

# Bulgaria in Autumn

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Bearded Tit



Purple Heron by Conrad Plowman



Northern Wheatear



Common Tree Frog

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## Day 1

Saturday 13th September

London - Sofia – Krumovgrad

Hot and sunny

Having landed on time at Sofia, we collected our bags and met our local guide Nikolay before boarding our transport to take us out of the city and to the town of Krumovgrad, deep in the eastern Rhodope Mountains. We travelled through an interesting landscape of post communist Bulgaria, stopping briefly for refreshments near Plodiv, a place which also provided us with excellent views of a soaring Long-legged Buzzard and Red-rumped Swallow and Crested Lark around the bus. We continued on noting Marsh Harrier, Turtle Dove, and numerous Red-backed Shrikes, before arriving at our hotel to enjoy a traditional Bulgarian meal with local wine and beer.

## Day 2

Sunday 14th September

Studen Kladenatz and Kula Valley

Warm and cloudy with light breeze

A walk around the Krumovica River near the hotel before breakfast started the day off with Black Stork, Hobby, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Red-backed Shrike and a range of migrating passerines. After breakfast, we headed into the depths of the eastern Rhodope range near Studen Kladenatz but low cloud and the sight of a pair of Egyptian Vultures perched up on near by power lines made it apparent that most birds of prey were grounded with the inclement weather conditions. Griffon and more Egyptian Vultures were roosting up near a regular feeding site but none were tempted to come down to gorge on the carcass that had been put out for them to feed on. With the cloud on the tops refusing to move, we descended the hill finding Corn Bunting, Woodchat Shrike, Woodlark and two superb Isabelline Wheatears as a Black Vulture and several Griffons circled overhead.

The afternoon saw us head to the near-by River Arda dam area and the Kula Valley later on in the day. A walk into the pinewoods and scrub that flanked the road near the dam gave us excellent views of a number of Sombre Tits along with Hawfinch, Cirl Bunting, and Redstart. Syrian Woodpeckers called tantalisingly from the trees but were reluctant to show themselves. In the Kula Valley, we observed a number of Rock Nuthatches actively feeding on the valley sides while a Wildcat casually strolled around the minibus as it searched out its prey in the roadside undergrowth! A number of interesting invertebrates were found today including great banded grayling, several mantids and an impressive, large wolf spider species that was carrying a brood of young on its back.

## Day 3

Monday 15th September

### Krumovgrad – Burgas

#### Cloudy in hills, brightening towards coast

We departed from the hotel at 8:30am on our way to Burgas on the Black Sea coast. Low cloud in the mountains again grounded any large raptors en-route but excellent views of Sombre Tits and a flock of sheep with a group of thirty migrating Grey-headed Wagtails accompanying them more than compensated for this. In a wooded valley at the foot of the mountains we discovered a pair of Lesser Spotted Eagles (with a close perched juvenile allowing excellent views) giving a taste of things to come today on the raptor front. As we journeyed through the varied rural landscape, Booted Eagle, Common Buzzard and Little Owls all showed well for us.

We stopped for lunch at a traditional site for Eastern Imperial Eagle, with the resident pair failing to disappoint as they immediately flew into view upon our arrival and continued to soar above our heads as we ate our picnic on the butterfly filled grasslands below. Our journey continued towards Burgas with a couple of stops, adding 3 more Imperial Eagles, Short-toed Eagle, 2 Long-legged Buzzards and Osprey to the growing list. Eleonora's Falcon proved an extra bonus to those who managed brief views as it flew past the vehicle as we drove. We arrived at our comfortable hotel in Pomorie just before dusk to settle in and enjoy a hearty traditional meal accompanied with local wine and beer.

## Day 4

Tuesday 16th September

### Pomorie and Burgas (north) – Burgas (south)

#### Hot and sunny with coastal breeze in late afternoon

A pre-breakfast walk around the saltpans started the day with a good selection of gulls and terns including Slender-billed Gull, numerous Whiskered Terns and several Black-necked Grebes. After a filling breakfast, we headed north to the hills around Kablechkovo observing Lesser Spotted Eagle and several Marsh Harriers but with still weather conditions and a lack of visible passage movement we headed on to Lake Atnasovosko. En-route to our wetland destination we called in at a traditional spot for Stone Curlew, with ten birds present on the stony site adjacent to the road.

The Lake Atnasovosko saltpans produced good numbers of Mediterranean Gull and a mix of waders including Avocet, Wood Sandpiper and Dunlin. A dark phase Booted Eagle overhead was soon joined by a small party of Dalmatian Pelicans before they gained height on the thermals and drifted off out of site. From here we moved to nearby Lake Burgasko that had good numbers of White and more Dalmatian Pelicans along with large numbers of Great Cormorant, Coot and various wildfowl. Numerous Squacco Herons flew past us with Gull-billed and Whiskered Terns busy hawking over the water. Penduline Tits "pinged" from the reeds giving brief views to most of the group.

As the morning progressed, we moved on to the southwest of Burgas city to Lake Mandra, a large lake that was bustling with birds including thousands of Great Cormorants along with hundreds of Pelicans, wildfowl, herons and egrets. Ferruginous duck, Pygmy Cormorant, Spoonbill and Caspian Tern were all observed and the noisy calls of many Marsh frogs could be heard from our hill top lunch spot.

Raptors here did not disappoint with excellent views of Golden, Short-toed and impressive White-tailed Eagle that dwarfed a pair of mobbing Honey Buzzards. A brief check on an inlet on the south shore revealed good numbers of Wood Sandpiper, Glossy Ibis and Great White Egret. The highlight of the day for many was the sight of a hunting Levant Sparrowhawk overhead as we watched and obliging Thrush Nightingale in a roadside bush.

We returned to the hotel where some of the group had a brief sea watch, encountering Little Gull, Black-necked Grebe and a lone Yelkouan Shearwater.

## Day 5

Wednesday 17th September

Pomorie – Burgas (south) – Poroy

Rain over night clearing to give a cooler but sunny day with rain returning in the evening

A pre-breakfast birding session on the salt pans behind the hotel produced a range of gulls, terns and waders and added Grey Plover to the trip list. As the overnight rain cleared, the light improved to give us good visibility to view the range of species at the northern end of the Pomorie Salt pans. Hundreds of delicate Little Gulls hawked and paddled over the water as over 40 Black-necked grebes bobbed on the waves in the shallow water. Waders were well represented with Black-winged Stilt, Spotted Redshank, Curlew sandpiper, Ruff and Wood Sandpiper. A pair of dainty Black Terns roosted on a shingle spit with a raucous juvenile Gull-billed Tern for company and a superb male Black-headed Wagtail, still in its breeding attire added a splash of colour. Savi's, Cetti's and Reed Warblers all skulked about in the neighbouring reeds.

From the Pomorie Salt pans we travelled back to Lake Mandra to view a popular wader feeding area adjacent to a rather pungent old pig farm. Little Stint, Curlew Sandpiper, Kentish Plover and Wood Sandpiper were all present, but after a few minutes of searching, our target wader came in to view. Two dainty Broad-billed Sandpipers were found giving the group good views of their boldly striped head markings.

Approaching lunch time, we headed north for an afternoon of birding in the oak woods around Poroy. Several Red-breasted Flycatchers were observed along with Nuthatch, Treecreeper and a range of woodpeckers including Great-spotted, Middle-spotted, and White-backed.

On the way back to the hotel, we encountered Short-toed Eagle, Levant Sparrowhawk, Eleonora's Falcon and a superb female Pallid Harrier, a great way to end an enjoyable day of birding.

## Day 6

Thursday 18th September

Pomorie – Goritza Woods – Kavarna

Breezy, sunny and warm

A pre-breakfast sea watch at Pomorie produced Black and Red-necked Grebes plus various terns and gulls. After breakfast, we departed north calling at the historic port of Nesebar before heading into the Balkan ranges.

As we travelled through the hills, we passed extensive tracts of turkey oak woodland before arriving at a restaurant deep in the Goritzza woods for our lunch. Raptors en-route included Long-legged Buzzard, Levant Sparrowhawk and a few Lesser Spotted Eagles.

After an enjoyable lunch in rustic Bulgarian surroundings, we headed into the surrounding woods observing Nuthatch, Middle-spotted Woodpecker and Spotted Flycatcher. We headed north out of the ranges towards our destination of Kavarna, calling in at cliffs at Balchik that are a regular site for Eagle Owl. A search of the bright chalk cliff face revealed a stunning pair of roosting birds in the evening sunlight, a great end to the day before checking into our nearby hotel.

## Day 7

Friday 19th September

### Kaliakra Steppe and Headland – Bolata Gorge – Kavarna

#### Cool and breezy start with a warm and sunny afternoon

With an earlier than usual start we headed off to visit an area of steppe near Kaliakra to search for migrants. We were not disappointed with Northern Wheatears, Whinchat, Tawny Pipit and a range of wagtails. Fourteen Quail were flushed as we walked through the stony grassland plateau, with the highlight being a flock of over 200 Calandra Larks actively feeding and flying about, showing their distinctive dark underwing and white trailing wing edges.

From the steppe grassland, we moved west towards the headland to search the coastal scrub for migrants. Garden Warbler, Whitethroat, Lesser whitethroat and Blackcap were all present in good numbers along with Hoopoe, Isabelline Wheatear and half a dozen distinctive Pied Wheatears. Butterflies were evident with at least a dozen species enjoying the sun's warmth. We enjoyed a relaxing lunch of locally caught seafood at the restaurant at Kaliakra point before exploring the ruins of the ancient fortress and observing a number of the Black Sea race of Shag.

In the afternoon, we travelled a short distance to explore the nearby Bolata Gorge and its mix of bird rich habitats. Migrant passerines were abundant including at least six Red-breasted Flycatcher, showing off their black and white tail patterns. The cliffs and boulder-strewn banks are known to support breeding Eagle Owl. Half way up the valley, keen eyes noticed a large moving shape on a nearby rock and on closer inspection, it revealed our third Eagle Owl for the trip that allowed us to get photos and frame filling views of this majestic bird. The day was concluded with a smart Lesser Grey Shrike perched on scrub in the evening sunlight.

## Day 8

Saturday 20th September

### Lake Durankulak – Lake Shabla – Shabla Marshlands

#### Cool start with a warm and sunny afternoon

We started our final full day on the north side of Lake Durankulak and were greeted with the spectacle of a huge flock of Spanish and House Sparrows noisily feeding on a sunflower crop. As we travelled to the south side of the lake, large numbers of Mediterranean Gulls were following cultivating tractors along with a range of pipits, wagtails and larks.

The open water of the lake proved to be quiet but after lunch, we explored the reedbed area to the west. An unusually showy Common Tree Frog and a couple of Purple Herons catching whip snakes provided much interest to the group as we explored this wetland oasis. Penduline Tit, Bearded Tit and Great Reed Warbler all showed obligingly, but the biggest surprise was a pair of Great Snipe that erupted out of the reeds, showing their characteristic white tail feathers, dark underwing and bulkier size as they flew about and settled in the reeds a short distance away.

The first Red-footed Falcon of the trip perched in nearby trees and was then shortly joined by an immature White-tailed Eagle, dwarfing the dainty falcon. As this huge bird moved on, it flew across the reeds flushing out many Purple Herons, Little Egrets along with the Great Snipe that allowed the group more excellent views of this elusive species. On the nearby beach, a small party of Sanderling foraged on the shoreline.

From Lake Durankulak we moved to nearby Lake Shabla but moved on shortly after this to Shabla wetlands due to the lack of birds and the presence of a group of fishermen and their boat on the small lake. Good numbers of wildfowl were present at the wetlands including Rudy Shelduck, Pintail, Shoveler and Wigeon. Waders were also well represented with Little Stint, Ruff, Dunlin, Avocet, Kentish Plover, Ringed Plover and Little Ringed Plover. Overall, it proved to be a most enjoyable day with many additions to the trip list and some excellent species observed.

## Day 9

Sunday 21st September

Kavarna – Varna – Sofia – Mt. Vitosha – London

Warm and sunny with bright and cold conditions at the top of Mt. Vitosha

On our last day in Bulgaria we took an early morning flight from Varna to Sofia. As we would have had a long wait for our return flight to London, we decided to arrange a minibus to take us to Mount Vitosha on the outskirts of Sofia to explore the mountain habitat.

We travelled up the road to the ski village on Mount Vitosha, arriving at the top to find the large boulders, scrub and pines covered in a light sprinkling of snow near the 2290m summit. We quickly picked up on a number of birds including Black Redstart, Crossbill, Willow Tit and a smart male alpestris race Ring Ouzel showing diagnostic pale feather fringing. After a short walk from the car park we connected with our target species: Nutcracker, and noted at least a dozen birds during our 2 hours on the mountain along with good views of Black Woodpecker and Eastern Bonelli's Warbler.

We returned to Sofia airport in plenty of time before our flight back to the UK.

An enjoyable bird watching trip was had by all with an impressive list of at least 193 bird species recorded during the week, providing many fond memories of the great range of species we found in this diverse part of Eastern Europe.

## Species Lists

Birds (A = abundant, H = heard only)

|    | Common name         | Scientific name                   | September |    |    |      |      |     |     |     |    |
|----|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|----|----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|----|
|    |                     |                                   | 13        | 14 | 15 | 16   | 17   | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21 |
| 1  | Great Crested Grebe | <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>         |           |    |    | 100  | 15   | 2   |     | 1   |    |
| 2  | Red-necked Grebe    | <i>Podiceps grisegena</i>         |           |    |    |      |      | 1   |     |     |    |
| 3  | Black-necked Grebe  | <i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>       |           |    |    | 20   | 50   | 6   | 2   | 11  |    |
| 4  | Little Grebe        | <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>     |           |    |    | 10   |      |     |     |     |    |
| 5  | Yelkouan Shearwater | <i>Puffinus yelkouan</i>          |           |    |    | 1    |      |     |     |     |    |
| 6  | Cormorant           | <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>        |           |    | A  | 5000 | A    | 120 | 150 | A   |    |
| 7  | Shag                | <i>P. aristotelis desmarestii</i> |           |    |    |      |      |     | 30  | 15  |    |
| 8  | Pygmy Cormorant     | <i>Phalacrocorax pygmeus</i>      |           |    |    | 20   |      |     |     | 1   |    |
| 9  | White Pelican       | <i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>      |           |    |    | 800  | 1200 | 200 |     |     |    |
| 10 | Dalmatian Pelican   | <i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>        |           |    |    | 80   | 10   |     |     |     |    |
| 11 | Squacco Heron       | <i>Ardeola ralloides</i>          |           |    | 1  | 30   |      |     |     | 2   |    |
| 12 | Great White Egret   | <i>Egretta alba</i>               |           |    |    | 3    |      |     |     |     |    |
| 13 | Little Egret        | <i>Egretta garzetta</i>           |           | 6  | 6  | 60   | 15   | 1   |     | 10  |    |
| 14 | Grey Heron          | <i>Ardea cinerea</i>              |           | 6  | 3  | 30   | 2    | 1   | 1   | 8   |    |
| 15 | Purple Heron        | <i>Ardea purpurea</i>             |           |    |    |      |      |     |     | 10  |    |
| 16 | Spoonbill           | <i>Platalea leucorodia</i>        |           |    |    | 20   |      |     | 50  |     |    |
| 17 | Glossy Ibis         | <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>       |           |    |    | 2    |      |     |     |     |    |
| 18 | White Stork         | <i>Ciconia ciconia</i>            |           |    | 1  |      |      | 5   |     |     |    |
| 19 | Black Stork         | <i>Ciconia nigra</i>              |           | 12 | 10 |      | 4    |     | 64  |     |    |
| 20 | Mute Swan           | <i>Cygnus olor</i>                |           |    |    | 30   |      |     |     | 7   |    |
| 21 | Shelduck            | <i>Tadorna tadorna</i>            |           |    |    | 200  | 100  |     |     | 10  |    |
| 22 | Ruddy Shelduck      | <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>         |           |    |    |      |      |     |     | 1   |    |
| 23 | Mallard             | <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>         |           |    |    | A    | 10   |     | 1   | 10  |    |
| 24 | Gadwall             | <i>Anas strepera</i>              |           |    |    | 4    | 2    |     |     | 2   |    |
| 25 | Wigeon              | <i>Anas penelope</i>              |           |    |    |      |      |     |     | 1   |    |
| 26 | Teal                | <i>Anas crecca</i>                |           |    |    | 40   | 20   |     |     | 200 |    |
| 27 | Garganey            | <i>Anas querquedula</i>           |           |    |    | 1    |      |     |     |     |    |
| 28 | Pintail             | <i>Anas acuta</i>                 |           |    |    |      |      |     |     | 3   |    |
| 29 | Shoveler            | <i>Anas clypeata</i>              |           |    |    | 4    |      |     |     | 10  |    |
| 30 | Pochard             | <i>Aythya ferina</i>              |           |    |    | 500  |      |     |     | 1   |    |
| 31 | Ferruginous Duck    | <i>Aythya nyroca</i>              |           |    |    | 1    |      |     |     |     |    |
| 32 | Egyptian Vulture    | <i>Neophron percnopterus</i>      |           | 10 |    |      |      |     |     |     |    |
| 33 | Griffon Vulture     | <i>Gyps fulvus</i>                |           | 30 |    |      |      |     |     |     |    |
| 34 | Black Vulture       | <i>Aegypius monachus</i>          |           | 1  |    |      |      |     |     |     |    |
| 35 | Osprey              | <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>          |           |    | 1  |      |      |     |     | 2   |    |
| 36 | Short-toed Eagle    | <i>Circaetus gallicus</i>         |           |    | 1  | 1    | 1    |     |     |     |    |
| 37 | Marsh Harrier       | <i>Circus aeruginosus</i>         | 1         |    | 1  | 10   | 6    | 1   | 1   | 15  |    |
| 38 | Montagu's Harrier   | <i>Circus pygargus</i>            |           |    |    |      | 1    |     | 1   |     |    |
| 39 | Pallid Harrier      | <i>Circus macrourus</i>           |           |    |    |      | 1    |     |     |     |    |
| 40 | Goshawk             | <i>Accipiter gentilis</i>         |           |    |    |      |      |     |     |     | 1  |
| 41 | Levant Sparrowhawk  | <i>Accipiter brevipes</i>         |           |    |    | 1    | 1    | 4   | 3   |     |    |
| 42 | Common Buzzard      | <i>Buteo buteo</i>                | 6         | 1  | 5  | 10   | 6    | 10  | 2   | 6   |    |
| 43 | Steppe Buzzard      | <i>Buteo buteo vulpinus</i>       |           |    |    |      |      | 1   |     |     | 1  |
| 44 | Long-legged Buzzard | <i>Buteo rufinus</i>              | 1         |    | 2  | 1    |      | 2   |     | 1   |    |
| 45 | Honey Buzzard       | <i>Pernis apivorus</i>            |           | 1  |    | 8    | 1    |     | 6   | 1   |    |
| 46 | Booted Eagle        | <i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>        |           |    | 1  | 2    |      |     |     |     |    |
| 47 | White-tailed Eagle  | <i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>       |           |    |    | 1    |      |     |     | 1   |    |

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| 48 | Golden Eagle           | <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>       |           |    |    | 1   |     |    |    |     |    |
| 49 | Imperial Eagle         | <i>Aquila heliaca</i>          |           |    | 5  |     |     |    |    |     |    |
| 50 | Lesser Spotted Eagle   | <i>Aquila pomarina</i>         |           |    | 2  | 2   |     | 6  |    |     |    |
| 51 | Peregrine Falcon       | <i>Falco peregrinus</i>        |           | 2  |    |     |     |    |    |     |    |
| 52 | Hobby                  | <i>Falco subbuteo</i>          |           | 3  | H  | 1   |     |    | 1  | 1   |    |
| 53 | Eleonora's Falcon      | <i>Falco eleonora</i>          |           |    | 1  |     | 1   |    |    |     |    |
| 54 | Common Kestrel         | <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>       | 2         | 6  | 3  | 10  | 10  | 6  |    | 1   | 1  |
| 55 | Red-footed Falcon      | <i>Falco verspertinus</i>      |           |    |    |     |     |    |    | 1   | 1  |
| 56 | Pheasant               | <i>Phasianus colchicus</i>     |           |    |    |     |     |    |    | 1   |    |
| 57 | Common Quail           | <i>Coturnix coturnix</i>       |           |    |    |     |     | 14 |    |     |    |
| 58 | Moorhen                | <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>     |           |    |    | 20  | 6   |    |    | 2   |    |
| 59 | Coot                   | <i>Fulica atra</i>             |           |    |    | A   | A   |    |    |     |    |
| 60 | Oystercatcher          | <i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>   |           |    |    |     | 4   |    |    |     |    |
| 61 | Black-winged Stilt     | <i>Himantopus himantopus</i>   |           |    |    | 2   | 2   |    |    |     |    |
| 62 | Avocet                 | <i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>  |           |    |    | 100 | 10  | 20 |    | 2   |    |
| 63 | Stone Curlew           | <i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>   |           |    |    | 10  | 8   |    |    |     |    |
| 64 | Little Ringed Plover   | <i>Charadrius dubius</i>       |           |    |    |     |     |    |    | 2   |    |
| 65 | Ringed Plover          | <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>    |           |    |    | 6   | 20  |    |    | 30  |    |
| 66 | Kentish Plover         | <i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i> |           |    |    | 20  | 20  |    |    | 10  |    |
| 67 | Grey Plover            | <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>    |           |    |    |     | 1   |    |    |     |    |
| 68 | Broad-billed Sandpiper | <i>Limicola falcinellus</i>    |           |    |    |     | 2   |    |    |     |    |
| 69 | Dunlin                 | <i>Calidris alpina</i>         |           |    |    | 20  | 100 |    |    | 20  |    |
| 70 | Curlew Sandpiper       | <i>Calidris ferruginea</i>     |           |    |    | 1   | 15  |    |    |     |    |
| 71 | Little Stint           | <i>Calidris minuta</i>         |           |    |    | 3   | 30  |    |    | 50  |    |
| 72 | Ruff                   | <i>Philomachus pugnax</i>      |           |    |    | 4   | 10  |    |    | 10  |    |
| 73 | Black-tailed Godwit    | <i>Limosa limosa</i>           |           |    |    | 10  |     |    |    |     |    |
| 74 | Spotted Redshank       | <i>Tringa erythropus</i>       |           |    |    | 8   | 3   |    |    |     |    |
| 75 | Redshank               | <i>Tringa totanus</i>          |           |    |    | 4   | 4   |    |    |     |    |
| 76 | Greenshank             | <i>Tringa nebularia</i>        |           |    |    | 1   | 8   |    |    |     |    |
| 77 | Wood Sandpiper         | <i>Tringa glareola</i>         |           |    |    | 20  | 15  |    |    |     |    |
| 78 | Common Sandpiper       | <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>      |           |    |    | 3   | 1   |    |    | 3   |    |
| 79 | Sanderling             | <i>Calidris alba</i>           |           |    |    |     |     |    |    | 20  |    |
| 80 | Turnstone              | <i>Arenaria interpres</i>      |           |    |    | 6   | 2   |    |    |     |    |
| 81 | Great Snipe            | <i>Gallinago media</i>         |           |    |    |     |     |    |    | 2   |    |
| 82 | Common Snipe           | <i>Gallinago gallinago</i>     |           |    |    |     | 1   |    |    |     |    |
| 83 | Black-headed Gull      | <i>Larus ridibundus</i>        |           |    | 6  | A   | A   | 50 | 2  | 10  |    |
| 84 | Little Gull            | <i>Larus minutus</i>           |           |    |    | 1   | 350 | 20 |    |     |    |
| 85 | Mediterranean Gull     | <i>Larus melanocephalus</i>    |           |    |    | A   | A   | 2  |    | 300 |    |
| 86 | Slender-billed Gull    | <i>Larus genei</i>             |           |    |    | 1   | 1   |    |    |     |    |
| 87 | Yellow-legged Gull     | <i>Larus cachinnans</i>        |           |    | A  | A   | A   | A  | A  | A   | 1  |
| 88 | Little Tern            | <i>Sterna albifrons</i>        |           |    |    | 10  | 6   |    |    |     |    |
| 89 | Sandwich Tern          | <i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>     |           |    | A  | A   | A   | A  | 50 | 25  |    |
| 90 | Gull-billed Tern       | <i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>   |           |    |    | 10  | 4   |    |    | 1   |    |
| 91 | Common Tern            | <i>Sterna hirundo</i>          |           |    | 1  | 100 | A   | 5  | 10 | 6   |    |
| 92 | Caspian Tern           | <i>Sterna caspia</i>           |           |    |    | 8   |     |    |    | 2   |    |
| 93 | Black Tern             | <i>Chlidonias niger</i>        |           |    |    | 1   | 2   |    |    |     |    |
| 94 | Whiskered Tern         | <i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>     |           |    |    | 100 | 30  |    |    | 4   |    |
| 95 | Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon | <i>Columba livia</i>           | A         | A  | A  | A   | A   | A  | A  | A   | A  |
| 96 | Wood Pigeon            | <i>Columba palumbus</i>        |           |    | 1  |     |     | 4  |    |     |    |
| 97 | Stock Dove             | <i>Columba oenas</i>           |           |    | 2  |     |     |    |    |     |    |



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| 98  | Collared Dove             | <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>      | 6         | 8  | 10 | 5  | 6  | 20 | A    | A   | A  |
| 99  | Turtle Dove               | <i>Streptopelia turtur</i>        | 8         |    |    | 15 | 2  |    |      |     |    |
| 100 | Cuckoo                    | <i>Cuculus canorus</i>            |           |    | 2  |    |    |    | 1    |     |    |
| 101 | Little Owl                | <i>Athene noctua</i>              |           |    | 2  |    |    | 1  |      |     |    |
| 102 | Eagle Owl                 | <i>Bubo bubo</i>                  |           |    |    |    |    | 2  | 1    |     |    |
| 103 | Swift                     | <i>Apus apus</i>                  | 1         | 1  | 2  |    |    |    | 1    | 4   |    |
| 104 | Alpine Swift              | <i>Apus melba</i>                 |           |    |    |    |    |    | 12   |     |    |
| 105 | Kingfisher                | <i>Alcedo atthis</i>              |           | 3  |    | 3  |    |    |      | 2   |    |
| 106 | Hoopoe                    | <i>Upupa epops</i>                |           | 2  |    |    |    |    | 3    |     |    |
| 107 | Bee-eater                 | <i>Merops apiaster</i>            |           |    | 1  | 20 |    | H  | 10   | 30  |    |
| 108 | Black Woodpecker          | <i>Dryocopus martius</i>          |           |    |    |    |    |    |      |     | 1  |
| 109 | Green Woodpecker          | <i>Picus viridis</i>              |           | 6  | H  | H  | H  | H  | H    |     |    |
| 110 | Syrian Woodpecker         | <i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>       |           | H  |    |    | H  |    |      | 1   |    |
| 111 | Great-spotted Woodpecker  | <i>Dendrocopos major</i>          | 1         | 3  | 2  |    | 1  |    | 1    |     | 2  |
| 112 | Middle-spotted Woodpecker | <i>Dendrocopos medius</i>         |           |    |    | H  | 2  | 1  |      |     |    |
| 113 | White-backed Woodpecker   | <i>Dendrocopos leucotos</i>       |           |    |    |    | 1  |    |      |     |    |
| 114 | Lesser-spotted Woodpecker | <i>Dendrocopos minor</i>          |           | 2H | H  |    | H  |    |      |     |    |
| 115 | Woodlark                  | <i>Lullula arborea</i>            | 1         | 12 |    |    | 2  |    |      |     |    |
| 116 | Skylark                   | <i>Alauda arvensis</i>            |           | 3  | H  | 2  |    |    | 20   | 30  |    |
| 117 | Crested Lark              | <i>Galerida cristata</i>          | 3         | 2  | 6  | 10 | 6  | 6  | 6    | 10  |    |
| 118 | Calandra Lark             | <i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>     |           |    |    |    |    |    | 200+ | 15  |    |
| 119 | Sand Martin               | <i>Riparia riparia</i>            |           |    |    |    | 20 |    | 1    | A   |    |
| 120 | Crag Martin               | <i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>     |           | 45 | 2  |    |    |    |      |     |    |
| 121 | House Martin              | <i>Delichon urbica</i>            | 2         | 10 | 20 |    | 2  | A  | 1000 | A   |    |
| 122 | Swallow                   | <i>Hirundo rustica</i>            | 100       | A  | A  | A  | A  | A  | A    | A   |    |
| 123 | Red-rumped Swallow        | <i>Hirundo daurica</i>            | 2         |    | 2  |    |    | 25 |      | 6   |    |
| 124 | Tree Pipit                | <i>Anthus trivialis</i>           |           | 2  | 1  |    |    |    |      |     | 6  |
| 125 | Red-throated Pipit        | <i>Anthus cervinus</i>            |           |    |    |    |    |    |      | 1   |    |
| 126 | Tawny Pipit               | <i>Anthus campestris</i>          |           |    |    | 1  |    |    | 10   | 10  |    |
| 127 | White Wagtail             | <i>Motacilla alba</i>             |           | 20 | 30 | A  | A  | A  | 200  | 200 |    |
| 128 | Grey Wagtail              | <i>Motacilla cinerea</i>          |           | 3  | 13 |    |    |    | 2    | 2   |    |
| 129 | Blue-headed Wagtail       | <i>Motacilla flava flava</i>      |           |    |    | 6  | A  |    | 10   | 100 |    |
| 130 | Black-headed Wagtail      | <i>Motacilla flava feldegg</i>    |           |    |    |    | 1  |    |      |     |    |
| 131 | Grey-headed wagtail       | <i>Motacilla flava thunbergi</i>  |           |    | 30 | 6  |    |    |      |     |    |
| 132 | Dunnock                   | <i>Prunella modularis</i>         |           |    |    |    |    |    |      |     | 10 |
| 133 | Thrush Nightingale        | <i>Luscinia luscinia</i>          |           |    |    | 1  |    |    |      |     |    |
| 134 | Robin                     | <i>Erithacus rubecula</i>         |           | 3  |    |    | 2  | 1  |      |     | 6  |
| 135 | Stonechat                 | <i>Saxicola torquata</i>          |           | 6  | 2  |    |    |    |      | 1   |    |
| 136 | Whinchat                  | <i>Saxicola rubetra</i>           | 1         | 2  | 2  | 2  | 3  |    | 10   | 10  |    |
| 137 | Black Redstart            | <i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>       |           |    |    |    |    | H  |      | 1   | 5  |
| 138 | Redstart                  | <i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>    |           | 2  |    |    | 2  |    | 1    | 1   |    |
| 139 | Northern Wheatear         | <i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>          | 2         | 4  |    | 2  |    |    | 8    | 6   |    |
| 140 | Isabelline Wheatear       | <i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>        |           | 2  |    |    |    |    | 1    |     |    |
| 141 | Pied Wheatear             | <i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>        |           |    |    |    |    |    | 6    |     |    |
| 142 | Blackbird                 | <i>Turdus merula</i>              |           | 6  | 10 | 6  | 6  | 10 | 10   | 4   | 6  |
| 143 | Ring Ouzel                | <i>Turdus torquatus alpestris</i> |           |    |    |    |    |    |      |     | 3  |
| 144 | Song Thrush               | <i>Turdus philomelos</i>          |           | 1  |    |    |    | 2  |      |     |    |
| 145 | Mistle Thrush             | <i>Turdus viscivorus</i>          |           |    | 7  |    |    |    |      |     |    |
| 146 | Savi's Warbler            | <i>Locustella luscinioides</i>    |           |    |    |    | 4  |    |      |     |    |
| 147 | Cetti's Warbler           | <i>Cettia cetti</i>               |           |    |    |    | H  |    |      |     |    |

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| 148 | Reed Warbler              | <i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>       |           |    |     | 2  |    |    |    | 10   |      |
| 149 | Great Reed Warbler        | <i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>     |           |    |     |    |    |    |    | 6    |      |
| 150 | Sedge Warbler             | <i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>    |           |    |     |    | 2  |    |    | 2    |      |
| 151 | Garden Warbler            | <i>Sylvia borin</i>                  |           |    |     |    | 3  |    | 30 |      |      |
| 152 | Common Whitethroat        | <i>Sylvia communis</i>               |           | 2  |     |    |    |    | 50 | 8    |      |
| 153 | Lesser Whitethroat        | <i>Sylvia curruca</i>                |           | 1  |     |    |    |    | 10 | 2    |      |
| 154 | Blackcap                  | <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>            |           |    |     |    |    |    | 10 | 1    |      |
| 155 | Willow Warbler            | <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>        |           | 4  | 1   | 1  | 2  | 4  | 2  | 15   | 2    |
| 156 | Eastern Bonelli's Warbler | <i>Phylloscopus orientalis</i>       |           |    |     |    |    |    |    |      | 2    |
| 157 | Goldcrest                 | <i>Regulus regulus</i>               |           |    |     |    |    |    |    |      | 30   |
| 158 | Spotted Flycatcher        | <i>Muscicapa striata</i>             | 1         | 20 | 20  | 2  | 20 | 6  | 1  | 6    | 1    |
| 159 | Red-breasted Flycatcher   | <i>Ficedula parva</i>                |           |    |     |    | 5  |    | 6  | 3    |      |
| 160 | Bearded Tit               | <i>Panurus biarmicus</i>             |           |    |     |    |    |    |    | 6    |      |
| 161 | Long-tailed Tit           | <i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>           |           | 6  | H   |    |    |    |    |      |      |
| 162 | Penduline Tit             | <i>Remiz pendulinus</i>              |           |    |     | 6  |    |    |    | 2    |      |
| 163 | Sombre Tit                | <i>Parus lugubris</i>                |           | 6  | 5   |    |    |    |    |      | 4    |
| 164 | Marsh Tit                 | <i>Parus palustris</i>               |           |    | 1   |    |    |    |    |      |      |
| 165 | Willow Tit                | <i>Parus montanus</i>                |           |    |     |    |    |    |    |      | 1    |
| 166 | Coal Tit                  | <i>Parus ater</i>                    |           |    |     |    |    |    |    |      | 2020 |
| 167 | Great Tit                 | <i>Parus major</i>                   |           | 10 | 10  | 2  | 10 | 10 | 8  | 2    | 1    |
| 168 | Blue Tit                  | <i>Parus caeruleus</i>               | H         | 2  | 2   | 1  | 6  | 6  | 6  | 2    | 2    |
| 169 | Rock Nuthatch             | <i>Sitta neumayer</i>                |           | 4  |     |    |    |    |    |      |      |
| 170 | Nuthatch                  | <i>Sitta europaea</i>                |           |    |     |    | 4  | 6  |    |      |      |
| 171 | Common Treecreeper        | <i>Certhia familiaris</i>            |           |    |     |    | 2  | H  |    |      | 2    |
| 172 | Wren                      | <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>       |           |    |     |    |    | 1  |    |      |      |
| 173 | Lesser Grey Shrike        | <i>Lanius minor</i>                  |           |    |     |    |    |    | 1  |      |      |
| 174 | Red-backed Shrike         | <i>Lanius collurio</i>               | 10        | 20 | 10  | 15 | 10 | 6  | 20 | 20   |      |
| 175 | Woodchat Shrike           | <i>Lanius senator</i>                |           | 4  | 2   |    |    |    |    |      |      |
| 176 | Jay                       | <i>Garrulus glandarius</i>           | 2         | 10 | A   | 1  | 1  | 6  | 15 | 6    | 2    |
| 177 | Nutcracker                | <i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>       |           |    |     |    |    |    |    |      | 12   |
| 178 | Magpie                    | <i>Pica pica</i>                     | A         | 6  | A   | A  | A  | A  | A  | A    | 6    |
| 179 | Rook                      | <i>Corvus frugilegus</i>             |           |    |     |    |    |    |    | 15   |      |
| 180 | Hooded Crow               | <i>Corvus corone cornix</i>          | 20        | 6  | A   | A  | 10 | A  |    | 2    |      |
| 181 | Jackdaw                   | <i>Corvus monedula</i>               | H         | 20 | 100 | A  | A  |    | 2  | 10   |      |
| 182 | Raven                     | <i>Corvus corax</i>                  |           | 6  | 6   | 2  | H  | 2  |    | 1    |      |
| 183 | Golden Oriole             | <i>Oriolus oriolus</i>               |           |    |     |    | 1  |    |    |      |      |
| 184 | Starling                  | <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>              | A         | 50 | A   | A  | A  | A  | A  | A    |      |
| 185 | Spanish Sparrow           | <i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>         |           |    |     |    |    |    |    |      | 6000 |
| 186 | House Sparrow             | <i>Passer domesticus</i>             | A         | A  | A   | A  | A  | A  | A  | 4000 |      |
| 187 | Tree Sparrow              | <i>Passer montanus</i>               |           | H  | 6   | 40 | 20 | H  |    | 1    |      |
| 188 | Chaffinch                 | <i>Fringilla coelebs</i>             | 2         | 10 | A   | 10 | 15 | A  | 6  | H    | 100  |
| 189 | Linnet                    | <i>Acanthis cannabina</i>            |           |    |     |    | 2  | 1  | 6  |      |      |
| 190 | Goldfinch                 | <i>Carduelis carduelis</i>           |           | 30 | 30  | 20 | 6  | 20 | 8  | 6    |      |
| 191 | Greenfinch                | <i>Carduelis chloris</i>             |           | 1  |     |    | 1  |    |    |      |      |
| 192 | Bullfinch                 | <i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>             |           |    |     |    |    |    |    |      | 6    |
| 193 | Hawfinch                  | <i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i> | 2         | 20 | 3   |    | 2  |    |    |      |      |
| 194 | Common Crossbill          | <i>Loxia curvirostra</i>             |           |    |     |    |    |    |    |      | 80   |
| 195 | Cirl Bunting              | <i>Emberiza cirlus</i>               |           | 8  |     |    |    |    |    |      |      |
| 196 | Corn Bunting              | <i>Miliaria calandra</i>             | 1         | 15 | 20  | 4  |    | 2  | H  | 30   |      |

## Butterflies

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|    |                           |                               | 13        | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |   |
| 1  | Swallowtail               | <i>Papilio machaon</i>        |           |    |    |    |    |    |    | √  |    |   |
| 2  | Small White               | <i>Artogeia rapae</i>         |           |    |    | √  |    |    |    | √  | √  |   |
| 3  | Eastern Bath White        | <i>Pontia edusa</i>           |           |    | √  |    |    |    |    | √  | √  |   |
| 4  | Clouded Yellow            | <i>Colias crocea</i>          |           | √  | √  | √  |    |    | √  |    | √  |   |
| 5  | Berger's Clouded Yellow   | <i>Colias alfacariensis</i>   |           |    | √  |    |    |    |    | √  | √  |   |
| 6  | Small Copper              | <i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>        |           |    | √  | √  | √  |    |    | √  | √  |   |
| 7  | Scarce Copper             | <i>Lycaena virgaureae</i>     |           |    |    | √  |    |    |    |    |    |   |
| 8  | Lang's Short-tailed Blue  | <i>Leptotes pirithous</i>     |           |    |    |    |    |    |    | √  |    |   |
| 9  | Brown Argus               | <i>Aricia agestis</i>         |           | √  | √  | √  | √  |    |    | √  | √  |   |
| 10 | Common Blue               | <i>Polyommatus icarus</i>     | √         |    | √  | √  |    |    | √  | √  | √  |   |
| 11 | Peacock Butterfly         | <i>Inachis io</i>             |           |    |    | √  |    |    |    |    |    |   |
| 12 | Red Admiral               | <i>Vanessa atalanta</i>       |           |    |    | √  | √  | √  | √  | √  | √  |   |
| 13 | Painted Lady              | <i>Vanessa cardui</i>         |           |    |    |    |    |    |    | √  |    |   |
| 14 | Comma Butterfly           | <i>Polygonum c-album</i>      |           |    |    | √  |    |    |    |    |    |   |
| 15 | Cardinal                  | <i>Argynnis pandora</i>       |           |    | √  | √  |    |    |    |    |    | √ |
| 16 | Queen of Spain Fritillary | <i>Issoria lathonia</i>       |           |    |    | √  |    |    |    |    |    |   |
| 17 | Eastern Rock Grayling     | <i>Hipparchia syriaca</i>     |           |    |    |    |    | √  |    |    |    |   |
| 18 | Grayling                  | <i>Hipparchia semele</i>      |           |    |    |    |    |    | √  |    |    |   |
| 19 | Great Banded Grayling     | <i>Kanetisa circe</i>         |           | √  | √  | √  | √  |    |    |    |    |   |
| 20 | Meadow Brown              | <i>Maniola jurtina</i>        |           | √  | √  | √  | √  | √  | √  | √  | √  |   |
| 21 | Small Heath               | <i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>  |           | √  | √  |    | √  |    |    |    | √  |   |
| 22 | Wall Brown                | <i>Lasiommata megera</i>      |           |    |    |    |    |    |    | √  |    |   |
| 23 | Large Wall Brown          | <i>Lasiommata maera</i>       |           | √  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |
| 24 | Mallow Skipper            | <i>Carcharodus alceae</i>     |           |    |    |    |    |    |    | √  |    |   |
| 25 | Marbled Skipper           | <i>Carcharodus lavatherae</i> |           |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | √  |   |

## Moths

|  |                      |                           |  |  |  |   |  |  |   |   |  |
|--|----------------------|---------------------------|--|--|--|---|--|--|---|---|--|
|  | Hummingbird Hawkmoth | <i>Dielephila elpenor</i> |  |  |  | √ |  |  | √ | √ |  |
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## Insects

|  |                       |                         |  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|  | Large Wolf Spider sp. |                         |  | √ |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Praying Mantis        | <i>Mantis religiosa</i> |  |   | √ |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Mammals

|   |                  |                          |  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |    |      |
|---|------------------|--------------------------|--|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|----|------|
| 1 | Red Fox          | <i>Vulpes vulpes</i>     |  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |    | 1    |
| 2 | Golden Jackal    | <i>Canis aureus</i>      |  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |    | Dead |
| 3 | Beech Marten     | <i>Martes foina</i>      |  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  | 1  |      |
| 4 | Wildcat          | <i>Felis silvestris</i>  |  | 1 |   |  |   |  |   |  |    |      |
| 5 | Harbour Porpoise | <i>Phocoena phocoena</i> |  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  | 6+ |      |
| 6 | Fallow Deer      | <i>Dama dama</i>         |  | 1 |   |  |   |  |   |  |    |      |
| 7 | Red Squirrel     | <i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>  |  |   | 1 |  |   |  |   |  |    | 2+   |
| 8 | Brown Hare       | <i>Lepus europaeus</i>   |  |   |   |  | 1 |  | 1 |  |    |      |

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### Reptiles & amphibians

|   |                        |                          |  |  |   |      |   |  |   |   |  |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|---|------|---|--|---|---|--|
| 1 | Common Tree Frog       | <i>Hyla arborea</i>      |  |  |   |      |   |  | H | 1 |  |
| 2 | Marsh Frog             | <i>Rana ridibunda</i>    |  |  |   | √    |   |  |   |   |  |
| 3 | Edible Frog            | <i>Rana esculenta</i>    |  |  |   |      |   |  |   | 1 |  |
| 4 | European Pond Terrapin | <i>Emys orbicularis</i>  |  |  |   | 1    | 1 |  |   |   |  |
| 5 | Common Wall Lizard     | <i>Podarcis muralis</i>  |  |  |   |      |   |  |   | 2 |  |
| 6 | Balkan Wall Lizard     | <i>Podarcis taurica</i>  |  |  | 1 |      |   |  |   |   |  |
| 7 | European Glass Lizard  | <i>Ophisaurus apodus</i> |  |  |   | 1    |   |  |   |   |  |
| 8 | Large Whip Snake       | <i>Coluber caspius</i>   |  |  |   | Dead |   |  | 1 | 3 |  |

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