

Bulgaria in Spring

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Isabelline Wheatear



Wallcreeper



European Bee-eater



Pied Wheatear

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Day 1

Friday 13th May

London to Sofia to Dospat

Sunny and warm with scattered cloud

The group arrived on time in Sofia in the mid-afternoon. After clearing the airport we began the drive to Dospat. Our journey took us first eastwards along the central valley towards Plovdiv and then south up into the Rhodope Mountains and through some increasingly impressive scenery. Birds noted en-route included White Stork, Marsh Harrier, Common Buzzard, Red-rumped Swallow and Corn Bunting; whilst at a motorway service area we enjoyed good views of Crested Lark, Tree Sparrow, Barred and Olivaceous Warblers, Whinchat and Balkan Yellow Wagtail. We finally arrived at our mountain lodge hotel near Dospat after dark and enjoyed a hearty dinner before retiring to bed full of anticipation for the days ahead.

Day 2

Saturday 14th May

Dospat to the Trigrad Gorge and then on to Dolno Cherkovitse via Smolyan and Khardzhali

Sunny and warm with some cloud in the afternoon

We started the day with an early morning walk through the meadows and coniferous forest around the hotel and encountered a satisfying range of high altitude birds including a singing male Black Redstart, a couple of Firecrests, several Serins, dozens of Crossbills and a surprise Nutcracker. After breakfast we drove to the Trigrad Gorge where, amid spectacular mountain scenery, we saw Alpine Swifts, Grey Wagtails, Dippers, Crag Martins, Ravens and a Peregrine. Our real target however was Wallcreeper and after a short search we enjoyed excellent views of a pair nest-building in a crevice in the rock face just above our vantage point. For prolonged periods the birds were only feet away, with the male singing his thin, sibilant little song.

After a delicious fresh trout lunch at a nearby mountain-hut restaurant we began the long drive to Dolno Cherkovitse. As we drove on through the afternoon so we dropped in altitude from the high central part of the Rhodopes to the lower eastern region and the scenery and vegetation changed accordingly. By the time we reached Khardzhali the countryside had a decidedly Balkan feel and a short stop by the side of the road near Madrets produced a Hermann's Tortoise plus an exciting pulse of birds that included Hobby, Short-toed Eagle, Turtle Dove, Roller, Cuckoo, Lesser Grey Shrike and Black-headed Bunting. We arrived at scenic Dolno Cherkovitse in the early evening and settled in for our two-night stay.

Day 3

Sunday 15th May

Dolno Cherkovitse, Studen Kladenets and Madzharovo

Cool and misty at first becoming sunny and warm with scattered cloud and a fresh breeze

After a short pre-breakfast walk in the cool early morning mist at Dolno Cherkovitse which produced good views of Red-backed Shrike, Woodlark, Spanish Sparrow and Nightingale we set off towards Studen Kladenets. Here we enjoyed the fantastic spectacle of over 60 Griffon Vultures, 4 Egyptian Vultures and a single Black Vulture coming down to a sheep carcass at the feeding station plus an exciting range of other birds that included Short-toed and Booted Eagles, Honey Buzzard, Black Stork, Subalpine and Barred Warblers, Black-eared and Isabelline Wheatears, Woodchat Shrike and Cirl Bunting. Meanwhile a host of butterflies flitted across the thyme-scented turf, colourful Rose Chafers buzzed around the scrub and Green Lizards skulked in the undergrowth – not bad!

In the afternoon we explored a couple of sites near the village of Madzharovo and amid more superb scenery we concluded the day with Rock Nuthatches, Blue Rock Thrushes and a superb adult Golden Eagle.

Day 4

Monday 16th May

Dolno Cherkovitse to Pomorie via Madzharovo, Ljubimets, Topolovgrad, Elhovo, Sredets and Burgas

Sunny and warm with scattered cloud. Breezy in the afternoon

After another early morning session at Dolno Cherkovitse during which we saw a singing Barred Warbler and a couple of Sombre Tits we began the journey to the Black Sea coast. Our first stop was by some crags near Madzharovo where we enjoyed some fine views of a Peregrine, another Blue Rock Thrush, some Crag Martins and Red-rumped Swallows overhead, and a Black Stork fishing in the river. Next we stopped by a pretty wooded valley near Ljubimets and found two Hoopoes, a smart Ortolan Bunting, several Hawfinches and a superb pair of Masked Shrikes. From here we drove on through Topolovgrad, noting Susliks and Isabelline Wheatears en-route, to our lunch stop in an area where there are two active Imperial Eagle eyries. After lunch and a short wait we were rewarded with good flight views of these superb birds, including a spectacular, if distant, dogfight which we took to be the two males disputing the boundary between their territories.

In the afternoon we continued on across the rolling Thracian Plain noting a Lesser Spotted Eagle, a Long-legged Buzzard and a few Rollers as we proceeded and made a final stop at an oak wood near Sredets where we found an impressive male Green Lizard and managed glimpses of an elusive Olive-tree Warbler. We then travelled on through the bustling city of Burgas and arrived at our beachside hotel in Pomorie in the early evening and in good time to settle in before dinner.

Day 5

Tuesday 17th May

Pomorie and the Burgas area

Sunny and warm to mid-pm then overcast, and cool with a north-easterly breeze

An early morning walk to the salt pans near our hotel in Pomorie produced good views of Little and Sandwich Terns, Mediterranean Gulls, Avocets, Black-winged Stilts, Curlew Sandpipers and Kentish Plovers. After breakfast we set off to explore the lakes around Burgas city. These are major wetlands that support an exciting range of birds and during a very full and satisfying day we saw a huge range of species including White and Dalmatian Pelicans, Squacco, Night and Purple Herons, White-tailed Eagle, Marsh Harrier, Stone Curlew, Collared Pratincole, Little and Slender-billed Gulls, Whiskered, Black and White-winged Black Terns, Golden Oriole and Great Reed Warbler. This impressive tally was augmented with outstanding views of a pair of Penduline Tits building a nest and some visible migration that involved small numbers of Black Storks, Honey Buzzards and Lesser Spotted Eagles and a magnificent flock of around 150 White Storks rising on a thermal.

Day 6

Wednesday 18th May

Burgas to Kavarna via Pomorie Salt pans, Poroy, the Goritsa Forest, Varna and Balchick

Overcast and cool at first, becoming sunny and warm with a fresh north-easterly breeze

After another pre-breakfast session during which the early birders were rewarded with good views of several Black-necked Grebes and a migrant female Red-breasted Flycatcher, we left our hotel in Pomorie and began the drive north to Kavarna. We stopped at some reed-fringed pools to the north of town and enjoyed some lovely views of Purple and Squacco Herons, Marsh Harriers, Little Gulls and Black, Whiskered and Little Terns. As we absorbed this wonderful scene a Great Bittern treated us to a couple of close fly-pasts and a mighty Caspian Tern appeared and joined its diminutive relatives hawking over the water.

Further stops were made as the morning progressed, first at a lake near the village of Poroy where we were surrounded by Bee-eaters and noted a smart Long-legged Buzzard and a distant pair of Ruddy Shelducks, and then at the Irakli Valley where we saw a Lesser Spotted Eagle, a Roller, two Stonechats, a Lesser Grey Shrike and several Black-headed Buntings.

From here we continued our journey north through the eastern coastal extremity of the Balkan Ranges to our lunch stop at a restaurant near the Goritsa Forest. During a short post-lunch stroll in the forest itself we encountered a range of woodland species including a couple of Short-toed Treecreepers and several smart Semi-collared Flycatchers.

In the mid-afternoon we continued on through Varna and along the scenic Black Sea coast to some wooded cliffs near Balchick where we searched unsuccessfully for Eagle Owls. Alpine Swifts, Turtle Doves and a passing migrant Red-footed Falcon concluded the day here before we drove the short distance to our comfortable hotel at Kavarna.

Day 7

Thursday 19th May

Durankulak, Shabla, Kamen Briag and Kaliakra

Sunny and warm with scattered cloud and a north-easterly breeze

After breakfast and a brief male Collared Flycatcher from the hotel terrace we drove north across the Dobrudza Plain to Durankulak Lake just in from the sea and a little short of the Romanian border. Paddyfield Warblers were our main target here and almost immediately we were rewarded with superb views of at least three of these delightful little warblers sidling up the reed stems and singing vigorously. Great Reed and Savi's Warblers, a Bearded Tit and a Reed Bunting provided an impressive supporting cast and other notable birds during an enjoyable hour or so here included a few Purple Herons, several Ferruginous Ducks, a male Marsh Harrier and a smart male Red-footed Falcon.

At nearby Shabla Lake we found several Great Egrets, a pair of Grey Partridges and a Collared Pratincole and enjoyed wonderful views of Lesser Grey Shrikes, Black-headed Buntings, courting Golden Orioles and a migrant Thrush Nightingale. From here we drove on to our lunch stop at Kamen Briag, a superb area of cliff top steppe grassland covered in drifts of flowers and alive with singing Calandra Larks and handsome Pied Wheatears.

In the mid afternoon we proceeded to Kaliakra, a precipitous castle topped headland backed by more coastal steppe. Several more dashing Pied Wheatears flitted over the ancient ruins, Alpine Swifts cruised past at eye-level, a Red-breasted Flycatcher flicked around the bushes and offshore we saw Harbour Porpoises, Mediterranean Gulls, Black Sea Shags and a Black-throated Diver. Our last stop was back out on the steppe near the village of Balgarevo where we had good views of two Stone Curlews, singing Short-toed Larks and Tawny Pipits, a couple of Isabelline Wheatears and lots more Calandras.

Late in the evening we took a foray to the beautiful cliff-lined Bolata Valley. The pools here were full of raucous Marsh Frogs, a Little Bittern flew out of the reeds and a couple of Nightjars hawked along the lane, but our real target was Eagle Owl. Luck was with us and after a short wait we finished the day with our prize, huge and impressive, sitting on a crag on the skyline and then flying powerfully out sight in the gathering dusk. Wow!

Day 8**Friday 20th May**

Kavarna to Vetren via Dobric, Silistra, Srebarna Biosphere Reserve and the Danube shore

Sunny and very warm, with scattered cloud and a gentle breeze

Leaving Kavarna after breakfast we set off westwards across the wide-open Dobrudza Plain. We passed through Dobric, stopped briefly at a dry valley near Onogur where we saw Lesser Spotted Eagle, Honey Buzzard, Hoopoe and Icterine Warbler and made it to Srebarna in time for lunch. After our picnic we took a lengthy walk along a well set up trail overlooking the vast reed-beds, pools and riparian woodland of this superb reserve. A host of notable species during a wonderful afternoon's birding included dozens of mighty Dalmatian Pelicans, masses of Pygmy Cormorants, several Spoonbills, displaying Little Bitterns, a distant Red-necked Grebe, a couple of Glossy Ibis, good numbers of Ferruginous Ducks and Garganey and lots of Whiskered Terns. Golden Orioles flashed through the tree-tops, Penduline Tits wheezed in the poplars, Savi's Warblers buzzed from the reeds and Hobbies and Red-footed Falcons hawked overhead. From Srebarna we drove the short distance to the Danube at Vetren and finished the day enjoying a beer and looking across the river to Romania.

Day 9**Saturday 21st May**

Vetren to Kmetovtsi via Tutrakhan, Nova Cherna, Ruse, Oglava Chuka and Veliko Turnavo

Sunny and very warm with scattered cloud and a gentle breeze

We started the day with a walk to the river and saw a nice male Syrian Woodpecker, a couple of Black Redstarts, a few Hawfinches and a Kingfisher. With breakfast completed we left Vetren and its background chorus of Cuckoos, Nightingales and Golden Orioles and began our journey west along the Danube Valley. We made a short stop at Srebarna village pond where we got tantalisingly close to a calling Grey-headed Woodpecker and then at a wonderful Bee-eater colony in a roadside sand cliff near Tutrakan.

From here we proceeded to Nova Cherna Marsh and in a short space of time saw an exciting range of species that included Pygmy Cormorant, Purple Heron, Night Heron, Balkan Yellow Wagtail and Marsh Warbler. After that we drove on through Ruse and stopped for lunch at a beautiful wooded gorge near Orlova Chuka where our lunch time accompaniment included Long-legged Buzzard, Roller, Hoopoe, Alpine Swift and Red-rumped Swallow.

In the afternoon we continued on through Veliko Turnavo and up into the Balkan Ranges and our overnight stop at Kmetovtsi. We spent the late afternoon exploring the open-air folk museum at nearby Bojentsy. A Sombre Tit was a bonus here and a fitting way to end a satisfying day.

Day 10

Sunday 22nd May

Kmetovtsi to Sofia and back to the UK

Sunny and warm with scattered cloud

An early morning walk around the village concluded our Bulgarian birding in fine style with a singing Wryneck, several Cuckoos, two Barred Warblers, lots of Red-rumped Swallows and our last Red-backed Shrikes. Satisfied with this successful finale we returned to the hotel for breakfast and then began the journey back to Sofia.

Our route took us through another fine cross section of Bulgarian countryside and included a short stop at some meadows near Sopot where we heard two Corncrakes, the last addition to our Bulgarian bird list.

We arrived at the airport in good time, the check-in went smoothly, our flight departed on time and we all arrived safely back at Heathrow a few hours later.

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Species Lists

Birds (h = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	May										
			13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
1	Black-throated Diver	<i>Gavia arctica</i>								1			
2	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>						10		2	12		
3	Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegina</i>									1		
4	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>							7	1			
5	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>						1			10		
6	Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>				50	100's	20	100	35	5		
7	Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>							15				
8	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax pygmeus</i>						10			50	5	
9	White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>						30			2		
10	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>						20			40		
11	Great Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>							1				
12	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>								1	4		
13	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>				2	10	3			12	1	
14	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>					5				10	12	
15	Great White Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>			1					3	1		
16	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>				3	6	10			10	1	
17	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>			4	3	5	30	2	6	3	3	1
18	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>						1	2	6	5	1	
19	Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>							3		10	3	
20	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>									2	1	
21	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	5	12	15	30	150	5	1	20	85	5	
22	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>			5	4	5	5					
23	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>				25	45	12	4	5			
24	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>								15	2		
25	Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>				30	10	35	1				
26	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>							2			1	
27	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	8					8	2	3	2	4	

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			13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
28	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>					12	1		5		
29	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>						5		7	2	
30	Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>					40			20		
31	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>							6	100	5	
32	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>			4	1						
33	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>			70	12						
34	Black Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>			1							
35	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>				1						
36	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		1	3			1			1	
37	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	1				7	1	2	3		
38	Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		1	1	1				1		
39	Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>			5				2			
40	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	5	4	6	10	5	2	2	5	5	3
41	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>				3		1		2	1	
42	Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>		1	5		5			2	4	1
43	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>		1	1		1			1		
44	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus abicilla</i>					2					
45	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>			1							
46	Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>				4						
47	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>				2	3	1		1		
48	Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		1		1						
49	Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>		1	1		5			5	1	
50	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	1	1	6	6	2	1	1		2	1
51	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco verspertinus</i>					5	1	1	8		
52	Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>								2	3	
53	Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>							2			
54	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>						1h	1h			
55	Corncrake	<i>Crex crex</i>										2h
56	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>				1	4		1	2	1	
57	Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>				20	20	5	30	100	1	
58	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>					50	2				

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59	Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>					100's	100				
60	Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedichnemus</i>					2		3			
61	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>					3		1			
62	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>					5	1				
63	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>					1					
64	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>					8					
65	Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>				1	2	3		1	2	
66	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>						1				
67	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>					6	20				
68	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>					80	100				
69	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>						1				
70	Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>					1					
71	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>					1					
72	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>						1				
73	Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>					1					
74	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>					20	5	2	50		
75	Little Gull	<i>Larus minutus</i>					10	12				
76	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>					8	3	2			
77	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>					2					
78	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	40			20	100	100's	100		2	
79	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>				30	100's	50	20			
80	Caspian Tern	<i>Sterna caspia</i>						1				
81	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>					100	5		1		
82	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>					10	4				
83	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>					100	25		1		
84	White-winged Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>					1					
85	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>					25	50	1	100	5	
86	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	10				20	15	20	25	20	20
87	Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	3			1	3			2	2	
88	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		2		5	3	1	5	10	8	
89	Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		3	5	15		8	10	10	12	2

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			13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
90	Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	1	7	4	4	1	1	4	8	9	10
91	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>			1							
92	Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo bubo</i>							1			
93	Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>							2			
94	Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	40		25	100	100's	50	50			
95	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>		4	6							
96	Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>		120	50	20		10	20		10	
97	Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>			3		1			1	2	1
98	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>			1	4		2	2	4	5	
99	Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		6	25	15	50	100	50	20	100	
100	Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>		1		2		2		6	8	
101	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>		1h							1h	
102	Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>		1h	2h	1h		1h			1h	1h
103	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>		1	1	1	1		1	2	2	
104	Great-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>						1				
105	Middle-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>									1	
106	Lesser-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>								1h		
107	Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>									1h	2
108	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>			5	2						
109	Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>			3	6	3	2	5	2	3	2
110	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	3	2	4	10	5	5	10			
111	Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>						1	3			
112	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>				3		3	75			
113	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	30				5	1	20			
114	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	20	50	75	100	100	100	100	50	25	30
115	Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	20	30	20	30	100	50	250	50	30	5
116	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>	5	20	10	20			2		6	15
117	Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	2	20	25	25						
118	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		1h		1h						
119	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>							2			
120	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	3	6	5	4	2	2	5	1	3	2

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121	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	1	10								3	3
122	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	3				3	2		2		5	
123	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	1h	2h									
124	Thrush Nightingale	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>					1		3				
125	Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	3	8	15	12	3	3	25	15	12	6	
126	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		3	1				1	1	4		
127	Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>						2					
128	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	1		2								
129	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		4	1			1	1		3	1	
130	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>			1		1		1				
131	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>		1	2	8		6	4				
132	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>			2	1							
133	Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>							15	1			
134	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>			2	2							
135	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	1	6	8	5	1	1	3	8	5	2	
136	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	2						2	3	5	3	
137	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		2				2	1	1			
138	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>					1		2	2	1		
139	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>					1h						
140	Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>						3	1	2	1		
141	Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>									4		
142	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>					8	1	15	12	10		
143	Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>							4				
144	Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>						1		2			
145	Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Hippolais pallida</i>	1		2	2	5	5		2			
146	Olive-Tree Warbler	<i>Hippolais olivetorum</i>				1+1h							
147	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>			1	2	1	1	3	2		1	
148	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>		2					2	3	3		
149	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>			1								
150	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>		1	4								
151	Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>	1	2	1	2				2	2	2	

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152	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		2				1		3	4	5	1
153	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>							1h		1h		
154	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>								5		3	
155	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		7	5	1			1			3	1
156	Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapillus</i>	1	2									
157	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		1	1	1		1	1	2		1	
158	Semi-collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula semitorquata</i>							6			1	
159	Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>								1			
160	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>							1	4			
161	Bearded Tit	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>								2			
162	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		2		1					1		2
163	Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>						2			3	2	
164	Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>			2	2						1	1
165	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>									1		
166	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>	1	3									
167	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		6	8	7		8		4	4	5	4
168	Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>			1	2			2			1	
169	Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>			1								
170	Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>							2				
171	Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>		3									
172	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>							1				
173	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		6h								1h	1h
174	Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>		4									
175	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>		3	1	1		4	3	30	1	1	1
176	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		3	10	5			3			1	
177	Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>				2							
178	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		1	4	10		20	7	8	10	15	12
179	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	1	5	3	4			3	3	6	10	2
180	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	8	10	1	6		20	10	12	20	20	4
181	Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>		1									
182	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>								1	50		3

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183	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus corone cornix</i>	10	20	2	10	10	6	3	1	2	
184	Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	10	20	30	50	50	30	50	100	25	15
185	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		4	8	1					1	5
186	Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		2	3	4	5	3	30	15	12	6
187	Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	20	40	50	70	50	50	100's	100	100	50
188	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	10	50	50	50	50	30	20	25	30	25
189	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>		5	10	50	100	50	30	20		
190	Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	3	4	5	8	15	5	15	15	20	15
191	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	1	10	10	6		15		3	5	
192	Serín	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		5								
193	Linnet	<i>Acanthis cannabina</i>			1	5			2			
194	Siskin	<i>Carduelis spinus</i>		2								
195	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	2	5	10	5	10	10	6	8	8	5
196	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>		5	5	5	10	2	5	5	2	
197	Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	2									
198	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>			2	8		6	10	8	8	1
199	Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>		25								
200	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>			4	2						
201	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>		1				1		2		
202	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>			1	5				3	1	
203	Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>							1			
204	Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>		2	2	25	10	10	10		1	
205	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	4	30	50	100	30	25	50	10	12	10

Mammals

Red Fox, Harbour Porpoise, Roe Deer, Suslik and Brown Hare

Amphibians and Reptiles

Marsh Frog, Tree Frog (heard only), Common Green Lizard, Balkan Green Lizard, Common Wall Lizard, Balkan Wall Lizard, Spur-thighed Tortoise, Hermann's Tortoise, European Pond Terrapin and Grass Snake.

Butterflies

Included – Scarce Swallowtail, Eastern Wood White, Orange Tip, Clouded Yellow, Brimstone, Green Hairstreak, Common Blue, Adonis Blue, Brown Argus, Small Copper, Common Glider, Small Tortoiseshell, Comma, Knapweed Fritillary, Wall Brown, Small Heath, Gatekeeper, Dingy Skipper and Grizzled Skipper.

Other Notable Invertebrates

Included – Field Cricket, Ascalaphid, Garden Tiger Moth, Violet Carpenter Bee and Rose Chafer