

Bulgaria in Spring

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Black-headed Bunting



Wallcreeper



Pied Wheatear



Egyptian Vulture

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Having reluctantly departed we just had to walk over the Roman Bridge near Dospat, but it was also a good birding spot where we saw Purple Heron and Ortolan Bunting. The wonderful scenery became even more spectacular as we approached the Trigrad Gorge, where the hoped-for Wallcreepers did not disappoint. Males were chasing one another and a male was singing to a nearby female just above our heads was simply breathtaking, and probably the best subject of the week for Mark's camera.

After a refreshment stop in Shiroka Laka, our next significant birding was at Stoykite where 3 calling Corncrakes were a surprise and a Sombre Tit was most obliging. On reaching the town of Kuzdjali we walked across the bridge crossing the river, giving us our first views of Pygmy Cormorants. A huge thunderstorm erupted as we filled up with fuel but when it had subsided and the sun re-emerged as we approached Rudna, the birding was brilliant with our first Golden Orioles, Black-headed Buntings, Isabelline Wheatears, Woodlarks and Syrian Woodpecker. On the rest of the journey a total of 7 Little Owls were seen on roofs in various villages, and Scops Owls ended our day at the Hotel Rai with two brief sightings after dinner, but mainly obvious because of their vocal duetting.

Day 3

Sunday 13th May

Fine all day - Max. 23°C

We had a superb cacophonous start to the day before breakfast with Golden Orioles everywhere, and two wonderful sightings of the many singing Nightingales. Turtle Doves and Bee-eaters enhanced the scene, while a singing Eastern Bonelli's Warbler and a Middle-spotted Woodpecker whet the birding palate.

Subsequently we stopped at a Rock Nuthatch site, seen also later in the evening, for that species and a briefly seen Subalpine Warbler. Not much further on we were able to see our first Griffon Vultures, 2 Long-legged Buzzards and a Lesser Spotted Eagle. We then took a position on a hill opposite the vulture feeding station. As well as the two species of vulture, Sombre Tit, a few Black Storks, a very obliging Short-toed Lark are much enjoyed while everyone gets covered with Processionary Moth Caterpillars – some remain undetected for several hours! Our last major stop of the day was fairly speculative but as well as Black-headed Bunting, 2 Hobbies, some Black Storks, 2 Black Vultures drifted slowly by. Then back to the hotel for dinner.

Day 4

Monday 14th May

Early morning low cloud, otherwise a fine but not very hot day (max 24°C)

The early morning walk was less productive than yesterday under low cloud. Nonetheless we had very close views of Hawfinch, the Eastern Bonelli's Warbler was still showing, and the usual noisy background of bird song made it very worthwhile.

On leaving Hotel Rai we moved only a few kilometres to Kovan Kaya. Here we added only Peregrine to the list as it drove a Griffon Vulture out of its territory. However superb views of Egyptian Vulture, at least 4 Blue Rock Thrushes, Ortolan Bunting, a Long-legged Buzzard on a riverside willow, Honey Buzzard and three species of hirundines (none was a Barn Swallow) collecting mud from a puddle made for a memorable stop. Our next stop was near Borislavsti where 3 Black Kites and a rather brief view of a displaying Barred Warbler were the highlights.

A shallow gorge near Yerusalemovo was another thrilling stop where probably 3 Olive-tree Warblers were trying to set up territory in dispute with an Orphean Warbler ... and of course there were 3 Masked Shrikes there as well! Even our picnic stop was full of birds – as well as spring water – our first Stonechat, 3 species of Shrike, Cirl Bunting and 2 Woodlarks dust-bathing accompanied our enjoyment of the wild Strawberries and yoghurts we had for pudding!

A stop at Topolovograd to enjoy Susliks enabled us to see 6 Isabelline Wheaters and a distant Imperial Eagle. Nearer to Sinapora we were able to see the nest of the nearest pair of this magnificent raptor, and nearby a dark phase Booted Eagle gave us a lengthy display which appeared to have been choreographed by the tour company! En route to Bourgas we enjoyed Marsh Harrier and, as a result of a stop to see what turned out to be a Black Stork, a male Montagu's Harrier and the first Calandra Larks.

On into Bourgas proper we stopped near the 'wader hole' on Atanasovsko Lake because the light was so favourable. 140 of each of Little Stint and Curlew Sandpiper, most in superb summer plumage could only be topped by a Broad-billed Sandpiper, before we moved on to our hotel in Pomorie for an enjoyable meal, and live music.

Day 5

Tuesday 15th May

Fine early, but intermittent heavy rain later (max 24°C)

Our early morning walk produced little new until we looked at the lagoon full of Sandwich Terns – here a few Mediterranean Gulls and Little Terns were nice to see. Our first proper Bourgas Lake stop, at Lake Vaya, saw 4 White-winged Black Terns, 20 or so Black Terns, 6 Spoonbills and both species of Pelican – Dalmatian and White – seen very well. A couple of Night Herons drifting close by were almost ignored. Only a little further on, we touched the eastern edge of Lake Mandra. The most extraordinary sight here were large Cormorant colonies in the huge electricity pylons, but Great White Egrets, Purple and Night Herons midst a swirl of Swifts and hirundines distracted us sufficiently. Other highlights at various stops round Lake Mandra were two White-tailed Eagles, 3 drake Garganey, 2 Gull-billed Terns, and watching Great Reed Warblers singing. However it was the sheer number of variety of birds which was the real highlight.

A storm had been brewing from not long after noon, and about an hour later it hit in earnest. We ate our picnic in a friendly café where we bought both beer and coffee, while it hammered down outside. A brief respite lulled us into a false sense of security and we ventured out of the bus (having seen a flock of Glossy Ibis during the rain) around 3.30 pm and were drenched. Retreating to our hotel, the weather relented and we were able to have an excellent spell at Pomorie Lagoon where Turnstone and a spectacular Slender-billed Gull were new species with 700 Sandwich Terns for company. The Avocet chucks were also a big hit! Then back to the hotel for a pre-dinner and pre-live music species log, followed by a relaxing evening.

Day 6

Wednesday 16th May

Rain early, but improved later (max 22°C)

Our plan was for no pre-breakfast walk, but an early departure north and several planned stops after a few kilometres was thwarted by heavy rain.

However what we could see of the saltpans suggested we missed little because rising water levels after so much rain made them less conducive to waders. So we continued onwards and the gods relented with fine weather when we stopped at Pirov. The view over the valley contained the hoped-for Ruddy Shelducks, over a dozen Black Storks, a Great White Egret, Honey Buzzards overhead with the usual accompaniment of Hoopoes, Golden Orioles and many Bee-eaters.

Taking advantage of the break in the weather we stopped in some nearby open woodland, where a Little Owl watched us suspiciously from the only building nearby. A family party of the many Hawfinches around displayed the differences between juveniles and the undoubtedly more attractive adults. All the birds present were eclipsed by a flock of 6-700 White Pelicans which flew over us in spectacular waves! We then headed further north and while our pleasant coffee stop and walk into scrubby woodlands yielded nothing new on the bird front, some new and attractive flowers were in evidence, and the butterfly list also grew.

Our lunch stop was simply superb –the soup and stuffed courgette resulted in nothing but empty bowls and plates. Just a couple of kilometres further on in Goritsa Forest we stopped and within a short distance saw our first, of five, semi-collared Flycatchers. The other main target of the lengthy walk proved more difficult, not because of absence, but the Short-toed Treecreepers here seem to always stay very high. An excellent stop...

Subsequently having driven through Varna without significant delay, the rain which had held off until now, suggested we should simply go to our family-run guesthouse and on arrival and during the splendid dinner this received a huge thumbs-up from the group. No rain tomorrow – we hope.

Day 7

Thursday 17th May

A fine and sunny day (max 25°C)

Our first task was to look over the superb wooded valley outside the guest house in the hope of seeing Levant Sparrowhawk. However this and the subsequent walk proved less than full of birds, albeit under blue skies. On the other hand, after breakfast and while loading the bus, 3 Levant Sparrowhawks showed superbly, sitting quite happily in full view, but with enough flying about to appreciate them in that mode.

When we were underway our first multi-viewed from the bus, Roller, near Ezerets, was eschewed in anticipation of better views subsequently. Lake Durankulak was our first major objective and did not disappoint. Superb views of both Savi's and Paddyfield Warbler, (or Taffyfield Warbler as it was renamed for Dave L) were the main requirements, both of which were met. Great Reed Warblers were easy to see; four species for Heron were available as were good numbers of Ferruginous Ducks and both Whiskered and White-winged Black Terns. Just before we got back on the bus a Syrian Woodpecker proved obliging.

In the area around Shabla at least 9 Lesser Grey Shrikes and 3 Rollers enthralled us as we walked amongst splendid flowers. Our next stop was near the cliff tops at Kamen Briag where Calandra Larks and Pied Wheatears were plentiful and a Tawny Pipit song-flighted. The latter two species were also evident at Cape Kaliakra, where in a spectacular setting we also saw migrating Honey Buzzards and over 70 Yelkouan Shearwaters, many of which were sitting on the sea.

In the early evening we walked through Bolata Valley where several flights by Little Bittern were the highlight until a Barred Warbler was seen moving clumsily through the bushes at close range by most of the group. Not content with that just a couple of kilometres from our hotel we watched Stone-Curlews in the same view as Isabelline Wheatears while Short-toed Larks sang overhead. A great end to a great day ... followed by an excellent dinner, helped down by excellent wine!

Day 8

Friday 18th May

A fine day (max 24°C)

We omitted the pre-breakfast walk, which allowed us to leave early and go to view the cliffs at Topola. Even Rick couldn't jinx this trip and at his 21st attempt connected with a superb Eagle Owl sitting fully out in daylight – a magnificent start!! We then took a walk down a beautiful dry valley at first with just the ever-present Golden Orioles and Nightingales for albeit wonderful company. However eventually we saw a pair of Booted Eagles jousting with a Lesser Spotted Eagle augmented three species of Buzzard. A Ruddy Shelduck flying by was a surprise but a Wryneck showed only fleetingly.

For much of the day we visited various points and walked sections of track around the superb Srebarna Reserve: home to breeding Dalmatian Pelicans which were constantly in view. Indeed there was never a moment without at least one notable bird in the air, whether Squacco or Purple Heron, Glossy Ibis, Spoonbill or Pygmy Cormorant. A small passage of Honey Buzzards was taking place, the occasional Hobby drifted past, and both Red-necked and Black-necked Grebe were in summer finery. A Syrian Woodpecker performed delightfully and most saw at least one Penduline Tit, the amazing nest of which we saw several old examples and one in current use. It was only a short hop to our Vetren guest house, or rather houses, where we were wonderfully accommodated – and wined and dined.

Day 9

Saturday 19th May

Heavy rain until mid-morning, intermittent rain subsequently

A sensational thunderstorm erupted at around 2 am and continued, with a few breaks until mid-morning! A few hardy souls ventured forth at 7 am and were driven back after about 15 minutes. Fortunately one of the breaks in the weather came for us to load the luggage and on leaving Vetren over 20 Turtle Doves and 2 Rollers were seen from the bus. Taking advantage of a break in the weather, we made a stop at a different part of Srebarna Reserve where several Rollers contrasted with the fabulous yellow of the Orioles and the Bee-eater count was thought to have passed the 1000 mark.

We made two stops near Malak Preslavets. The second provided us with a splendid new shelter to watch the colony of 50 pairs of Whiskered Terns nesting on the lily pads. Several Night Herons were flying around or semi-roosting on the edge of the lake. Kingfishers were new for the trip but then Karen scored a real beauty for us all – and not the first one – a Black Woodpecker which gave us two good views. Our next stop was at Nova Cherna Fishponds. In just light rain a Marsh Warbler performed superbly in full view, while Great Reed Warblers were plentiful and an adult male Little Bitten sat in the top of a large bush. A deluge then forced a retreat to the van! A coffee stop 20 minutes down the road was very welcome.

About an hour later, having abandoned all thoughts of an outdoor picnic, a Turkish-run truck stop provided an absolutely excellent and interesting lunch with plenty of choice – a really fortunate piece of timing. Our last stop was to provide a significant architectural and historical interlude, to stretch the legs and in good weather see some birds. Crag Martins sailed above, Black Redstarts and Grey Wagtails flitted about, and then through a large glass-less window in the old building Rod spotted a Black Woodpecker and screamed Black Woodpigeon at Ron! The bird was less than 50 m away trying to demolish a tree. 15 minutes later it was still at it, as we sauntered happily back to the bus enjoying two families of Tree Sparrows being fed by their parents at nest holes just 3 feet above the ground and only a few feet from us. What a fabulous stop seem to have had a less than happy ending when Luibo found that his multi-functional glasses hanging round his neck had lost a lens. The team disembarked to search the whole site and David N came up trumps ... hoorah!

The rain again eased to allow our luggage to be unloaded at our hotel in Umetovtsi and the uniformed staff who emerged suggested a slightly different style of establishment. Dinner was excellent and many of the group kept at least one eye on the Champions League final...

Day 10

Sunday 20th May

Calm and fine, becoming warm - 21°C

... which given extra time and penalties (Chelsea won), had some affect on the attendance at the 6.30 am walk, so top marks to Paul who saw the whole match AND was up for the walk. The stroll confirmed that soon we would be missing all these Orioles, Shrikes and Nightingales. Those who stayed in bed did not miss the Black Woodpecker while the luggage was being loaded.

We made just two stops en route for Sophia. The first was at a huge beautiful flower-filled meadow near Sopot, which also produced a Barred Warbler - and the second stop was for coffee! There were sad farewells for Bobby and Luibo and we left Mike and Bente to their sightseeing in Sophia. All went smoothly in checking in for our flight back to the UK.

A great group; a great trip; thank you all!

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Species List

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

	Common name	Scientific name	May										
			11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
1	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>									1		
2	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>		2			20			3	20	4	
3	Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>									1		
4	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>					1			3	1	1	
5	Mediterranean Shearwater	<i>Puffinus Yelkouan</i>								75			
6	Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
7	Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>								13			
8	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax pygmeus</i>		12			2			60	✓	6	
9	White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>					50	650			3		
10	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>					20				70		
11	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>								2		1	
12	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>					1			3	40	3	
13	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>					3			1	8	7	
14	Great White Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>					6	1			2		
15	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		3		3	10	1		5	20	3	
16	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		1	5	1	✓	✓			✓	✓	
17	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		1			2			1	12		
18	Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>				8	10				20		
19	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>					7				30		
20	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	2	50	✓	✓
21	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	1		5	2			14				
22	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>				1	✓	✓			✓		
23	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>									1		
24	Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>				6	✓	1	1				
25	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>							18		1		
26	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	1	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	

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			11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
27	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>					6			10	2	
28	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>					3			1		
29	Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>					2			20	12	
30	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>					1		14	40	4	
31	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>			6	2						
32	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>			40	10						
33	Black Vulture	<i>Aegyptius monachus</i>			2							
34	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>				5				1		
35	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>						1				
36	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>				2	10	3	4	2		
37	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>				2						
38	Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>			1	1		1				
39	Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>							3			
40	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		4	✓	✓
41	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>		1	4	3		1		1		
42	Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>			1	1		2	8	20		
43	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>				1				2		
44	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>					1					
45	Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>			1	2						
46	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>			1			1		2		
47	Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>			3	2		1	1	6	3	
48	Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>				1						
49	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		1
50	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco verspertinus</i>								1		
51	Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>									1	
52	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>			h							
53	Corncrake	<i>Crex crex</i>		3								
54	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>					✓		1	✓	1	
55	Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		1		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	

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			11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
56	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>				2	20	✓				
57	Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>				30	✓	✓				
58	Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>							2			
59	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			1		8	1	2			
60	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>				1	3					
61	Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>				1	2	1	1			
62	Broad-billed Sandpiper	<i>Limicola falcinellus</i>				1						
63	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>				2						
64	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>				130	4					
65	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>				140	4					
66	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>				4			2			
67	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>							2			
68	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		2								
69	Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>					1					
70	Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>					✓			1		
71	Little Gull	<i>Larus minutus</i>								1		
72	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>					6		25			
73	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Larus genei</i>					1					
74	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>		3	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
75	Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>					600	✓	2			
76	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>					2					
77	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>		2		26	✓	3	✓	✓		
78	Little Tern	<i>Sterna albifrons</i>				2	✓					
79	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>					20					
80	White-winged Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>					4		5			
81	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>				30	2		2	✓	80	
82	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
83	Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>				1		1	2	5	10	
84	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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			11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
85	Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		h	3	12			1	25	20	20	
86	Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	2	h	h	2	h	h	h	2	✓	✓	✓
87	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>		7	1				2				
88	Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>		2	h	h				h			
89	Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo bubo</i>									1		
90	Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
91	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	✓	✓									
92	Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>		2	12	✓				20	✓		
93	Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>										2	
94	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		2	5	3			4	10	10	2	
95	Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	4	10	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
96	Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>							1	5	5	8	
97	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>										2	1
98	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>									2h		
99	Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>			4								
100	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>		1						1	1		
101	Great-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		h	2	1					1		1
102	Middle-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>			1								
103	Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	h								2		
104	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>		2	h	2			3				
105	Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>			1	✓	2	✓	✓				
106	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>			h	✓	3	✓	✓				
107	Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>			1					7			
108	Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>				12				50			
109	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>								2			
110	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
111	Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
112	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	1	2	1		
113	Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓							

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			11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
114	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>								2		
115	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
116	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	4	3	1	1					4	1
117	Black-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla (flava) feldegg</i>		2		4	h			4		
118	Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>		h	4	h	1	h	h	h	h	1
119	Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		1	h				h	h		
120	Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>				2						
121	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		1								
122	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	1	3				h			3	1
123	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>			1		1	2	6			
124	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>		2		6			7			
125	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>			1	1						
126	Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>							12			
127	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	1		1	5						
128	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
129	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	1	✓	3	2		2	2	1	✓	✓
130	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		1	1							
131	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>				1						
132	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>							2	3h		
133	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>				h	h					
134	Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>					6		h			
135	Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>									1	
136	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>				h	6+		15	h	6	
137	Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>							1+h			
138	Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Hippolais pallida</i>			1	2	2		1			
139	Olive-Tree Warbler	<i>Hippolais olivetorum</i>				3						
140	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>			6	3		1	1	1	1	1
141	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>								3		
142	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>			1							

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			11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
143	Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>				2						
144	Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>				1			1			1
145	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	2		h	3		2	h	2	h	h
146	Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	h	h	h	h		h		1		h
147	Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>			1	1						
148	Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapillus</i>		h								
149	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		1	1			2	2	2	2	1
150	Semi-collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula semitorquata</i>						5				
151	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>						1				
152	Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>				1				3		
153	Sombre Tit	<i>Parus lugubris</i>		1	2							
154	Marsh Tit	<i>Parus palustris</i>		h								
155	Crested Tit	<i>Parus cristatus</i>		1								
156	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>		✓								
157	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	3	2	✓	✓
158	Blue Tit	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>			1			2	1		2	1
159	Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>			1							
160	Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>			1			1			11	
161	Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>		3								
162	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>			h			2				
163	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		h	h							
164	Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>	2									
165	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>		1	1	1			20	1		
166	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		1	5	15		5	6			1
167	Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>				4						
168	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
169	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	2	2	3	3	2	1	6	4	✓	2
170	Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
171	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>								2		

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172	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus corone cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
173	Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
174	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>			7	4		h			1	5
175	Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	1	3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
176	Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
177	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
178	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
179	Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	2		1	1	4		3	✓	✓	✓
180	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
181	Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		1								
182	Linnet	<i>Acanthis cannabina</i>							7			
183	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		2	2	4		4	✓	2	✓	
184	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>		2		3	1	2	3	1		
185	Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>		h								
186	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>		2	8	1		✓	2	2		
187	Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>		20								
188	Corn Bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
189	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>	1	2								
190	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>			2+h	4						
191	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	2	2				1	1			
192	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>		1	h	1						h
193	Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>							2			
194	Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>		2	5	8	3	1	10			

Butterflies

Swallowtail	Scarce Swallowtail	Eastern Festoon	Eastern Bath White	Orange Tip
Clouded Yellow	Brimstone	Wood white sp.	Green Hairstreak	Sooty Copper
Small Copper	Silver-studded Blue	Common Blue	Sothorn White Admiral	Small Tortoiseshell
Painted Lady	Cardinal	Queen of Spain Fritillary	Glanville Fritillary	Large Wall Brown
Small Heath	Chestnut Heath	Grizzled Skipper		

Mammals

European Hare	Roe Deer	Badger +	Short-tailed Vole sp.	Suslik
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Reptiles & Amphibians

Spur-thighed Tortoise	Common Pond Terrapin	Grass Snake +	Balkan Green Lizard	Fire-bellied Toad
Marsh Frog	Greek Stream Frog	Common Toad		

Other invertebrates

Nimoptera sinuata