird species and a wide range of other interesting species (such as Souslik and Fire-bellied Toad) and plants. The weather was extremely kind to us, with only a few minutes of rain and warm days, however Spring had burst late and the current run of dry winters had continued. This has left some of the iconic lakes totally empty and the normally damp meadows dry and unsuitable for breeding waders.

In all, the week gave a good introduction to this part of Europe, where east meets west and north meets south. The group succeeded in finding most of the key birds of the area, including Great White Egret, Pygmy Cormorant, White-tailed and Eastern Imperial Eagles, Saker, Red-footed Falcon, Great Bustard, passage and breeding waders, Black and White-winged Terns, Short-eared Long-eared and grey phase Tawny Owl, Bee-eater, Icterine Warblers, and Collared Flycatcher. The meadows were just coming into flower and orchids – Military, Early Spider, and Green-winged drew the eye. But other species were worth searching for. In such a late spring it was perhaps not surprising that butterflies and dragonflies were at a premium however both Swallowtails and the first-generation Map Butterfly were good sightings.

Furthermore, we witnessed the attempts to preserve and improve the local habitats using local rare breeds, including Hungarian Grey Cattle, and Zackel Sheep. We found the latest species to colonise this habitat, a pair of Common Cranes were seen on both sides of the border.

Day 1

Wednesday 3rd May

The flights both arrived at Vienna airport a little early and by 5pm we were ready to load up the Minibus and head eastwards to our base for the week in the village of Illmitz, situated close to the National Park HQ and centrally placed for the local sites. The journey was uneventful seeing a few roadside species on the way, including plenty of Great Egrets and our first White Stork nests near our hotel.

After settling into our rooms, we enjoyed our welcome meal and discussed the area and the itinerary for the week ahead.

Day 2

Thursday 4th May

After breakfast, we congregated by the bus and we were immediately entranced by a flyby of a dozen or so Bee-eaters. We climbed aboard and headed out for a morning walk on the eastern side of Lange Lacke, the largest of the Seewinkel lakes. Although a shadow of its full extent the lake still held some water and in a sunny, but breezy, morning we headed to the water. In the surrounding grassland we were met by a blaze of colour from the flowering plants and the song of Skylarks in the surrounding grasslands. Key amongst these were number of Early Spider and Green-winged Orchids. More careful inspection showed a wide range of flowers that would become familiar during our stay with swathes of salvias, flaxes and mulleins. Graylags were ever present and the pool held plenty of Mute Swans and Shelduck, however it was the Montagu's & Marsh Harriers that grabbed our attention. The wet edges held a mix of waders. The Lapwing and Redshank are local breeders, but the Ruff, Dunlin and Avocets were migrants. We soon headed on towards Zicksee, across agricultural fields holding both species of deer & Hares. A large raptor made us make an impromptu stop, and we soon were watching an Eastern Imperial Eagle being driven away by a Buzzard.



White Storks are still plentiful across the area

At Zicksee, the lake bed was dry, to the extent that a Crested Lark had taken up residence. Fortunately, our key target here is not dependent upon water, and we soon found a number of Sousek active around their burrows. The surrounding bushes are often a bit of a migrant trap and we found out first Red-backed Shrike and Pied Flycatcher here. We stopped for lunch at a local cafe before heading south towards the Hungarian border. This area of Hansag holds a distinctive fenland-type fauna and the observation platform, our first stop, gave wonderful views over the whole area. As we watched we soon found the area was full of interest. Roe Deer and Brown Hares were everywhere. But it is the iconic bird species, and none is more iconic than the Great Bustard, that attract visitors. Two groups totalling seven birds were quickly found but they were both rather distant and nothing was really happening. Around the fens, both Marsh and Montagu's Harriers were quartering the grasslands and a distant Imperial Eagle soared into Hungary.

Then we moved on a short distance to the Einserkanal, where we walked onto the wooden Andau Bridge (newly refurbished) that was used in the mid-1950s by 70,000 Hungarians fleeing the Russians as the Hungarian Revolution against communist rule collapsed. We stood on the bridge listening Nightingales and a mix of *Acrocephalus* warblers. Great Reed Warblers were common, and their raucous songs mixed with the more melodious Nightingales. Red-crested Pochard and Pygmy Cormorants flew up stream and calling Golden Orioles showed the

potential of the habitat to the south. A few butterflies were on the wing, including the distinctive Map. We returned to the minibus and drove back on the eastern side of the fen. Here we stopped and this time the Great Bustards were more active and in one particular case the male started his full-blown display, turning himself inside out although not with much sign of interest by the local females. After adding Whinchat to our burgeoning list, we headed back to the hotel.

Day 3

Friday 5th May

This morning we took a picnic breakfast out to the reed fringes of Neusiedlersee by horse and carriage. We left Illmitz through dry meadows to our drop-off point at Sandeck, the day dawning bright but a bit cool, but set fair for the rest of the day. The drop off point is marked by a Cold War Hungarian border watchtower – originally moved here in a cheap solution to providing viewpoints across the reserve. It is also home to a group of blue-eyed White Donkeys - a breed favoured by Austro-Hungarian aristocracy, but now sadly endangered. In the sunshine the area was alive with birds including those breeding species but also it is a bit of a migrant trap and over breakfast we added Common Redstart and both Spotted & Pied Flycatchers, together with Barred Warbler prove the point.

Key for the area at Sandeck is the Rookery and in addition to the nesting corvids, a couple of pairs of Red-footed Falcons breed here. These together with the local Kestrels kept us entertained with much squabbling and toing and froing. More surprising was the discovery of a Long-eared Owl nest with two recently hatched chicks in the lower poplars. We then walked back into Illmitz and on the way we found Red-backed Shrike and Hoopoe, and in the vicinity of the village more Crested Larks and Yellow Wagtails.

After lunch at the hotel, we then drove a short distance to Hölle and Oberer Stinkersee, the lake holding some water but not living up to its smelly reputation. Avocets and Wood Sandpiper were in the shallows, but the search for frogs & toads turned up a blank. A short walk along the ribbon of woodland found more activity. Warblers included Wood, Willow and Lesser Whitethroat. A Collared Flycatcher joined the two more frequent species and we were surrounded by Nightingales. Golden Orioles were vocal but tricky to spot, but a Bee-eater perched on a bare snag for all to admire. Butterflies were active in the sunshine and Scarce Swallowtail, Clouded Yellow and Dingy Skipper were soon identified amongst the plentiful Small Whites. We headed back to Illmitz and stopped off at Seebad. A few more species were added including Common Tern and a few ducks. Our last additions were Bearded Tits that were busy and ping-pong in the Reedbed. We then headed back to the hotel for supper & list.

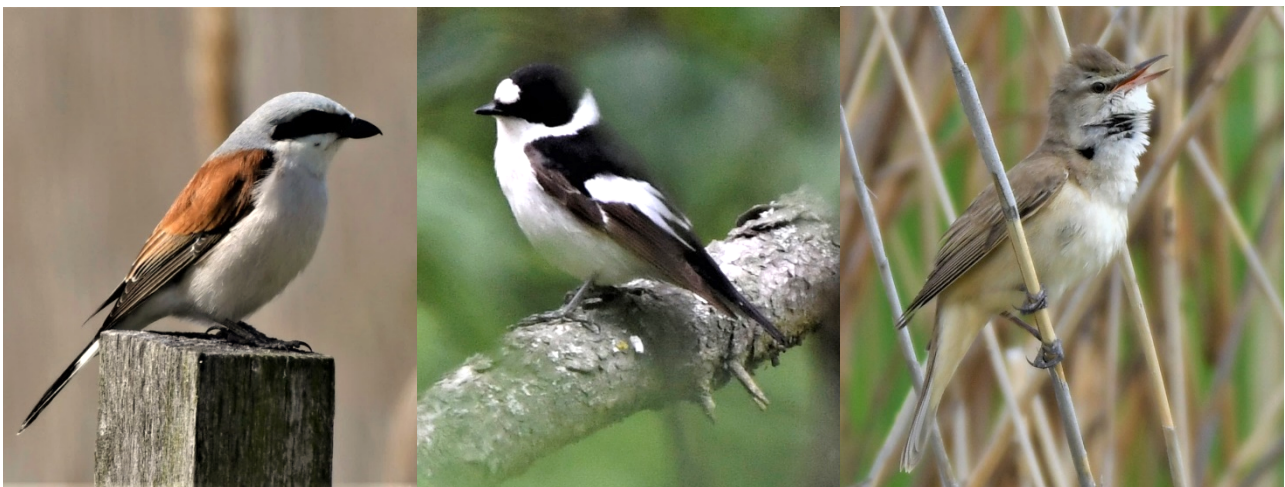
Day 4

Saturday 6th May

Our first overcast morning with a threat of early rain as we made our way to the northern meadows at Zitzmannsdorfer, near Gols. We walked down to the tower overlooking the lake and found that the area, as expected was again suffering from drought. Still a few waders were found including Curlews, and Lapwings, and both Marsh and Montagu's Harriers quartered the area. Typical grassland birds were present including Corn Bunting and calling Quail. Flowers were still relatively scarce following the cool spring, but amongst the many Green-winged and Early Spider Orchids were the first heads of Military Orchid. A mix of meadow flowers included Meadow Salsify, Honewort, Monksword, European Field Pansy, and the first Scabious of the season

We lunched in Gols and then, suitably refreshed, drove a short distance to a Bee-eater breeding colony in a small sand quarry. There must have been about 60 Bee-eaters in total, across the two nest cliffs affording us excellent views of their pre-breeding activities, which included excavating new nest holes. Jackdaws, Starlings and Tree Sparrows were also much in evidence, and the surrounding woodland held a singing Icterine Warbler. We found an Eastern Bath White and more Small Heath's flying in the same area.

We headed back to Illmitz, stopping at the National Park headquarters to learn more about the lake and check the surrounding trails for species. Golden Orioles were noisy but remained hidden, as did the local population of Nightingales. A male Red-footed falcon flew over. The meadows here were dry and we found more Orchids and Globularia. With thunder clouds building we headed back to the hotel.



Eastern species were seen regularly inc Red-backed Shrikes, Collared Flycatchers & Great Reed Warblers (all photos PB)

Day 5

Sunday 7th May

A relatively cool & grey start to the day, but with no rain and a promise of sunshine later, we headed north. Our first stop was at Darsho, where we belatedly connected with our first Little Ringed Plover. However, our aim was another 20km further on. The Parndorfer Platte is about 50m higher than the Illmitz area and this area is a recognised raptor hotspot. It is also the location of an enormous and growing wind farm and turbines stretch as far as the eye can see.

Our first target was a run of pylons and, fortunately, we found a likely Saker Falcon candidate on a distant pylon. Moving closer we were able to confirm its identity and we could only guess if its mate was actually in the nestbox or if this was the lone survivor of what must be the most western breeding pair in Europe. Other species in this area were singing Yellowhammer & Whitethroat, and soaring Red Kite & Imperial Eagles. A few butterflies were active, including our first Swallowtail of the trip.

Continuing northwards, we crossed the Danube and visited Stopfenreuther Au, a small national park area on the north bank. We had our picnic on the observation deck before spending time exploring the Riverside woodland here. Flyover Black Stork and White-tailed Eagle were the highlights, but with it being relatively quiet we moved on.

Our final destination was the WWF Marchegg Reserve, which lies further north, alongside the Slovakian border, in the floodplain of the River March (Morava). We did a circular walk taking in oxbow lakes and surrounding woodland and grassland. More Collared Flycatchers were seen and woodpeckers were plentiful including our first Great Spotted. Overhead we kept our eyes open for raptors but here we only added Red Kite. We saw and especially heard frogs and toads including Fire-bellied, but the highlight for a luck few was a Grass Snake hunting frogs in one of the pools.

We headed back to Illmitz with another brief stop at Darsho. This time a couple of Curlew Sandpiper sporting their red breeding plumage grabbed our attention together with a party of smart *thunbergi* Yellow Wagtail.

Our evening meal was taken at a local restaurant specialising in local meats & wine.

Day 6

Monday 8th May

The plan for the day was a tour of sites just over the Hungarian border. The day dawned cool but bright and a little windy. The first stop was the southern end of Neusiedlersee and the wetlands at Fertoujlak (Mekszikopuszta). We parked at the sluice gate and walked down the canal edge to the viewing platform. Both Hungarian Zackel sheep and Water Buffalo showed that grazing management was active in this area. The wind was keeping birds low, however the distinctive calls showed that a large population of Great Reed Warblers are present here. The search was soon successful for Common Crane, a pair of which are hopefully at the vanguard of a colonisation of the area.

The ponds held a large flock of Red-crested Pochard and whilst scanning the stilts and Avocets we noticed a small flock of teens passing through, mainly of White-winged Tern plus a single Black Tern. We stopped around the Hungarian park headquarters, the visitors side being shut since the pandemic and although finding our first Northern Wheatear, plentiful Red backed Shrikes and Hoopoe, the water table was too low so we moved on.

We headed east to Osli and forest of Osli-Hany. This area is just a few kilometres to the South of the Andau Bridge crossing where we were earlier in the week. The whole area was very birdy. Collared Flycatchers were commonplace. Warblers were everywhere and included Marsh & River Warblers. Eagles Imperial & White-tailed were around the canals and pools. The pools held booming Bitterns, Little & Great Egrets, Purple Herons and Pygmy Cormorants. A grey phase Tawny owl peered down at us and a Map Butterfly gave close views. We also found our first dragonflies, with Banded Demoiselles, Hairy Hawker and Broad-bodied Chasers.

We had time for a brief stop at Nyirkai Hany, a wetland further east again, but along the same canal system we had been following. With little time and nothing new we headed back into Austria but not before some good-hearted questioning by Austrian border police wondering why we weren't at home enjoying the coronation!

Day 7

Tuesday 9th May

Another bright and sunny day started a little cool as we planned a tour of sites close to Illmitz in an attempt to find the species that had eluded us to date. We headed back to Seebad and immediately found a pair of Garganey swimming with the Red-crested Pochard and some Bearded Reedlings. We tried Warmblüterkoppel, but again the

Barred Warbler & Golden Orioles gave the briefest of glimpses. A pair of Common Cranes flew in and in response to us wondering if they were the same as seen south of the border, they took flight and headed for Fertoujlak.



We continued our search at the bathing lake close to Apetlon. The cafe being closed was expected but searching the willows carefully found not one but two nesting Long-eared Owls. We continued our search of the pools and wet meadows having lunch near Lange Lack before heading to a tower hide at Graurinderkoppel, south of Apetlon itself. Fire-bellied Toads were calling as were Quail. However, we failed to find anything new so we headed back to Taden Dammweg for the Bustards, Harriers and Imperial Eagle. We had to wait for the Short-eared Owl to appear but in the mean time we were entertained by the local farmer getting his massive tractor stuck in the soft Fenland ground and having to be rescued by a second massive tractor - but not before repeating the whole getting stuck & rescue routine. A Coypu added a new mammal (albeit introduced) to our list as it fed in the drainage ditch.

We stopped at Martin Hoffmanlacken to round off the day, finally finding three Black-tailed Godwits. Previously a common breeding bird of the wet meadows, it's absence as a breeding bird is no doubt a reflection of the drying nature of the landscape here

Day 8

Wednesday 10th May

After breakfast, we left the hotel at 10 and headed back to Warmblüterkoppel to try and see the Barred Warblers a bit better. The wind was stronger than recently as at first nothing was singing. A Marsh Warbler, with a terrific range of mimicry was singing in the hedge line but eventually the Barred Warbler started to sing close to its favourite perch, but hidden. We spent time trying to see it but again it gave short views up and down the road edge willows.

We tried the north end of the lake at Neusiedl am See specifically trying the historic hotspots for Penduline Tits. Although the willows are still present the lake has dried close to the town and our only species were Lesser Whitethroat & fly over Bee-eaters. Red bellied Toads and Edible frogs were calling from the ditches.

All too quickly it was time for the short drive to Vienna airport and the flights back to the UK, the journeys home being without incident.

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Species Lists

Birds

Common name	Scientific name	May 2023							
		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>			✓				✓	
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>			✓	✓		✓		
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>			✓			✓		
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>			✓					
Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	
Common Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>				H			H	
Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>		✓			✓			
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		✓						
Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>		✓					✓	
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		H	✓	H	H	✓	✓	H
Rock Dove (Feral)	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>			✓	✓	H	✓	✓	
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>				H				
Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>						✓	✓	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>					✓		✓	

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Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>							✓	
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>					✓			
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>		✓			✓			
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>			✓					
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>			✓					
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Little Gull	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>			✓					
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>						✓		
Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>		✓	✓	✓				
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>			✓			✓	✓	✓
White-winged Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>						✓		
Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>						✓		
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>					✓			
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmeus</i>		✓				✓		
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		✓	✓			✓		
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>						✓		
Eurasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>						H		
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>						✓		
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>						✓		
Eastern Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	
Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>					✓			
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>					✓			
White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>					✓	✓		
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>						✓		
Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>			✓				✓	
Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>							✓	
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		✓	✓			✓		
European Bee-Eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>				✓	✓		✓	✓
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>					✓	✓		
European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>			H		H	✓	H	
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>			✓	✓				
Saker Falcon	<i>Falco cherrug</i>					✓			
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Great Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>		✓						
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		H	✓	H	H	H	✓	H

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Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>			✓	✓				
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>					✓	✓	✓	
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>					H			
Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		✓	✓		✓			
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	
Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>			H					H
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>			✓			H		
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		H			✓	✓		H
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>		✓	H			✓	✓	✓
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>						✓		H
Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>		H	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>				✓				
River Warbler	<i>Locustella fluviatilis</i>						H		
Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>		H	H					
Common Grasshopper Warbler	<i>Locustella naevia</i>						H	H	
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>			✓					✓
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>			✓	✓			H	✓
Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>						H		
Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydatyla</i>					✓			
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>		H	✓	H	✓	H	H	H
European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>		✓	✓	✓				
Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>			✓		✓	✓		
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>			✓					
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		✓				H	✓	
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>						H		
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>							✓	✓
Blue-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava flava</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Grey-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava thunbergi</i>					✓			

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White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	H	✓	✓	H	
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>			✓		H	✓	✓	
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>			✓				✓	✓
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		H		✓		✓	✓	
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>					✓	✓		
Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>		✓	H	✓		✓	✓	H

Other species

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MAMMALS									
Red Deer	Cervus elaphus		✓						
European Roe Deer	Capreolus capreolus		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
European Souslik	Spermophilus citellus		✓		✓				
European (Brown) Hare	Lepus europaeus		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Coypu	Myocastor coypus							✓	
REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS									
Fire-bellied Toad	Bombina bombina					H		H	H
Agile Frog	Rana dalmatina			✓					
Edible Frog	Phelophylax kl. Esculentus			✓	✓		✓		
Sand Lizard	Lacerta agilis			✓				✓	
Grass Snake	Natrix natrix					✓			
BUTTERFLIES									
Common Swallowtail	Papilio machaon					✓			
Scarce Swallowtail	Ipheclides podalirius			✓					
Small White	Artogeia rapae		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eastern Bath White	Pontia edusa				✓				
Common Orange-tip	Anthocharis cardamines			✓		✓	✓		
Clouded Yellow	Colias crocea			✓					
Brimstone	Gonepteryx rhamni		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Holly Blue	Celastrina argiolus		✓			✓	✓		
Peacock	Aglais io		✓						
Map Butterfly	Araschinia levana		✓			✓	✓		
Small Heath	Coenonympha pamphilus			✓	✓	✓			
Dingy Skipper	Erynnis tages			✓					
DRAGONFLIES									
Banded Demoiselle	Calopteryx splendens						✓		
Common Winter Damselfly	Cympepma fusca			✓					
Broad-bodied Chaser	Libellula depressa						✓		
Hairy Dragonfly	Brachytron pratense						✓		

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OTHER INVERTEBRATES									
European Rose Chafer	<i>Cetonia aurata</i>						✓		
Black & Red Froghopper	<i>Cercopis vulnerata</i>				✓				
Violet Carpenter Bee	<i>Xylocopa violacea</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	

Plants

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Plants									
Buttercup Family	Ranunculaceae								
Illyrian Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus illyricus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Poppy Family	Papaveraceae								
Common Poppy	<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>			✓					
Greater Celandine	<i>Chelidonium majus</i>					✓			
Mustard Family	Brassicaceae								
Field Peppergrass	<i>Lepidium campestre</i>				✓				
Milkwort Family	Polygalaceae								
Common Milkwort	<i>Polygala vulgaris</i>							✓	
Flax Family	Linaceae								
Austrian Flax	<i>Linum austriacum</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Spindle Family	Calatraceae								
European Spindle	<i>Euonymus europaeus</i>				✓				
Violet Family	Violaceae								
European Field Pansy	<i>Viola arvensis</i>					✓	✓	✓	
Campion Family	Caryophyllaceae								
Carthusian Pink	<i>Dianthus carthusianorum</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	
Lesser Stitchwort	<i>Stellaria graminea</i>						✓		
Geranium Family	Geraniaceae								
Redstem Storks-bill	<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>				✓				
Pea Family	Leguminosae								
Red Clover	<i>Trifolium pratense</i>				✓	✓			
Long-headed Clover	<i>Trifolium incarnatum molineri</i>				✓	✓			
Common Vetch	<i>Vicia sativa</i>			✓		✓			
Dragon's Teeth	<i>Tetragonolobus maritimus</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Rose Family	Rosaceae								
Green Strawberry	<i>Fragaria viridis</i>		✓	✓				✓	
Silverweed	<i>Potentilla anserina</i>						✓		
Spurge Family	Euphorbiaceae								
Marsh Spurge	<i>Euphorbia palustris</i>			✓		✓		✓	
Narrow-leaved Spurge	<i>Euphorbia virgata</i>						✓		
Carrot Family	Umbelliferae								
Cow Parsley	<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>						✓		
Bur Chervil	<i>Anthriscus caucalis</i>							✓	
Rough Chervil	<i>Anthriscus temulentum</i>						✓		
Honewort	<i>Trinia glauca</i>				✓				

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Field Eryngo	<i>Eryngium campestre</i>		✓	✓					
Figwort Family	Scrophulariaceae								
Purple Mullein	<i>Verbascum phoeniceum</i>				✓				
Labiata Family	Labiatae								
Meadow Clary	<i>Salvia pratensis</i>			✓	✓			✓	
Purple Deadnettle	<i>Lamium purpureum</i>			✓	✓			✓	
Common Bugle	<i>Ajuga reptans</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	
Borage Family	Boraginaceae								
Early Forget-me-not	<i>Myosotis ramosissima</i>			✓					
Lesser Honeywort	<i>Cerinthe minor</i>			✓	✓		✓		
Common Hound's-tongue	<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>			✓	✓			✓	
Common Comfrey	<i>Symphytum officinale</i>						✓		
Monkswort	<i>Nonea pulla</i>				✓				
Plantain Family	Plantaginaceae								
Hoary Plantain	<i>Plantago media</i>				✓				
Viburnum Family	Viburnaceae								
European Elder	<i>Sambucus nigra</i>		✓						
Bedstraw Family	Rubiaceae								
Lady's Bedstraw	<i>Galium verum</i>		✓						
Crosswort	<i>Cruciata laevis</i>		✓		✓			✓	
Globularia Family	Globulariaceae								
Common Globularia	<i>Globularia bisnagarica</i>				✓				
Teasel Family	Dipsaceae								
Field Scabious	<i>Knautia arvensis</i>				✓	✓			
Daisy Family	Compositae								
Goat's-beard	<i>Tragopogon pratensis</i>				✓				
Oriental Salsify	<i>Tragopogon pratensis ssp orientalis</i>				✓				
Ox-eye Daisy	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>						✓		
Lily Family	Liliaceae								
Common Star-of Bethlehem	<i>Ornithogalum umbellatum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Common Grape-hyacinth	<i>Muscari neglectum</i>			✓				✓	
Common Asparagus	<i>Asparagus officinalis</i>			✓					
Summer Snowflake	<i>Leucojum aestivum</i>					✓			
Iris Family	Iridaceae								
Yellow Flag	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>						✓		
Orchid Family	Orchidaceae								
Early Spider Orchid	<i>Ophrys sphegodes</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	
Military Orchid	<i>Orchis militaris</i>				✓				
Green-winged Orchid	<i>Anacamptis morio</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	
Grasses	Poaceae								
Common Quaking Grass	<i>Briza media</i>				✓				
Field Wood-rush	<i>Luzula campestris</i>			✓	✓				