

Bulgaria's Dragonflies

Naturetrek Tour Report

20th – 28th June 2025



Bladetail



Blue-eyed Goldenring



Wallcreeper



Robust Spreadwing

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Day 1

Friday 20th June

With just a very short delay to our flight from Stansted, we very quickly made up the time, and landed slightly early. Dansko was waiting for us in the arrivals hall, and we were very soon on our way to a nearby lake to start our search for Bulgarian odonata. Straight away, we were looking at numerous Blue Featherlegs, a species we saw on most days. There were also plenty of Black-tailed Skimmers and Broad Scarlets to admire. It was also good to see several Lesser Emperors flying over the lake, and a mating pair landed just by us. Unfortunately, they took flight before we could get any photos. Large Red-eye damselflies were also very evident, and a Variable Bluet was caught, so we could see the differences from the version we get at home. A pair of Penduline Tits was also found, as well as their nest hanging from a willow; it was blowing around in the windy conditions.

We then had a short drive to a river on the outskirts of Sofia, where we were able to see Banded Demoiselle; those in Bulgaria have a much broader band than the British form. We then travelled towards our first hotel in Koprivshtitza, stopping first in a delightful meadow which was full of butterflies. Many Black-veined Whites were here, as well as Lesser Fiery Copper. A Twin-spot Fritillary and several Balkan Coppers were very vivid. However, the main attraction here was the rare Ornate Bluet. We were very fortunate to see several of these, although the wind did make photography a little tricky. Other attractions were Black-veined Moths, a Common Glider and a stunning Owl-fly.

Day 2

Saturday 21st June

A gentle stroll around the small town of Koprivshtitza before breakfast gave us several Serins and Black Redstarts, along with two Red-rumped Swallows among the numerous hirundines. Once on the road, our first stop was a meadow by a large lake. Here we saw Southern Darter, Ruddy Darter and Black-tailed Skimmer. Butterfly highlights included another very fresh Lesser Fiery Copper, Scarce Swallowtails and Queen of Spain Fritillaries. All of these were enjoyed as we listened to the sounds of Golden Orioles, Turtle Doves and Nightingales.

Our next stop was by the River Maritza where Eastern Bath Whites showed well. Small Pincertails were also seen here, along with Small Red-eye and Keeled Skimmer.

We had lunch by a small reservoir. Here we found Great Banded Grayling, a species we would see many times during our tour. Several Sloe Hairstreaks were also here, along with five Comma larvae on some small Elm saplings. Small Blue-tail was a good find as well, although even better was the orange form of the female: an absolutely beautiful insect. A Dainty Bluet was also found here, the first of several seen throughout the trip.

Our final target of the day was the odd, but amazing Odalisque. This insect likes the very cool waters coming down off the mountains. We also saw our first Eastern Spectre and an elderly female Bulgarian Emerald. Despite her advanced age, she was still a beautiful sight in the sunshine.

Day 3

Sunday 22nd June

An early morning walk to the nearby riverbank was extremely successful, turning up a roosting Eastern Bath White and Eastern Festoon. A pair of Black Storks were hunting down in the river, and it was clear that they were catching plenty of prey. Once back at the hotel, we opened up the moth trap. The best catch was actually outside the trap, in the form of a wonderful Spurge Hawk-moth.

On the road, our first stop was by a very productive stream, along which we first had to walk, upstream, to reach some woodland. The field we were in held what seemed like hundreds of Great Banded Graylings, as well as more Lesser Fiery Coppers and some Grecian Coppers. Once we reached the woodland, we were soon seeing the target species: Balkan Emerald. These rarely settled and were a real challenge to photograph in flight, especially in the shaded area. However, we did see one newly-emerged individual which had just climbed out of its exuvium.



Little Tiger Blue



Balkan Copper



Poplar Admiral



Southern White Admiral

Our next stop was at a very small reservoir, which was in danger of totally drying out following the dry spring. Here, we were pleased to see the Robust Spreadwing in small numbers, as well as Eastern Rock Grayling. On the short walk we also managed to see a Yellow Banded Skipper.

After a superb lunch in a small restaurant, we moved on to another small reservoir near Pelevun, which held Dainty Bluet, Blue-eye and some freshly-emerging Eastern Willow Spreadwings. Spotted Fritillary, Marbled Fritillary and Mallow Skippers were also found here.

Our final target of the day was a search for both Turkish and Blue-eyed Goldenring dragonflies. Both were seen from a road bridge, including a female Blue-eyed ovipositing into the water below us. Eventually, we saw one settle

on some nearby foliage, which allowed us to get some photographs. We also struck lucky, as we headed back to the van, when a Map butterfly was spotted. We all managed to get some nice photographs of it.

After a lovely evening meal, we all heard the local Eurasian Scops Owl calling near the hotel, a sound that went on for most of the night!

Day 4

Monday 23rd June

A similar pre-breakfast walk to the riverbank today was excellent, with some of the group getting brief, but stunning views of two Golden Orioles. Even better was a Lesser Grey Shrike, busily catching and eating some very large crickets.

Once on the road, and heading higher up towards our next hotel in the mountains, near Smolian Lakes, we had five stops on the way. Highlights included Balkan Emerald, Blue and Green-eyed Hawk, Blue-eye and the Western Willow Spreadwing, a scarce species in Bulgaria. Butterflies included good numbers of Eastern Festoon and Queen of Spain Fritillaries, along with Purple-shot Copper and Latticed Brown.

Once at the lakes in the mountains, we saw the Spearhead Bluet and the day's rarest find, the Dark Spreadwing. Bright-eyed Ringlet, Marsh Fritillary and Green-underside Blue were also great additions to the growing butterfly list.

We then moved to our very idyllic hotel, which had a wonderful wildflower meadow in front of it, holding many butterfly and moth species.

Day 5

Tuesday 24th June

An early morning exploration of the meadows resulted in a roosting Balkan Copper and several Black-veined Moths. Later, when the sun reached the Balkan Copper, we enjoyed watching the butterfly open his wings to show off the incredible colours of his upperwings. He was not alone either, as a couple more males and a female Balkan Copper were also found. Both species of Pearl-bordered Fritillaries were also seen here. The Small Pearl-bordered were extremely fresh, although the Pearl-bordered were beginning to show their age.

Our main hope today was to see the magnificent Wallcreepers in the Trigrad Gorge. Eventually, a couple were seen at distance on the other side of the gorge. After being entertained by several Idas Blues, one of our group spotted a pair of Wallcreepers on *our* side of the gorge, just across the road! We couldn't believe how close we were to these sought-after birds. They seemed to be returning to just one area, and probably had a nest in the face of the gorge. Many photographs were taken during the twenty minutes during which we were watching them. It was a very memorable moment which none of us are likely to forget!

We drove a short distance along the road to a small restaurant that specialises in Trout. We all enjoyed a stunning meal before moving on further, although, as we got into the van, an Apollo flew past. This was the first Apollo we had seen on the trip, and some of us chased after it and managed to get some photographs before it flew away.

We then walked along a track into a wooded area. Here we saw several Heath Fritillaries, Chequered Skippers, Broad-bordered Bee Hawk-moths and hundreds of Idas Blues getting minerals and salts on the track. As it was now getting quite hot, some of the group decided to rest in the shade, while the others went further along the track. Here, just by a small ford over the river, two Poplar Admirals suddenly appeared. Although one vanished quickly, the other one flew around us for a while, before settling on the edge of the flowing river. It was an amazing sight, seeing a near perfect Poplar Admiral with the wings wide open. With Wallcreepers and Poplar Admiral, it was certainly a very special day.



Dainty Bluet



Odalisque



Small Pincertail



Small Bluetail (immature female)

Day 6

Wednesday 25th June

Our new hotel had the benefit of an amazing view stretching all the way to Greece. It also had a flock of Crossbills in the garden in front of the hotel, which kept us entertained before breakfast. A pair of Heath Fritillaries had also been found at roost, which gave some nice photo opportunities for some, as they opened their wings in the early morning sunshine.

We were soon on the road again, this time to Popovi Livadi, to hunt out the Balkan and Sombre Goldenrings. Both were found quite quickly, and we all had close fly-by views of these large dragonflies. We also had a couple of Apollos, which gave great views as they nectared on the flowers in a meadow. A female Spotted Fritillary was then seen, which was clearly looking for somewhere to lay her eggs. She was seen going under a leaf, where she stayed for several minutes without moving. In the end, we left her to it, but on the walk back we checked the leaf, and found over seventy eggs had been laid.

As the heat of the day started to take its toll on us, and the insects, we headed for a forest. On the approach to the forest, there were many butterflies taking minerals from the damp track. Most of them were male blues, including Amanda's, Meleager's and Long-tailed; The Hermit and Delattin's Grayling were also seen there. In the forest itself, several Silver-washed Fritillaries were busy flying along the rides. A mating pair of Silver-washed Fritillaries was also seen, the female being of the very smart *valezina* form. Both Balkan and Sombre Goldenrings were also seen at this site, along with the very strange Sinuated Spoonwing.

Day 7

Thursday 26th June

Today was the day that we ventured over the border into Greece. Here we hoped to see two species of clubtail, as well as the amazing Bladetail. As we approached Lake Kerkini, a Great Reed Warbler was singing loudly. A Squacco Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, Purple Herons and many egrets and Spoonbills were seen. We found our first Lang's Short-tailed Blue just before we drove to the corner of the lake, where Dancho knew there was a chance of the Bladetail. It wasn't long before he spotted the first Bladetail, and we all had splendid, close views. Unfortunately, the clubtails were not so forthcoming, possibly due to the breezy conditions along the river.

We did however, have a bonus species, when Dansko found a newly-emerged Vagrant Emperor. Although it stayed hidden in the reeds, it did fly and settle in a clearer area so we could get a few photos. Whilst we were watching this, we also had our first Southern White Admiral of the trip. After leaving the lake, we headed up a little higher to a small restaurant for a relaxing lunch. This was followed by a walk around a small lake, with a great view of Kerkini Lake. As we headed back to the van, a pair of Little Tiger Blues was found.

Day 8

Friday 27th June

With the temperature reaching 40°C, it was decided not to travel too far today. We still had some odonata species to try for, so before the temperature got too high, we went to a small reservoir, where we hoped to find the lovely Violet Dropwing and the tiny Black Pennant. Although we found the Violet Dropwing straight away, it was the only one we saw. However, there were plenty of Black Pennants. Two Bladetails were also seen here, having been discovered at this site for the first time by a previous Naturetrek tour. Our next stop was on an even smaller reservoir, where the target was Spotted Darter. After a very careful search, a few were found. It appeared that they had only just started to emerge, as all of them were extremely fresh.

As the temperature increased, the insects went into hiding, so we retreated to another woodland stream. Here we found a superb Small Pincertail and a Swallowtail. Some of the group decided to shelter near the van, while others headed a little further into the woodland. Just as we decided to turn back, an extremely fresh Southern White Admiral appeared. Fortunately, it kept settling at chest height in the bushes, giving a fantastic photo opportunity.

Day 9

Saturday 28th June

There had been a very heavy thunderstorm on our final night, which actually took out the power from the hotel for a couple of hours. However, the air was much fresher following the storm. Our first stop was at a small layby, where we were hoping for some good views of Bee-eaters. Unfortunately, these didn't show, but an Oberthür's Grizzled Skipper was enjoying the dampness of the path.

On our drive to the river, for our final search for a Clubtail, we were delighted to see a Roller hunting from the telegraph wires. At the river, we could once again not find any clubtails, but three Lesser Fiery Coppers were seen, along with a Little Tiger Blue. Dancho then had the find of the day, when he spotted a mating pair of Large Coppers. After several photographs, we left the pair in peace. Later, they had split up, and two males were seen doing battle.

As we approached Sofia, for our return flight home, we had a couple of stops for final searches. No new odonata were found, but a Knapweed Fritillary was seen, along with a very fine Freyer's Purple Emperor.

It had been a great successful tour, with 53 odonata species and 90 butterfly species seen. Although the hotels in Bulgaria are perhaps a little more basic than Naturetrek's normal standard, the wildlife definitely made up for it!

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Species lists

Damselflies & dragonflies

	June 2025									
Common name	Scientific name	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Banded Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx splendens</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Beautiful Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx virgo</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Odalisque	<i>Epallage fatime</i>		✓							
Robust Spreadwing	<i>Lestes dryas</i>			✓	✓					
Migrant Spreadwing	<i>Lestes barbarus</i>		✓							
Dark Spreadwing	<i>Lestes macrostigma</i>				✓					
Common Spreadwing	<i>Lestes sponsa</i>					✓				
Western Willow Spreadwing	<i>Chalcolestes viridis</i>				✓					
Eastern Willow Spreadwing	<i>Chalcolestes parvidens</i>			✓						
Common Bluetail	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Small Bluetail	<i>Ischnura pumilio</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓				
Common Bluet	<i>Enallagma cyathigerum</i>	✓			✓				✓	✓
Variable Bluet	<i>Coenagrion pulchellum</i>	✓								
Azure Bluet	<i>Coenagrion puella</i>	✓			✓	✓				
Ornate Bluet	<i>Coenagrion ornatum</i>	✓								
Dainty Bluet	<i>Coenagrion scitulum</i>		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
Spearhead Bluet	<i>Coenagrion hastulatum</i>				✓					
Large Redeye	<i>Erythromma najas</i>	✓	✓		✓					
Small Redeye	<i>Erythromma viridulum</i>		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
Blue-eye	<i>Erythromma lindenii</i>			✓	✓				✓	
Large Red Damsel	<i>Pyrrhosoma nymphula</i>				✓					
Blue Featherleg	<i>Platycnemis pennipes</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Blue-eyed Hawker	<i>Aeshna affinis</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓		
Green-eyed Hawker	<i>Aeshna isoceles</i>				✓					✓
Blue Emperor	<i>Anax imperator</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Lesser Emperor	<i>Anax parthenope</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
Vagrant Emperor	<i>Anax ephippiger</i>							✓		
Eastern Spectre	<i>Caliaeschna microstigma</i>		✓	✓			✓		✓	
Small Pincertail	<i>Onychogomphus forcipatus</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
Bladetail	<i>Lindenia tetraphylla</i>							✓	✓	
Balkan Goldenring	<i>Cordulegaster heros</i>						✓	✓	✓	
Turkish Goldenring	<i>Cordulegaster picta</i>			✓						
Sombre Goldenring	<i>Cordulegaster bidentata</i>						✓		✓	
Blue-eyed Goldenring	<i>Cordulegaster insignis</i>			✓						
Downy Emerald	<i>Cordulia aenea</i>				✓	✓				
Balkan Emerald	<i>Somatochlora meridionalis</i>			✓	✓					
Bulgarian Emerald	<i>Somatochlora borisi</i>		✓							
Four-spotted Chaser	<i>Libellula quadrimaculata</i>			✓						
Broad-bodied Chaser	<i>Libellula depressa</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
Blue Chaser	<i>Libellula fulva</i>			✓	✓				✓	
Black-tailed Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum cancellatum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
White-tailed Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum albistylum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Keeled Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum coerulescens</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Southern Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum brunneum</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Ruddy Darter	<i>Sympetrum sanguineum</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓		

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Spotted Darter	<i>Sympetrum depressiusculum</i>								✓		
Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>		✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	
Common Darter	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>				✓			✓	✓		
Southern Darter	<i>Sympetrum meridionale</i>		✓	✓	✓				✓		
Broad Scarlet	<i>Crocothemis erythraea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
Violet Dropwing	<i>Trithemis annulata</i>								✓		
Black Pennant	<i>Selysiothemis nigra</i>								✓		

Butterflies

L = larvae	June 2025									
Common name	Scientific name	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>							✓	✓	
Common Apollo	<i>Parnassius apollo</i>					✓	✓			
Eastern Festoon	<i>Zerynthia cerisy</i>		✓	✓	✓					
Chequered Skipper	<i>Carterocephalus palaemon</i>					✓				
Large Skipper	<i>Ochlodes sylvanus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>			✓	✓		✓		✓	
Essex Skipper	<i>Thymelicus lineola</i>			✓						✓
Mallow Skipper	<i>Carcharodus alceae</i>		✓	✓	✓					
Common Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus malvae</i>	✓			✓		✓			
Yellow-banded Skipper	<i>Pyrgus sidae</i>			✓						
Oberthür's Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus armoricanus</i>									✓
Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Common Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓			
Eastern Pale Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias erate</i>		✓							
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Black-veined White	<i>Aporia crataegi</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Eastern Bath White	<i>Pontia edusa</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓	
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Southern Small White	<i>Pieris mannii</i>		✓				✓	✓		
Duke of Burgundy	<i>Hamearis lucina</i>					✓				
Purple-shot Copper	<i>Lycaena alciphron</i>				✓		✓			
Lesser Fiery Copper	<i>Lycaena thersamon</i>		✓	✓						✓
Large Copper	<i>Lycaena dispar</i>									✓
Balkan Copper	<i>Lycaena candens</i>	✓				✓				
Grecian Copper	<i>Lycaena ottomana</i>			✓						
Sooty Copper	<i>Lycaena tityrus</i>			✓		✓				
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Scarce Copper	<i>Lycaena vigaureae</i>						✓			
Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>				✓	✓				
Sloe Hairstreak	<i>Satyrrium acaciae</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓			
Lang's Short-tailed Blue	<i>Leptotes pirthous</i>							✓		
Long-tailed Blue	<i>Lampides boeticus</i>						✓		✓	
Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Little Tiger Blue	<i>Tarucus balkanicus</i>		✓					✓	✓	✓

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Green-underside Blue	<i>Glaucopsyche alexis</i>				✓					
Little Blue	<i>Cupido minimus</i>						✓			
Reverdin's Blue	<i>Plebejus argyrognomon</i>	✓								
Mazarine Blue	<i>Cyaniris semiargus</i>				✓	✓	✓			
Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Adonis Blue	<i>Polyommatus bellargus</i>					✓				
Chapman's Blue	<i>Polyommatus thersites</i>							✓	✓	
Meleager's Blue	<i>Polyommatus daphnis</i>						✓			
Amanda's Blue	<i>Polyommatus amandus</i>						✓			
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Glider	<i>Neptis sappho</i>	✓						✓	✓	
Southern White Admiral	<i>Limenitis reducta</i>							✓	✓	
Poplar Admiral	<i>Limenitis populi</i>					✓				
White Admiral	<i>Limenitis camilla</i>					✓	✓			
Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Twin-spot Fritillary	<i>Brenthis hecate</i>	✓		✓						
Marbled Fritillary	<i>Brenthis daphne</i>			✓				✓	✓	
Silver-washed Fritillary	<i>Argynnis paphia</i>					✓	✓			
Dark Green Fritillary	<i>Speyeria aglaja</i>			✓						
High Brown Fritillary	<i>Fabriciana adippe</i>	✓								
Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria selene</i>					✓				
Pearl-bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria euphrosyne</i>					✓	✓			
Purple Emperor	<i>Apatura iris</i>		✓							
Freyer's Purple Emperor	<i>Apatura metis</i>	✓								✓
Map Butterfly	<i>Araschnia levana</i>			✓						
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>				✓		✓			
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>				✓		✓		✓	
Peacock Butterfly	<i>Aglais io</i>					✓	✓			
Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>					✓	✓			
Southern Comma	<i>Polygonia egea</i>					✓				
Comma	<i>Polygonia c-album</i>	✓	L	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Marsh Fritillary	<i>Euphydryas aurinia</i>				✓					
Lesser Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea trivia</i>							✓	✓	
Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea didyma</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Knapweed Fritillary	<i>Melitaea phoebe</i>					✓	✓			✓
Heath Fritillary	<i>Melitaea athalia</i>	✓				✓	✓			
Nettle-tree Butterfly	<i>Libythea celtis</i>						✓	✓		
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
Eastern Large Heath	<i>Coenonympha rhodopensis</i>				✓	✓				
Chestnut Heath	<i>Coenonympha glycerion</i>				✓					
Pearly Heath	<i>Coenonympha arcania</i>			✓		✓				
Lattice Brown	<i>Kirinia roxelana</i>			✓	✓					
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>		✓			✓	✓		✓	
Large Northern Wall	<i>Lasiommata petropolitana</i>				✓	✓	✓			
Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>		✓	✓	✓				✓	
Common Marbled White	<i>Melanargia galathea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Eastern Rock Grayling	<i>Hipparchia syriaca</i>			✓			✓			
Woodland Grayling	<i>Hipparchia fagi</i>				✓					

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Delattin's Grayling	<i>Hipparchia volgensis</i>						✓				
Great Banded Grayling	<i>Brintesia circe</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓				
The Hermit	<i>Chazara briseis</i>						✓				
Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Bright-eyed Ringlet	<i>Erebia oeme</i>				✓						
Woodland Ringlet	<i>Erebia medusa</i>					✓	✓				

Moths

		June 2025									
Common name	Scientific name	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Leopard Moth	<i>Zeuzera pyrina</i>						✓	✓			
Forester	<i>Adscita statices</i>	✓									
Transparent Burnet	<i>Zygaena purpuralis</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓				
Eastern Burnet	<i>Zygaena carniolica</i>		✓								
Six-spot Burnet	<i>Zygaena filipendulae</i>			✓							
Pine Tree Lappet	<i>Dendrolimus pini</i>					✓					
Aspen Lappet	<i>Phyllodesma tremulifolium</i>				✓				✓		
Poplar Hawk-moth	<i>Laothoe populi</i>						✓				
Broad-bordered Bee Hawk-moth	<i>Hemaris fuciformis</i>					✓	✓				
Hummingbird Hawk-moth	<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓				
Spurge Hawk-moth	<i>Hyles euphorbiae</i>			✓							
Small Elephant Hawk-moth	<i>Deilephila porcellus</i>				✓	✓	✓				
Bright Wave	<i>Idaea ochrata</i>		✓	✓	✓						
Lewes Wave	<i>Scopula immorata</i>					✓					
Lace Border	<i>Scopula ornata</i>		✓					✓			
Garden Carpet	<i>Xanthorhoe fluctuata</i>		✓		✓						
Common Carpet	<i>Epirrhoe alternata</i>			✓							
Chimney Sweeper	<i>Odezia atrata</i>					✓					
Blemished Moth	<i>Neognopharmia stevenaria</i>			✓							
Etruscan Viridian	<i>Phaioграмма etruscaria</i>									✓	
Latticed Heath	<i>Chiasmia clathrata</i>				✓		✓				
Speckled Yellow	<i>Pseudopanthera macularia</i>	✓				✓	✓				
September Thorn	<i>Ennomos erosaria</i>									✓	
Purple Thorn	<i>Selenia tetralunaria</i>									✓	
Common Heath	<i>Ematurga atomaria</i>					✓	✓				
Black-veined Moth	<i>Siona lineata</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓				
Southern Grass Emerald	<i>Chlorissa cloraria</i>							✓			
Lobster Moth	<i>Stauropus fagi</i>								✓		
Buff-tip	<i>Phalera bucephala</i>					✓					
Pale Tussock	<i>Calliteara pudibunda</i>									✓	
Muslin Moth	<i>Diaphora mendica</i>		✓								
Wood Tiger	<i>Parasemia plantaginis</i>		✓	✓	✓						
Cream-spot Tiger	<i>Arctia villica</i>					✓					
Purple Tiger	<i>Rhyparia purpurata</i>						✓				
Nine-spotted	<i>Amata phegea</i>		✓	✓			✓				
	<i>Dysauxes famula</i>									✓	
Burnet Companion	<i>Euclidia glyphica</i>	✓	✓	✓							
Passenger	<i>Dysgonia algira</i>		✓				✓	✓			

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Common name	Scientific name	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Gold-spot	<i>Plusia festucae</i>					✓					
Spotted Sulphur	<i>Acontia trabealis</i>									✓	
Four Spot	<i>Tyta luctuosa</i>				✓						

Other insects

		June 2025									
Common name	Scientific name	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Balkan Predatory Bush-cricket	<i>Saga natoliae</i>							✓			
Mottled-winged Antlion	<i>Palpares libelloidos</i>							✓	✓	✓	
a mayfly	<i>Ephemera</i> sp.		✓			✓	✓				
Sinuated Spoonwing	<i>Nemoptera sinuata</i>						✓				

Birds (H = Heard only)

I = introduced		June 2025									
Common name	Scientific name	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>				✓					✓	
Common Pheasant - I	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>		✓								
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>					✓		✓	✓	✓	
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓					✓		✓	
Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	
European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		H	✓	✓				✓	✓	
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			
Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	H			H						
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>				✓	✓				✓	
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	✓									
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>							✓			
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>							✓			
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>							✓			
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>			✓							
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>			✓			✓	✓			
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmaeus</i>							✓			
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>							✓			
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>			✓				✓			
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>			✓	✓			✓			
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>				✓			✓			
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>									✓	
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>							✓	✓	✓	
Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>							✓			
Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>		✓	✓							
European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>		✓								
Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>			✓							
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>			✓							

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Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Tachyspiza brevipes</i>							LO		
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>		✓						✓	
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>		H	H						
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		✓		✓		H	H		
European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>									✓
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>				H				✓	
Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>				✓			✓		
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>		✓	H				H		
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓			✓
Eleonora's Falcon	<i>Falco eleonora</i>									✓
Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>				✓					
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>				✓					
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		H	H	✓			H	H	
Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>				✓			✓		
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>				✓				✓	
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>			✓	✓		✓		✓	
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>							✓		✓
Northern Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>						✓			
Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>							✓	✓	✓
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>			✓	✓		✓			
Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>				✓	✓	✓			
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>				✓	✓				
Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>	✓						H		
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>			H	✓					
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis rufula</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>				H					
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>								✓	✓
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>				H	H	✓	✓	✓	
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	H						H		
Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida</i>	H	H	✓	✓			✓		
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		H				H			
Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>						H			
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>						H			
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>								✓	
Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>					✓				
Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>			H	H					
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓

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Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>			✓	✓		✓				
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		✓								
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>							✓	✓		
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>		H	✓	✓			✓		✓	
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		✓			✓	✓				
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>		✓		H						
White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>					✓					
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>		✓		✓					✓	
Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>							✓	✓	✓	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>						✓			✓	
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓				
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Eurasian Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>				✓						
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		✓								
Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>		✓				✓				
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>				✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		✓								
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		✓	H						✓	
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>				H						
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		✓	H	H			H			
Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>			H							

Mammals

		June 2025									
Common name	Scientific name	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Brown Hare	Lepus europaeus	✓			✓						

Reptiles & amphibians

D = dead		June 2025									
Common name	Scientific name	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Common Tree Frog	<i>Hyla arborea</i>							✓	✓		
Oriental Tree Frog	<i>Hyla orientalis</i>			✓	✓			✓			
Common Frog	<i>Rana temporaria</i>					D	✓	✓	✓		
Marsh Frog	<i>Pelophylax ridibundus</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		
Balkan Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta trilineata</i>					D					
Balkan Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis tauricus</i>					✓					
Eastern Grass Snake	<i>Natrix natrix</i>	✓									
Spur-thighed Tortoise	<i>Testudo graeca</i>			✓							
European Pond Terrapin	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>		✓							✓	
Balkan Terrapin	<i>Mauremys rivulata</i>			✓			✓		✓	✓	