

Bulgaria in Autumn

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Day 1

Sunday 16th September

Sunny and warm

Our flight arrived on time in Sofia in the mid-afternoon and after clearing the airport and meeting our local guide Nikolai we began the drive to Krumovgrad. Our route took us eastwards along the central valley to Plovdiv and then south-east into the Rhodope mountains. Notable birds en-route included a Black Stork, a couple of Marsh Harriers, lots of Common Buzzards, a covey of Grey Partridges, a single Roller, several roadside Crested Larks and a few Red-rumped Swallows. We eventually arrived in Krumovgrad a little after dark and enjoyed a late dinner before retiring to bed full of anticipation for the days ahead.

Day 2

Monday 17th September

Sunny and very warm

Some early morning birding from the river bridge at Krumovgrad produced a number of notable birds that included Black Stork, Hobby, Syrian Woodpecker, Kingfisher, Red-backed Shrike and Whinchat. We spent the rest of the morning amid the impressive volcanic scenery around Studen Kladenets. Raptors were well represented, with dozens of impressive Griffon Vultures, a couple of Long-legged Buzzards, a male Goshawk and a distant immature Golden Eagle carrying and repeatedly dropping what appeared to be a tortoise. Smaller birds included Little Owl, Bee-eater, Crag Martin, Woodlark, Tree Pipit and Cirl Bunting. Green Lizards scuttled around our feet, Tree Frogs croaked unseen from the bushes and a host of butterflies flitted across the thyme-scented turf and completed a very enjoyable morning. In the afternoon we went to the beautiful Kula valley and rounded the day off nicely with some good views of Black Storks in the river, a female Common Sparrowhawk close overhead, both Green and Syrian Woodpeckers, some brief Sombre Tits, several Spanish Sparrows and a few Hawfinches.

Day 3

Tuesday 18th September

Sunny and hot with a fresh breeze in the late afternoon

A fine male Levant Sparrowhawk over the river bridge at Krumovgrad was the highlight for the early birders before, with breakfast completed, we began our journey to Burgas and the Black Sea coast.

Our first stop an hour or so along the road in an area of wooded hills produced excellent views of an adult Lesser Spotted Eagle that drifted leisurely overhead with its wings bowed in typical fashion. A little further on we made an impromptu stop in an area of open stubble fields for another Lesser Spotted Eagle and were treated to lovely views of a classically plumaged adult Long-legged Buzzard plus a trio of migrant Whinchats. We continued on past Svilengrad through some lovely and surprisingly wild countryside and then, in the late morning, we stopped by a small reservoir in an area of rolling grassland, orchards and scrubby woodland. Our target bird here was Eastern Imperial Eagle and after just a few minutes scanning the horizons we picked up a couple of likely looking raptors drifting slowly but steadily our way. We stuck with them and as they got closer it became apparent that we had our birds. One eventually passed quite close to us and we had excellent views in good light of this rare and charismatic species.

From here we continued our journey eastwards across the rolling Thracian Plain. A mid-afternoon petrol station stop coincided with a significant passage of Lesser Spotted Eagles and we enjoyed a wonderful half hour or so eating ice cream, drinking coffee and watching a steady stream of over 60 of these impressive birds drifting past overhead. One good bird often leads to another and after a while we noticed a large raptor perched in a distant tree. Close inspection showed it to be a Short-toed Eagle, a welcome bonus.

We passed through the bustling city of Burgas in the late afternoon, drove north past the airport (where sharp eyes in the group noted the imposing bulk of an Antonov 124-100 parked menacingly on the runway), and arrived at our hotel in Pomorie in good time to settle in before dinner. Some of us finished the day with a brief look at the salt pans across the road and found over 100 roosting Sandwich Terns, several Mediterranean Gulls, a couple of Little Gulls and dozens of Tree Sparrows.

Day 4

Wednesday 19th September

Sunny and hot

Some pre-breakfast birding by the salt pans near the hotel produced a few Black-necked Grebes and Kentish Plovers, dozens of Curlew Sandpipers and Little Stints, several Spotted Redshanks, a surprise Red-necked Phalarope and our first Red-breasted Flycatchers. After breakfast we headed up to the hills around Kablechkovo a few miles inland. Here we hoped to connect with some passing raptors but nothing seemed to be happening in the fine, calm, settled weather and we saw little of note save a flock of 25 superb Stone Curlews at a regular roadside roost site.

From Kablechkovo we headed south through Burgas city to the south side of Lake Vaya where we were treated to the amazing and extraordinary spectacle of over 2000 White Pelicans, both adults and juveniles, in tight feeding and roosting flocks out on the lake. Also here were dozens of Dalmatian Pelicans, ten Spoonbills, a distant Ruddy Shelduck and both Black and Whiskered Terns hawking daintily over the water.

From Vaya we proceeded to nearby Lake Mandra where we spent the rest of the day making a series of stops and enjoying an impressive range of birds that included Pygmy Cormorant, Squacco Heron, Great Egret, Ferruginous Duck, Osprey, Short-toed Eagle, Marsh Harrier, Wood Sandpiper and Caspian Tern. Reptiles and amphibians put on a good show too and in the course of the afternoon we saw Green Lizard, Snake-eyed Skink, Spur-thighed Tortoise, European Pond Terrapin, Grass Snake and many hundreds of raucously vocal Marsh Frogs.

Day 5

Thursday 20th September

Heavy rain at dawn through to mid-morning. Cool, overcast, northerly breeze and intermittent showers thereafter.

The weather broke overnight and we awoke to leaden skies and persistent heavy rain. By mid-morning it had abated somewhat and we set out to explore another area of Pomorie salt pans. It was something of a shock to be all dressed up in wet-weather gear after the T-shirt weather of the previous few days but the birds more than compensated. On the mud in front of us we enjoyed good views of a range of waders that included Kentish Plover, Curlew Sandpiper, Little Stint and Ruff. Two Broad-billed Sandpipers were an exciting bonus and out on the water we found Black-necked Grebes, Little Gulls and a juvenile Red-necked Phalarope. Six Caspian Terns passed overhead, the adults calling harshly and the juveniles responding with their incongruously plaintive whistles.

After lunch we drove south along the coast to the beautiful Ropotamo reserve, a rich and diverse area of marshes and woodland centred on the estuary of the Ropotamo River. The weather was against us but in a series of short stops we saw Red-necked Grebe, Ferruginous Duck, Water Rail, Sombre Tit, lots of migrant Spotted Flycatchers and Willow Warblers and a sizeable flock of Hawfinches. We finished the day at Antanasovsko salt pans on the edge of Burgas city with good views of Avocets, Black-winged Stilts, Marsh Sandpipers and Black Terns.

Day 6

Friday 21st September

Overcast and cool with a northerly breeze. Heavy rain in the morning; intermittent showers in the afternoon.

Some pre-breakfast birding at the salt pans near the hotel was productive despite the weather, with good numbers of Mediterranean Gulls in evidence, a trio of Little Gulls and the usual waders and Black-necked Grebes. A flock of over 25 grounded Yellow Wagtails battling out the conditions were a clear sign of migration in action as were the number of small passerines in the roadside bushes and trees as we walked back to the hotel. In just a few minutes we noted Red-breasted and Spotted Flycatchers, Lesser Whitethroat, Blackcap, Willow Warbler and Redstart.

After breakfast we left Pomorie and headed north up the Black Sea coast. We stopped for an hour or so in historic, rain-lashed Nesebar and then continued up and over the easternmost extension of the Balkan range to our lunch stop in the Goritsa forest. A short walk here produced a range of common woodland species and a couple of smart Middle Spotted Woodpeckers. From here we continued through Varna city to Balchick where we scanned the limestone cliffs for Eagle Owls. We were out of luck, but a flock of over 25 Alpine Swifts chattering overhead and the ever-present Bee-eaters provided a satisfying finish to the day.

Day 7

Saturday 22nd September

Sunny with scattered cloud, west-north-westerly breeze, mild

After breakfast we proceeded the short distance to Kaliakra where we spent the rest of the day divided between a series of short walks on the stony steppe grassland, lunch at the cliff-bound headland itself and an afternoon

walk along the beautiful Bolata Valley with its wooded crags and idyllic reed-fringed pool. Once again we were out of luck as regards large raptor movements but we did enjoy an excellent day's birding with impressive numbers of a wide range of migrants. A flock of over 800 White Pelicans drifting southwards in "Mexican wave" formation was a beautiful sight and a steady trickle of raptors kept us scanning the horizons. A considerable majority were Common Buzzards and Marsh Harriers but more notable species included a female Pallid Harrier, a male Goshawk, at least 10 superb Levant Sparrowhawks, three Long-legged Buzzards, a Steppe Buzzard and three neat little Red-footed Falcons. Other notable birds included Quail, Turtle Dove, Hoopoe, Wryneck, Calandra Lark, Tawny Pipit, Great Reed Warbler, Red-breasted Flycatcher and Pied Wheatear. Bee-eaters were everywhere throughout the day and an abiding memory for all of us will be standing out on that close cropped flower studded Kaliakra grassland completely surrounded by uncountable numbers of this lovely bird wheeling and piping all around us – fantastic!

At the end of the afternoon we returned to the chalk cliffs at Balchick and waited as the sun went down for sight or sound of an Eagle Owl. The usual Alpine Swifts, a couple of Hobby's and then a Goshawk harassing the local Magpies kept us amused until we heard the subtle but impressive hoot of an Eagle Owl. A tense wait and an urgent search ensued. The bird kept calling and then at last flew across the cliff face enabling all of us to see it briefly in flight and then perched on a ledge in the fading light. A great way to finish the day!

Day 8

Sunday 23rd September

Sunny and warm with a northerly breeze

This morning we headed north along the coast to Durankulak Lake, noting some roadside White Storks and a couple of Red-footed Falcons on the telegraph wires en-route. At Durankulak itself we spent an enjoyable morning exploring the beach, lakeshore, reed-beds and grasslands of this interesting and productive area. Highlights included over 100 Pygmy Cormorants, a juvenile Purple Heron, a couple of Ferruginous Ducks, an Osprey, a covey of Grey Partridges, two Hoopoes, a Wryneck, a few Penduline Tits and masses of Red-backed Shrikes and Bee-eaters.

After lunch we visited Shabla Lake a little to the south where we found a good range of waders and wildfowl, and then the cliff top steppeland of Kamen Briag where we walked in fine sunshine surrounded by Red-backed Shrikes, Corn Buntings and masses of singing Calandra Larks. We finished the day back at the Balchick cliffs with another encounter with that Eagle Owl.

Day 9

Monday 24th September

Sunny and warm

We left the hotel before dawn and drove across the open Dobrudza landscape to Varna to connect with our flight to Sofia. After a brief delay we were airborne and reached Sofia in good time.

A short walk around a small lake close to the airport terminal provided a last little blast of Bulgarian birding and some excellent views of a fine female Goshawk that lingered overhead for some minutes.

After this it was time to check-in for our flight back to London. Everything went smoothly and we all arrived back at Heathrow safely and on time a few hours later.

In all we saw over 176 species of bird during the trip this year and although we unfortunately missed out on large raptor movements we did enjoy good views and good numbers of many of the specialities we hoped for.

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Species Lists

Birds

	Common name	Scientific name	September									
			16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
1	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>			2	20					2	
2	Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>					2					
3	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>				6	5	6	2	12		
4	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>				50	20		2	1	5	
5	Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>			50	100's	100's	50	30	200	1	
6	Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>							10			
7	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax pygmeus</i>				70+	2			100		
8	White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>				2000+		500+	800			
9	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>				50	75			1		
10	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>				1	1					
11	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>				1			1			
12	Great White Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>				4	10	1	3			
13	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>				10	10	1	30	35		
14	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	1	2	3	100+	30	5	1	1		
15	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>								1		
16	Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>				10						
17	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>							6			
18	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	1	11	3							
19	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>			4	20	5			3		
20	Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>				5	20	10				
21	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>				1						
22	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>				25	100+	25		100+		
23	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>				25	5+					
24	Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>					20					
25	Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>					100+	10		100+		
26	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>				25						
27	Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>					20			1		
28	Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>				10	50			1		
29	Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>				2	2			1		

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			16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
30	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>				1	5				2	
31	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>		25								
32	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>		1		1					2	
33	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>			2	1				2	1	
34	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	2	1	2	5	5	12	15	25		
35	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	1									
36	Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>							1			
37	Pallid/Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus/pygargus</i>				1				1		
38	Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		1	1		1					
39	Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>		1					2			1
40	Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>			1				10			
41	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	20	4	10	5	4	2	15	5	3	
42	Steppe Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo vulpinus</i>							1			
43	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>		2	1				3	1		
44	Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>							1			
45	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>		1								
46	Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>			2							
47	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>			60				1			
48	Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>		5	2		2	2	2	2		
49	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	1	5	4	4	1	1	10	10	3	
50	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco verspertinus</i>							3	2		
51	Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>	8							12		
52	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>							2			
53	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>					1		1			
54	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>			1	15	10					10
55	Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>			100's	1000's	5					5
56	Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>					1					
57	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>					5					
58	Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>					31					
59	Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oediconemus</i>				25						
60	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>					10			5		
61	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>		2	1	1	3	1		5		

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62	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>				5	15	5		10	
63	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>				1	1				
64	Broad-billed Sandpiper	<i>Limicola falcinellus</i>					2				
65	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>				3	50	30		10	
66	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>				25	100	30		1	
67	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>				15	50	25		25	
68	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>				1	20			15	
69	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>				1				1	
70	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>				10					
71	Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>				6	50	10			
72	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>					4				
73	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>				5	1	1			
74	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>				12	1			1	
75	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>		1			1				
76	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>				1					
77	Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>				1		4			
78	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>				3					
79	Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>				1	1				
80	Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>			50	100	100	20	1	10	
81	Little Gull	<i>Larus minutus</i>			2	2	6	3			
82	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>			5	2		30	1	20	
83	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>			10	50	100	100	25	50	
84	Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>			110	60	5	50	15	40	
85	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>			3	1		2			
86	Caspian Tern	<i>Sterna caspia</i>				2	6	4		6	
87	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>				10	65	2		3	
88	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>				2				1	
89	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	10	5	100's	20	50	10	50	25	50
90	Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	1								
91	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>							10		
92	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	3	5	1	4	2	20	25	20	
93	Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>				4	1	1	5	5	

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94	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>		3	1							
95	Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo bubo</i>							2	1+1h	1+1h	
96	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>								1		
97	Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>			10							
98	Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>							12	25	30	
99	Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>		3	1	5	3				2	
100	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>								2	2	
101	Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		60	50	h	150	100's	1000's	100's		
102	Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	1									
103	Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>	1	3	h	h	1		1	2		
104	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>		4	3	2	1		2	3		
105	Great-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		1	1	1	1	1				
106	Middle-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>						2				
107	Lesser-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>		1h	2h	1h					1	
108	Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>							1	1		
109	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>		10	1							
110	Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>			1h	5	5		5	15		
111	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	2		6	8	5	5	4	8	1	
112	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>							5	250		
113	Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		20	40							
114	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>		8	5	100+	2	1	10	10		
115	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	10	100's	100+	100's	30	100+	100+			
116	Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	100+	100's	100+	100's	100's	100+	100's	100's	h	
117	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>	5	6	1	1		1				
118	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		10	10	12	10	h	10		2h	
119	Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>					1h		1h			
120	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>							5			
121	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	1	20	10	20	20	200+	100's	50+		
122	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		2	1		2		1			
123	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>		2		1	1	25		10		
124	Thrush Nightingale	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>						1				
125	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		4		1	1	1				

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			16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
126	Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>			3						1	
127	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		1	3	1			3	2	7	
128	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	1							1	1	
129	Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>		2					4	10	4	
130	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>								2	1	
131	Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>								2		
132	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	1	4	2	2	1		2	8	5	
133	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>							1	1		
134	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		2	1	4						
135	Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>									1	1
136	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>								1	1	
137	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>										1
138	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>								2		
139	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>		2	2	1				3	2	
140	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>			1	5	2		5	10	1	
141	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		1					2	12	5	
142	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>									1	
143	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	2	3		2	2		1	2	10	5
144	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>		3	3	20	10		5	5		20
145	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>								1		
146	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	2	12	12	20	15		5	20	20	1
147	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>				3	5		7	25	10	
148	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		3		h	h					
149	Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>									4	2h
150	Sombre Tit	<i>Parus lugubris</i>		3		h	2					
151	Marsh Tit	<i>Parus palustris</i>				2	h					
152	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	2	2	2	8	5		5	5	5	
153	Blue Tit	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>	1	3	3	8	5		3	2	3	2
154	Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>		1h								
155	Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>		1		1	1		8			
156	Common Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>				1						
157	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>							1h			

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			16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
158	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		1h						1		
159	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		10	15	35	6	4	50	100		
160	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	3	10	10	8	10	5	10	5	5	
161	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	5	8	12	20	5	10	20	20	25	
162	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	50					40	10	20		
163	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus corone cornix</i>	1	10	12	1	1			3		
164	Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>		50	100	5	2	5	5	10		
165	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	5	12	2		2					
166	Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	100's	100+	100's	100's	50	30	50	100's		
167	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>		20+	25+	50+	10+					
168	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	30	30+	30+	50+	10+	30	25	100		
169	Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>		5	20	25	10	20	10	20	100	
170	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	1	3	5	5	5	h	2	h		
171	Linnet	<i>Acanthis cannabina</i>		8						100		
172	Siskin	<i>Carduelis spinus</i>							30	10		
173	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		10	5			12	15	5	12	
174	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>		1			1		1			
175	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>		7	6		35	12	3			
176	Corn Bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>		5		5	2		100+	50		
177	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		5	1							
178	Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>					1					

Mammals

Pipistrelle (Krumovgrad), Noctule (Krumovgrad), Red Fox (Kaliakra), Wildcat (roadside near Topolovgrad), Fallow Deer (Studen Kladenets), Red Squirrel (Kablechkovo and Kaliakra).

Amphibians and Reptiles

Marsh Frog (various localities), Common Tree Frog (heard only, various localities), Spur-thighed Tortoise (Lake Mandra), Pond Terrapin (Lake Mandra), Balkan Wall Lizard (various localities), Common Green Lizard (various localities), Snake-eyed Skink (woods south of Burgas) and Grass Snake (Lake Mandra).

Butterflies

Common Swallowtail, Small White, Eastern Dappled White, Clouded Yellow, Berger's Clouded Yellow, Painted Lady, Red Admiral, Cardinal, Queen of Spain Fritillary, Woodland Grayling, Eastern Rock Grayling, Grayling, Meadow Brown, Small Heath, Small Copper, Lesser Fiery Copper, Brown Argus, Common Blue, various Blues spp., Grizzled Skipper sp. and Oriental Marbled Skipper.

Other notable Invertebrates

Hummingbird Hawkmoth, Convolvulus Hawkmoth, Silver Y, Violet Carpenter Bee, Hornet, Migrant Hawker and Praying Mantis.