

Bulgaria in Autumn

Naturetrek Tour report

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Day 1

Saturday 8th September

Hot, sunny and calm

Heathrow to Sophia (arriving at 13.20), journey to Madzarovo via Plovdiv, with two refreshment stops and a short bird watch before dusk, arriving at hotel at 20.10

Our group of fourteen met at the departure gate, Richard at one stage trying unsuccessfully to recruit an extra couple from a ramblers group who looked blankly as the itinerary was talked through – (I'm sure they said they were with Naturetrek...!!), and then boarded our flight. Arriving at Sophia airport slightly ahead of schedule at 13.20 we met Assen, a few changed money, and we were on the road by 14.15 heading out of the city and into the countryside we'd come to see. A few commoner roadside birds – Red-backed Shrike, Bee-eater were passed (we would see more), as we had some ground to cover today. A refreshment stop in the early afternoon was welcome where a few enjoyed the impressive Cardinal butterfly posing awkwardly for photos.

Off again at 16.00, we left the motorway forty minutes later and moved into the foothills. We decided to take a short break in the foothills before dusk where among us; we saw Whinchat, Marsh Harrier, Red-backed Shrike, a party of ten Woodlarks, Crag Martin and heard a Black Woodpecker. An electrocuted Hooded Crow on a nearby pylon offered a conversation piece and the best views! We carried on for the remaining leg of our journey into the mountains, arriving at our hotel at 20.10. After a quick freshen up, we sat down to dinner and said what we hoped to see in the coming week. Fingers crossed!

Day 2

Sunday 9th September

Clear blue skies, light breeze and a few high clouds late pm

Pre breakfast walk near hotel, Studen Kladenatz and Kovan Kaya

It was a lovely morning for a pre breakfast walk near the hotel. We spent an hour enjoying large numbers of Spotted Flycatchers, Redstart, Middle-spotted Woodpecker, Red Backed Shrike, Hawfinch and couple of Sombre Tits. A large group of Red-rumped Swallows flew overhead and a small group of Bee eaters fed from nearby wires - but coffee called and we returned just after 8am for breakfast.

Our target this morning was the extinct volcanic crater area of Studen Kladenatz. We drove for about one hour before we started seeing numbers of raptors. Two close Egyptian Vultures perched on a pylon while around forty Griffin Vultures soared behind. Fabulous! Driving a few more minutes more, we stopped to walk to a viewpoint but not before a Black Vulture flew overhead. At the viewpoint, in the welcome shade, we enjoyed first, a White-tailed Eagle, up to eight Egyptian Vultures, a Levant Sparrowhawk, Peregrine and many Griffon Vultures, around 100 Bee eaters, Marsh Harrier, and a flock of 20 Black Storks. On the passerine front, a roadside brief Lesser Grey Shrike was to be our only one of the trip and a juvenile Woodchat Shrike. We found a suitable shaded riverside table for lunch to enjoy Assen's picnic. As the temperature rose, we found a few more notable birds. We piled out of the bus for an excellent Short-toed Eagle. Our next two roadside stops were Rock Nuthatch sites but we only saw the nest hole at one and heard calling nuthatch at the other. We also had further, closer vultures and a more obliging Middle-spotted Woodpecker.

The heat of the afternoon turned our thoughts to tea/beer etc so we returned to the hotel by 16.30 to have a welcome drink on the patio before dinner. A pre dinner walk by a small group gave us further views of a Middle Spotted Woodpecker, Red backed Shrike, Cirl Buntings and Sombre Tit. Dinner at 7pm rounded off a great day.

Day 3

Monday 10th September

Warm, calm, sunny am, increasing cloud pm with strong wind by the coast in the evening

Pre breakfast walk by hotel, journey from Madzarovo via Topolovgrad, to Burgas including Atanasovsko Lake salt pans

A pre breakfast walk around some nearby walnut trees was productive with a perched Wryneck, Nuthatch and Middle-spotted Woodpecker feeding on the fruits. Calling Golden Orioles were less obliging. We headed further east after breakfast, stopping at a reservoir for a short walk with Hobbies and Kestrels tussling with some Hooded Crows. Near Topolovo we searched in vain for Imperial Eagle but saw some Isabelline Wheatears, Lesser Spotted Eagle and a close but brief Levant Sparrowhawk. Lunch was interrupted by a pale phase Booted Eagle and Black Stork or two. As we nearer Burgas and the Black Sea coast, the numbers of birds perched on wires increased – most being Turtle Doves.

After a comfort stop, we descended into Burgas and had a welcome 30 minutes scanning Atanasovsko Lake salt pans. It had been a slow day for birds but we ended with a good range of waterbirds, whetting the appetite for the next two days based in Pomorie.

After having our fill of Redshanks, Curlews, Teals and gulls, we headed the short distance to the hotel arriving in time for a breather before dinner. We crossed our fingers that the strong wind would die down by morning.

Day 4

Tuesday 11th September

Some cloud and breeze early am, clearing to hot and sunny conditions pm.

Pre breakfast walk Pomorie Salt Pans, Vaya and Mandra Lakes am, Izvorska Estuary and Poda Protected Area pm

Just a short walk from the hotel and we were in wader city! Pride of place went to two or three Broad-billed Sandpipers right in front of us. The supporting cast of Curlew and Wood Sandpiper, Little and Temminck's Stint was excellent.

After breakfast, we explored Vaya Lake. Again, one roadside spot and an hour watching was incredible. The squadrons of Pelicans will stay in the memory. First, a line of perched pelicans was noticed across the lake, then vast lines of soaring pelicans across the sky. Among the rafts of Coot, were Pochard, the odd Ferruginous Duck, and good numbers of Grebes. A few Dalmatian Pelicans were a good comparison with the more numerous Whites, but also Little Bittern, Night Heron and Squacco Heron were seen here.

After a quick comfort stop (iced tea/ice cream), we drove to Mandra Lake, first over the causeway adding Green Sandpiper and Tufted Duck, and then for a great walk along the road bordering the Izvorska Estuary. Here we saw Garganey, Whiskered Tern, a welcome perched Kingfisher for Yonina who didn't see them that often (Iceland being home!), and then, just before the picnic, two adult White-tailed Eagles which flew in and landed in a ploughed field, eyeing the nearby nervous waterfowl! We were able to eat lunch watching these amazing birds which went for occasional flights over the lake putting everything up in their path.

A short walk from the road and we were overlooking Fakiska Estuary which yielded Gull-billed Tern, Purple Heron, Little Terns and an Osprey. Our last stop of the day was Poda Protected Area. New trip birds were Spotted Redshank, a family party of Penduline Tits and some very obliging Snipe which we watched feeding with several Wood Sandpipers from the visitor centre while drinking a refreshing drink. A great end to the day...

Day 5

Wednesday 12th September

Breezy and clear am, calmer by lunch, hot sunny pm

Pre breakfast walk to Pomorie Salt Pans, Atanasvosko Lake, Pomorie Lake am, siesta early pm, Pomorie Lake later pm

A slightly longer pre breakfast walk was had this morning, to look through the waders. Four Broad-billed Sandpipers were again good to see well. Also new were Grey Plover, Sanderling and Knot.

Next we drove to Atanasovoko Salt pans after breakfast adding Pintail to the list but also seeing a large flock of fifty Spoonbills and a Short-toed Eagle. Nearby, a small group of at least six Rollers fed from wires. Picnic was enjoyed on the other side of the salt pans with Lapwings, Black-winged Stilts and our first and only Caspian Terns of the trip.

We then took some time out back at the hotel before an afternoon walk alongside Pomorie salt pans. It was a really nice way to end the day with the cooling sea breeze, a gentle walk, Black-necked Grebes, Tree Sparrows and a Wall Brown. We had time for a refreshing beer before dinner at 7pm.

Day 6

Thursday 13th September

Overnight rain, cool early morning but clearing to hot and sunny conditions with a light breeze.

Pre breakfast walk to Pomorie Salt Pans, Nesebar historic port visit, journey to Goritza with a restaurant lunch stop, woodland walk, Kamchia River and Eagle Owl stop near Kavarna

After some overnight rain, it was a cool start to our pre breakfast walk to the Salt Museum. Of note were the large numbers of House Martins and Swallows swirling around us. Across the salt pans we counted an amazing 54 Black-necked Grebes and a variety of waders. A showy Tree Sparrow and a Grey Wagtail gave good views. Best was for a splinter party of John, Peter and Sandy, returning earlier for breakfast; they found a Red breasted Flycatcher, a first for the trip where, thus far, passerine migration had been very quiet indeed.

Our first stop was a non birding one with an hour or so wandering around the old Byzantine port of Nesebar with its variety of buildings, churches and ruins (and ice creams of course). Then snaking up across the end of the Balkan range, we spent a short while at Iranakli where we noted 24 Grey Herons migrating and a welcome catch up with a Red-breasted Flycatcher. But lunch was calling and we carried on to lunch in a restaurant in Goritza. Stuffed Peppers, some very large beers etc, and we were ready for a bit of time in the woodland. We enjoyed a very productive hour with Middle-spotted and Grey-headed Woodpecker seen, Lesser-spotted and Green heard. Also some Nuthatches and a Short-toed Treecreeper were seen here. Despite missing Lesser-spotted, we only had to wait until the next stop at Kamchia River to see one. Very nice too!

Our final leg of the journey took us through Varna, Bulgaria's largest city after Sophia, with some spectacular buildings. We just had time to check out the cliffs as we neared Kavarna to look for Eagle Owl. Thanks to our very own 'owl man of Bulgaria', Assen, we managed to see one perched at the bottom of a bush on the cliffs. It wasn't the clearest of views so we tried to position ourselves as near as we could which helped us as the bird started to stretch a bit in the evening light. Above us, calling unseen, were some Alpine Swifts. One for tomorrow perhaps? A short drive and we were at our hotel ready for our dinner. It was to be a day of stuffed peppers with more for dinner! To add variety, we added a glass or two of rakia...

Day 7

Friday 14th September

Cloudy am but clearing to sunny, hot and calm pm, light breeze at coast

Durankulak Lake, fish ponds area, Shabla Lake, Tuzla Lake, Kariya Point, Belgarevo area, Eagle Owl site

We had a slightly earlier breakfast which was, quite frankly, enormous! We did our best to get through the piles of toast, cheese, sausages and pastries but were defeated...and very full.

We left to head north to Durankulak Lake with good views of Purple, Night and Squacco Herons. Our first Pied Wheatears fed around the buildings and an Osprey fished offshore. We tried a couple more areas before reaching Shabla Lake just before lunch. Most of us managed flight views of a couple of Golden Orioles and a magnificent flock of Starlings (no pink ones unfortunately!), before arriving at Tozla Lake for picnic lunch. Here were a party of mud skippers - about six people in swimming costumes, covered in mud! Thankfully there were still plenty of waders here including a Broad-billed Sandpiper, Black-tailed Godwit, many Ruff and a phalarope which, thanks to the distance, could have been Grey or Red-necked. The time of year would suggest the latter.

A short stop at Kariya lighthouse added a couple of Yelkhouen Shearwaters, lots of Shags and a surprise Lesser Black-backed Gull thanks to Bob's keen scanning of the gull flock. An Osprey fished over the sea and, although we didn't see the catch, flew by a few minutes later with a large fish.

We drove back via some steppe like habitat and enjoyed a couple of juvenile Montagu's Harriers hunting like Hobbies, and catching dragonflies. Before returning for a short siesta, we found a party of Alpine and Common Swifts just north of the hotel.

As the sun went down, we visited the Eagle Owl site and scanned without success. However, we then heard one call. Within a minute, we saw it fly along a cliff and land out of view. A minute or so later, we heard another. Just before dusk we saw it and then the second bird flying and perching on the cliff. Over the next few exciting minutes, we had several views in flight over the cliff and finally, one perched on the cliff top against the sky, allowing us all to see the silhouette in the scope. A fantastic end to the day!

Day 8

Saturday 15th September

Hot and sunny throughout

Bulgarevo Steppe, Cape Kaliakra, Bolota Valley, Rusalka Steppe

A pre breakfast watch from the front of the hotel, looking down towards the sea gave us a few Pallid Swifts and a Syrian Woodpecker. The steppe south of Bulgarevo held a large flock of Calandra Larks. Although they disappeared into the grass after landing, we got good and occasional close flight views showing their black underwings. Tawny Pipits and Quails showed less well! We spent a nice couple of hours on Cape Kaliakra, passing an accordionist playing Englebert Humperdink songs, but of more note a few Northern, Black-eared and Pied Wheatears showing. After a refreshment break near the tip, we saw Porpoise and Bottle-nosed Dolphins.

Lunch was nearby at the end of the Bolota Valley. While eating our picnic, we noted a few Sparrowhawks over.

A walk up the valley in the early afternoon gave us an indication of what the start of raptor migration was like. We saw around 50 birds of prey including a couple of Goshawks, a Red-footed Falcon, 17 Montagu's Harriers, four Black Kites and a Booted Eagle. It was excellent! Bob and Chris also found a Barred Warbler.

By mid afternoon, we visited Rusalka steppe area adding some Corn Buntings and finally, a Long-legged Buzzard to the trip list – although a bird we might have expected any day, they had eluded us so far. Best were the numerous Bee-eaters perched on various bushes and large numbers of Starlings lined up on the wires. We returned to the hotel late afternoon for a refreshing drink and dinner, preparing for the journey home tomorrow.

Day 9

Sunday 16th September

Cool, light breeze, drizzle and low cloud in Sophia, but clearer and dryer (Vitoshka)

Journey from Kavarna to Varna airport early morning, flight to Sophia, Vitoshka Mountain, Sophia Airport to LHR landing mid afternoon

An early start to Varna airport for our journey back to Sophia...too dark for birds but we saw a hare across the road. Our flight from Varna landed on time and we were driving through Sophia before 7am, en route to Vitoshka Mountain. The road passed through some houses and then into more woodland areas. The road then became cobbled. As we snaked higher, the weather began to deteriorate and visibility much reduced. Then it started raining. This was looking bad! But some Naturetrek luck came through and forty five minutes later, we were at the top in what looked like clearing weather. Out of the minibus and a Nutcracker flew in and perched, followed by a flock of Crossbills. Within seconds, clouds moved in and rain started again! But, after just a couple of minutes, the weather cleared and we started to see some spectacular views over the clouds and the forest around us. We set off for a walk...

...and what a great walk it was! We had two and a half hours here where we enjoyed numerous Nutcrackers (maybe 15-20), most perched on treetops for a quick squawk or two (and flying just before the cameras focused), many Tree Pipits, a Water Pipit, Black Redstart, two Goshawks, Gold and Firecrest and many more Crossbills. The team photo was taken here, some saying it was atypical of the rest of the trip as we were wrapped up in coats and the odd pairs of gloves was evident. On the way back, the café was open, so we warmed up with hot drinks and soup before descending. A garage café provided an early lunch (various versions of chicken and an omelette or two) kept us going before we drove through the heavier rain and were dropped off at the airport in perfect time to say goodbye to Assen, our excellent and good humoured guide.

Thanks to a wonderful and diverse group, an excellent local guide, some incredible sites, we had a great holiday! Highlights being the close views of Broad-billed Sandpipers at Pomorie, the numbers of pelicans and Vaya Lake, the small but exciting raptor passage picnic in the Bolota Valley and of course the stuffed peppers...!

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Species List

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

	Common name	Scientific name	September											
			8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
1	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>				50	25+	10						
2	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>					6	54	1					
3	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>				35	10	2						
4	Yelkouan Shearwater	<i>Puffinus yelkouan</i>						3						
5	Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		80	30	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
6	Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>								✓	✓			
7	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax pygmeus</i>				✓	2		3					
8	White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>				✓	✓							
9	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>				✓	✓							
10	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>				1								
11	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>				10			2					
12	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>				1			2					
13	Great White Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>			1	10	6							
14	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	2		10	✓	✓	✓						
15	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>			8	40	15	30						
16	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>				1			2					
17	Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>			1	17	50							
18	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>		1										
19	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>		40	1	2								
20	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>			1	✓	15	5	3					
21	Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>			50	✓	✓		8					
22	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>			2	✓	✓	✓	✓					
23	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>				2	4							
24	Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>				3	1							
25	Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>			✓	✓	✓	10						
26	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>				20	1							
27	Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>					4		5					
28	Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>			4	30	2							
29	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>				50								
30	Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>				00s			2					
31	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>				8			1					
32	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>		10										
33	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>		50										
34	Black Vulture	<i>Aegyptius monachus</i>		2										
35	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>			1							3		
36	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>				1			2					
37	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		1	1		2					1		
38	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		1	1	10	8		5	18				
39	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	1	2	2				2	17				
40	Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		2	2		1		3	10				

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			8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
41	Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>									2	2
42	Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>		1	1					1	2	
43	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	4	10	12	1	4	6	3	11	1	
44	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>								1		
45	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraetus pennatus</i>			1					1		
46	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>		1		1						
47	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>	1		2	3						
48	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		2								
49	Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>			4	1	1				14	
50	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	1	2	8		2		2	1		
51	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco verspertinus</i>	?							1		
52	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>							1	3		
53	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>				h						
54	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>				6						
55	Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>				✓	4	✓	✓			
56	Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>			2	3	4					
57	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>					5					
58	Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>			20	40	1	5				
59	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>			4	10	12	10	6			
60	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			2		5		4			
61	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>				6	1	1				
62	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>					1	1				
63	Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>					1					
64	Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>					6					
65	Broad-billed Sandpiper	<i>Limicola falcinellus</i>				3	4		1			
66	Knot	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>					2	1				
67	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>					1					
68	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>				25	6		15			
69	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>				7						
70	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>				5	8	12	19			
71	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>				1						
72	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>							15			
73	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>			30				3			
74	Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>			3				1			
75	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>				9	2	1				
76	Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>			6	88	6	6	2			
77	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>							2			
78	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>			1	2	13	12	1			
79	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>				7	3	2				
80	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>				3	1					
81	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>				10						
82	Red-necked/Grey Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus sp.</i>							1			
83	Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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			8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
84	Little Gull	<i>Larus minutus</i>			2	✓	10	4	50		
85	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>			1	25	10	12	1	4	
86	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Larus genei</i>				1	8	1			
87	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>							1		
88	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
89	Little Tern	<i>Sterna albifrons</i>				4					
90	Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>				✓	✓	✓		✓	
91	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>				2					
92	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>				20	7	12	9		
93	Caspian Tern	<i>Sterna caspia</i>					5				
94	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>				50			10		
95	White-winged Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>				2					
96	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>				4					
97	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
98	Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		1	1					2	5
99	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	1	✓	5	3	1	20	✓	✓
100	Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	2		30	5		1	1		
101	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	3	3	4		1h				
102	Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>		1h							
103	Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo bubo</i>					1	2			
104	Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		1					5	✓	
105	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>								4	
106	Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>						h	20	3	
107	Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>		1h		2	2	h	2		
108	Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	3	75	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
109	Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	1				6		1		
110	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>	1h								
111	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>						1			
112	Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>	h	2				h			
113	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>								1	
114	Great-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	1	4	2						
115	Middle-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>		2	2			1			
116	Lesser-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>			h			1+h			
117	Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>			1						
118	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>	10								
119	Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>			6					6	
120	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	2	1	4	2	2	1			
121	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>								250+	
122	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>			1	30	✓	✓			
123	Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		15				10	5		
124	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	50	75	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
125	Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
126	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>	15	40	5		2	5	✓	✓	

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			8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
127	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>			2		2				4	15
128	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>									8	
129	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>										1
130	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	1	1	3	6	5	54	7	1		2
131	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>						2	1			
132	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	2	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	2			
133	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>										4
134	Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>				4h						
135	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		1				1				1
136	Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>			1							
137	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	3		2							1
138	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>			1							1
139	Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>		1								
140	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	1	2	1						2	
141	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>			2							
142	Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>							2		2	
143	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>									1	
144	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	5	15	6	1	1	3	2	1		10
145	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		5	4			1		1		3
146	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>			2							2
147	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>		2		1						
148	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>		1	1			1	1			
149	Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>									1	
150	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		2	8			2				
151	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		1	1	1			1	1		2
152	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>		2	1	1	1	2	1		5	
153	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>										5
154	Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>										1
155	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	5	50	✓	✓			3		5	
156	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>						5	1		8	
157	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>			2	H						
158	Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>				5						
159	Sombre Tit	<i>Parus lugubris</i>		3	3							
160	Willow Tit	<i>Parus montanus</i>										1h
161	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>										5
162	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		2	3	1		1			1	
163	Blue Tit	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>			2			1				
164	Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>		1h								
165	Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>		4	2			3				
166	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>						1				
167	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>		1								
168	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	1	8	5	20	10	8	✓	✓		
169	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		12								

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			8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
170	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	10	✓	✓	1		6	2	2	✓
171	Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>									15+
172	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		4	✓	✓	25	✓	30	✓	✓
173	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus corone cornix</i>	2		15	4	2	2		4	
174	Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	25		50	✓	20	✓	10		✓
175	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	3	10	2						
176	Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	1		1				2		
177	Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	50	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
178	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
179	Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>					8	1	10	2	
180	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	3	6	✓	✓		8			✓
181	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		4		2		4	2	5	
182	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>								1	
183	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>		1	2						
184	Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>									15
185	Corn Bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>	10							15	
186	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		5	5						

Butterflies

Swallowtail	Camberwell Beauty	Red Admiral
Painted Lady	Clouded Yellow	Cleopatra
Cardinal	Queen of Spain Fritillary	Great Banded Grayling
Wall Brown	Meadow Brown	Small Heath
Common Blue	Holly Blue	Little Tiger Blue
Lang's Short-tailed Blue	Adonis Blue	Large White
Southern Small White	Kruper's Small White	Lesser Fiery Copper
Small Copper	Mallow Skipper	

Mammals

Fallow Deer	Hare	Bottle-nose Dolphin
Harbour Porpoise		

Reptiles & Amphibians

Horned Viper	Glass Lizard	Balkan Green Lizard
Marsh Frog		

Other Taxa

Hummingbird Hawk-Moth	Praying Mantis	Slant-faced Grasshopper
Red-veined Darter		