

Belarus in Spring

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Day 1

Sunday 6th May

UK – Minsk – Liaskavichi

Our flight from London arrived on time at Minsk International Airport. At the arrival hall Attila and Alexander greeted us. After changing money we had a tasty dinner at the airport restaurant.

Then we started the long drive to our first hotel situated on the edge of the famous Pripiat National Park. We arrived at our hotel in Liaskavichi after midnight. After checking in some of us could hear Thrush Nightingale singing and Spotted Crakes calling from the nearby wetland.

Day 2

Monday 7th May

Liaskavich area of Pripiat National Park

It was already sunny and hot outside when we gathered at the minivan ready to explore nearby woodlands and wetlands. As we drove through Liaskavichi we saw our first White Stork nest, one of the hundreds to be seen during the week. Our first stop along the road was for a raptor circling above the fields, which proved to be a Lesser Spotted Eagle.

We soon left the main road and took a gravel road towards the woodlands. We stopped to watch a Black Kite flying above the forest. It then landed on top of a dead tree and we had prolonged scope views of this nice raptor. Common Whitethroat was singing nearby and Whinchats sat on prominent posts on the edge of the meadow.

Soon we stopped again at a bridge crossing a canal. Several Lesser Spotted Eagles were thermalling and we had good views of one hunting on the ground. A flying Black Stork was also spotted. Our next stop was at the forest edge where we watched loud Fire-bellied Toads in a small pool. Then a Wryneck was heard and soon we had good views in the scope of this well camouflaged bird. Icterine Warbler was busy singing nearby and we were chasing a Grey-headed Woodpecker having just short views of a calling male. A non avian highlight was a rare Yellow-legged Tortoiseshell showing itself perched in a willow. Hawfinch was sitting atop a tree and Tree Pipit was performing its characteristic song flight. Collared and Spotted Flycatcher was also seen at this productive place.

We had lunch and then started driving into the old forest stopping again at a pond to watch Common and Green Sandpiper. Two Black Woodpeckers put on a show for us chasing each other around the pond. Not much later a Wild Boar walked across the road followed by a dozen piglets.

Our next stop was at another bridge on the other side of the forest. A Thrush Nightingale was singing nearby and soon we had great views of this secretive bird in the scope while a Wryneck tried to steal the show. We had good views of Marsh Frogs in the stream. We watched several Great Reed Warblers singing loud in the reed bed. Two distant Honey Buzzards were circling above the forest and we heard a Little Crake calling from the sedges. A Corncrake also joined in calling from the meadow on the other side.

On the drive back through the forest we stopped for another pair of Black Woodpeckers chasing each other. Then we explored a wet meadow on the banks of Pripiat River. We saw a few Ruffs, Common Redshanks and a Goldeneye pair.

After returning to our hotel some of us walked along the marshes surrounding our hotel. We had many water birds among them Wigeon, Garganey, Ruff, Black-tailed Godwit and Little Tern.

Day 3

Tuesday 8th May

Liaskavichi – Turov

We woke to rain and a cold wind outside. After breakfast we boarded the van to drive towards our next hotel in Turov. We took the ferry across the river to drive through some seldom visited parts of Pripiat National Park. We saw Little Ringed Plover and soon after we started driving on the gravel road we had two Terek Sandpipers flying away. After a short search we found them perched and had prolonged views of these rare waders.

We made several stops in the forest. We saw Middle Spotted and Lesser Spotted, a singing Garden Warbler, Spotted and Collared Flycatcher. We had lunch at a scenic spot. While eating our sandwiches we watched a perched Black Stork and a calling Grey-headed Woodpecker atop a tree. Corncrake was calling nearby, but couldn't be coaxed out into the open. After lunch we walked in the forest and saw Golden Oriole, Tree Pipit, Nuthatch feeding on the road, many Hawfinches and finally an immature Goshawk hunting low above the meadow.

Then we left the protected area and drove through small villages full of brightly painted wooden houses. We stopped for a Great Grey Shrike posing in the top of a tree. Before reaching Turov we checked a wet meadow by the road. There was a mixed breeding colony of Black-headed Gulls, Common and Little Terns. Garganey and Shoveler were numerous and we found a female Pintail. Common Redshank, Wood Sandpiper, Lapwing, Ringed Plover and Black-tailed Godwit were common, but we only saw a few Ruff.

The last stop was at the edge of Turov Meadow. After a short search we found the vagrant Glossy Ibis that was discovered a few days ago. We had 6 Spotted Sandpipers in flight and watched flocks of White-winged and Black Terns flying elegantly above the water. A few Whiskered Terns joined in and Little Terns were landing on a sandbank. Then we called it a day and drove to our hotel situated in Turov just by the river.

Day 4

Wednesday 9th May

Alshany - Turov

The weather was sunny again and after breakfast we drove south along the Pripiat River. We stopped in the village of Vieresnitsa where a rookery held breeding Long-eared Owls. Soon we found the nest with 2 fluffy chicks and the mother. It was difficult to leave the owls but our major target today was the enigmatic Azure Tit.

We still stopped soon because we spotted a nice flock of Ruffs from the van. There were a few hundred Ruffs on a wet meadow by the road. Males in their colourful breeding plumage were fighting and displaying and it was amazing to see how variable they can be. An immature Montague's Harrier was causing some identification problems and we were on the road again.

We reached Alshany and started walking on the dyke looking for Azure Tit. Savi's Warbler was heard singing in the reedbed and soon we had it in the scopes. A male Penduline Tit was also discovered calling from a willow and then we watched the bird building its nest having splendid views. Finally an Azure Tit showed itself, but only a few could see it before it disappeared in the thicket. We decided to have lunch and continue searching for the tit. While eating Attila heard Azure Tit calling and soon we saw a beautiful Azure Tit on top of a nearby Silver Birch. The bird then flew, but soon we relocated it disappearing inside a metal box carrying food in its bill.

A happy group left Alshany after having close and long views of the lovely Azure Tit. On the way back we stopped again at the Ruff meadow to watch these colourful birds. Supporting cast was composed of two Dunlins, Whiskered and White-winged Terns landing amongst the waders, Little Tern and Ringed Plover. We called in at the meadow with the gull and tern colony and had good views of Spotted Redshank in their lovely dark breeding plumage.

We had an early dinner and then boarded the boat taking us to the Great Snipe lek further downstream. After leaving the boat we walked closer to the lek and waited for the snipe to start their lekking. Soon we heard the characteristic call of Great Snipe and had one of them jumping in the grass. More birds joined in and we watched them lekking for a good half hour having fantastic views of at least a dozen Great Snipes. Several Corncrakes were heard, but we tried in vain to coax them out of the long grass.

On the way back hundreds of White-winged Terns were hawking low above water surface in the golden sunset making a nice finish to a day packed with many great birds.

Day 5

Thursday 10th May

Beloe Fishponds

Our destination was the only breeding site of Smew in Belarus. It is a large complex of lakes and ponds used for commercial carp rearing. The lakes are surrounded by woodlands providing a good habitat for many bird species. After an uneventful drive we reached the first ponds along the road and soon had a pair of Smew swimming. While we watched these beautiful birds two Hobbies appeared above us hunting for insects. Driving further we had several pairs of Black-necked Grebe and more Smew on another pond.

Then we left the van at the edge of the woodland and walked among smaller drained ponds. On the mud we had a Greenshank and much to our surprise 3 Black-winged Stilts. They are rare visitors to Belarus from further south. Spotted Redshanks, Wood Sandpipers were also with them. While watching the waders and Osprey was spotted carrying a fish in its talons. Several White-tailed Eagles and Black Storks were circling above the ponds.

Then we heard Bluethroat singing and after some searching had a white-spotted male in the scope. After it was chased off by a Whinchat we continued walking along the dyke. In another pond we located 3 Temminck's Stints, a much wanted species for most of the group. They were feeding on the mud with Dunlins. A Green Sandpiper and a Common Sandpiper completed our wader tally. On the walk back we had two Bluethroats singing and chasing each other to our delight.

We had lunch at the van watching Banded Demoiselles flying elegantly above the canal. A Raft Spider was photographed and Arctic Bluet was also around. While we had close views of Crested Tit a majestic Camberwell Beauty appeared and landed on the bark of a willow. We watched this beauty of a butterfly in the scope for minutes before it flew away.

Leaving our productive lunch spot we drove to check the ponds on the other side of the road. We had more Smew, our first Teal and Red-backed Shrike of the trip. Reed Warbler and Great Reed Warbler were singing in the reeds and Bittern was heard booming.

On the way back to Turov, Attila spotted 2 Cranes in a roadside meadow. We watched them in the warm evening light slowly walking and feeding while a family of Ravens joined in.

Day 6

Friday 11th May

Turov – Bechinskaya Buda – Hvoensk

The nice weather continued, and we started the day with a walk, in a wonderful old mixed forest not far from Turov. Birding was difficult in the cloud of mosquitoes surrounding us. Northern and Small Whiteface Dragonflies were abundant as we crossed small streams following the Old Pine Trail. A Red-breasted Flycatcher started singing and soon we had scope views of a young male without any orange breast patch. A Common Treecreeper was seen and then we had another singing Red-breasted Flycatcher. Walking further along the trail we had good views of Pied and a bit later of Collared Flycatcher. Siskins flew off as we proceeded and Coal Tit was singing. We reached a good looking patch with many dying trees and soon we saw a male White-backed Woodpecker male in the top of an oak tree. Seeing this bird was difficult as it stayed in the canopy before flying off not to be seen again. On the way back, a beautiful Northern Chequered Skipper was basking in the sunshine providing a good photo opportunity.

We then drove to the village of Bechinskaya Buda lying on the edge of the forest. This is a good place for soaring raptors and soon we had a Lesser Spotted Eagle above the trees. A more distant Greater Spotted Eagle was also seen, but we agreed that we need better views of this sought-after raptor. As we watched the eagles a Barred Warbler started singing in a nearby bush and performed its characteristic songflight. Fortunately it landed on top of the bush and we could admire the prominent barring and yellow eyes in the scopes.

We had lunch at a scenic spot by the river hearing Terek Sandpiper calling while eating our sandwiches and drinking coffee. Then we drove to a dryer pine-oak forest where a short walk produced Willow Tit, Crested Tit and Siskin. Back at the van we found a very fresh Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary.

Our last stop was at a lush meadow on the edge of the forest where sometimes Bison come out to graze. While waiting we heard Quail and Corncrake calling. There were many Whinchats around and we found a lovely bright green Tree Frog. Mammals were only represented by a hunting Red Fox so we called it a day. On the way back we had a close encounter with 2 Crested Larks on the roadside in Turov.

Day 7

Saturday 12th May

Turov – Ledzets – Kremnae – Turov

This was our last full day and after breakfast we drove to Turov Ringing station. At the station local ornithologists are ringing waders and other water birds throughout the year. They are colour ringing Ruffs to follow them during their long migration from the High Arctic to Africa. Turov is an important staging place where Ruffs spend 4-5 weeks in spring before flying north to their breeding grounds. Huge flocks are seen in April and May feeding on the many islands of the untamed Pripiat River. The catch today consisted of just 1 Reeve, 1 Common Redshank and 2 Little Tern.

Leaving the ringing station we drove west. En route we saw Marsh Harriers chasing a nice male Montague's Harrier. Later we stopped to watch two Wood Larks by the roadside. We drove through a lovely village with many White Stork nests and followed a meandering river. We stopped in the middle of a wide meadow, which is a favourite place of raptors. We didn't have to wait long to spot the first Greater Spotted Eagle majestically soaring above the meadow and showing the typical ID features. We all had good scope views of this bird. A Honey Buzzard showed itself very well and then we had two other Spotted Eagles. Common Buzzards and Marsh Harriers were a constant sight while Sparrowhawk and Montague's Harrier was also seen. In some century-old oaks White Storks were nesting and a Black Stork was soaring above them. As it was getting hot we decided to look for a shady lunch stop at the edge of the nearby woodland. After lunch we had a short walk seeing Golden Oriole, Spotted Flycatcher, Treecreeper and many Icterine Warblers.

On the drive back to Turov we called in at the usual spot at Vierasnitsa. We watched the busy life of Ruffs, all three species of marsh terns landing on the ground and Little Terns flying around. Our next stop was at the meadow before Turov. We had an adult White-tailed Eagle soaring above the meadow for a while. Newly hatched Lapwing chicks were walking in the grass and the female Pintail was still at the same place.

The next port of call was at the small village of Kremnae. We walked along the dyke watching displaying Common Snipes. Another Northern Chequered Skipper appeared but then we had to retreat as a thunderstorm was threatening us with strong wind and dark clouds. We had lunch and decided to return to the Bison Meadow. As the weather turned cold and it was raining we decided to wait in the van. As it was getting darker a family of seven Wild Boars appeared and started feeding in the meadow. Two Roe Deer joined the boars and a Brown Hare was spotted on the other side of the road. Corncrake and Green Sandpiper were calling, however the best was yet to come in the form of a Beaver swimming in the canal spotted by David. It was a lifer for him and we left the meadow satisfied...

Day 8

Sunday 13th May

Turov – Minsk

We left our hotel early to be at the airport on time for our flight. We stopped for a picnic breakfast on the way. We said good bye to Attila and Alexander. It had been an enjoyable week in this far corner of Europe with many good sightings of birds, mammals, butterflies and dragonflies.

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Species List

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

	Common name	Scientific name	May							
			6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>				2				
2	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>		h					h	
3	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>			1	1				
4	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>		1		2	✓			
5	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>		1			1			
6	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>		1	✓	✓	✓		✓	
8	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>			1	1			1	
9	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
10	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>					8			
11	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>			✓	✓	✓			
12	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>		8			✓			
13	Common Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>		2	✓		✓			
14	Smew	<i>Mergellus albellus</i>					18			
15	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>					✓			
16	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>					8			
17	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>		4	3	2	✓	1	4	
18	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>		1						
20	Eurasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>					h			
21	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
22	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
23	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>				✓	✓			
24	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>					1			
25	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>		2		1			1	
26	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>		1						
27	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>					10+		1	
28	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
29	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>				2			2	
30	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		1					1	
31	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>			2	1		1	1	
32	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		2			2	2	2	4
33	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>		4				3		
34	Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila clanga</i>						1	3	
35	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>				4			1	
36	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>					2			
37	Corn Crake	<i>Crex crex</i>		h	h	h		h	h	
38	Little Crake	<i>Porzana parva</i>		h						
39	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		h	1	1		h	h	
40	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		✓			✓		1	
41	Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>					2			
42	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>			2	3				
43	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>					3			
44	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
45	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>			1	✓	4	1	3	
46	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			1		2			
47	Great Snipe	<i>Gallinago media</i>				20				

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			6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
48	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>		✓	✓	1			2	
49	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
50	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>			6	8	8			
51	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
52	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>					3			
53	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>		2		1	2			
54	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>		1	✓	✓	✓		1	
55	Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>			2	1		h		
56	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		1	✓	✓	1			
57	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>					3			
58	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>				2	1			
59	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
60	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
61	Mew Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>					✓			
62	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>			✓		✓			
63	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>		1	✓	✓			✓	
64	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
65	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>			✓	✓			✓	
66	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
67	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
68	Common Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
69	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>		1		1				
70	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
71	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		1		2		1		
72	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
73	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
74	Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>				3				
75	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>			✓		1			
76	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		2	1	h	h	1	h	
77	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>		2	h		h	h	h	
78	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>			1					
79	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>			1					
80	White-backed Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos leucotos</i>					h	1		
81	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>					1	h		
82	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		1				1	h	
83	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>		4						
84	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>		1	2					
85	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		2	2		8			
86	Great Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>			1	2				
87	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		h	1	4	3	h	2	
88	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		2	✓			2	1	
89	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		1	✓	✓		1	✓	✓
90	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
91	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
92	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
93	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
94	Willow Tit	<i>Poecile montanus</i>						2		
95	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>						h		
96	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>					1	1		
97	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
98	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	

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			6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
99	Azure Tit	<i>Cyanistes cyanus</i>				2				
100	Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>				1		1		
101	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>						2	1	
102	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>							2	
103	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
104	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
105	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
106	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
107	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		1	✓	1				
108	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>		h	h	h	h	✓	h	
109	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		h	h		h	✓	h	
110	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>		h	✓		✓	✓	✓	
111	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>		✓		h	✓			
112	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>				✓		✓	h	
113	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>				h	1			
114	Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>		2			h		8	
115	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>				1				
116	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		h	h		h	h	✓	
117	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>		h	1	1	h	h	h	
118	Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>						1		
119	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>					h	h	h	
120	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>		2		✓	✓	✓	✓	
121	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>					h	h		
122	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>			1			6		
123	Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>						1	1	
124	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
125	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>			✓			✓	✓	
126	Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>			✓	✓			✓	
127	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>			h	h	✓	h	h	
128	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>			✓			h		
129	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>					3			
130	Thrush Nightingale	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>		1	h	h	1	h	✓	
131	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>				1		1	1	
132	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>					h	h		
133	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
134	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		1		1				
135	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		1	✓		✓		✓	
136	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>						2		
137	Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>		1	1			1		
138	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>						2		
139	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
140	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
141	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
142	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
143	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		1	✓		h	h	h	
144	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
145	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
146	European Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
147	Eurasian Siskin	<i>Carduelis spinus</i>						4		
148	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
149	Common Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>		✓		✓		2	✓	

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150	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>		4	✓			h	1	
151	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
152	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	h	✓	

Butterflies

Dingy Skipper, *Erynnis tages*
 Queen of Spain Fritillary, *Pyrgus malvae*
 Large White, *Pieris brassicae*
 Green-veined White, *Pieris napi*
 Brimstone, *Gonepteryx rhamni*
 Small Copper, *Lycaena phleas*
 Common Blue, *Polyommatus icarus*
 Map Butterfly, *Araschnia levana*
 Large Tortoiseshell, *Nymphalis polychloros*
 Camberwell Beauty, *Nymphalis antiopa*
 Queen of Spain Fritillary, *Issoria lathonia*
 Speckled Wood, , *Pararge aegeria*

Northern Chequered Skipper, *Carterocephalus silvicola*
 Swallowtail, *Papilio machaon*
 Small White, *Pieris rapae*
 Orange Tip, *Anthocaris cardamines*
 Wood White, *Leptidea sinapis*
 Holly Blue, *Celastrina argiolus*
 Peacock Butterfly, *Inachis io*
 Comma, , *Polygonia c-album*
 Yellow-legged Tortoiseshell, *Nymphalis xanthomelas*
 Silver-washed Fritillary, *Argynnis paphia*
 Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary, *Boloria selene*
 Small Heath, *Coenonympha pamphilus*

Moths

Tau Emperor, *Aglia tau*
 Common Heath, *Ematurga atomaria*
 Pale Prominent, *Pterostoma palpina*

Blood Vein, *Timandra comae*
 Ruby Tiger, *Phragmatobia fuliginosa*
 Burnet Companion, *Euclidia glyphica*

Dragonflies

Beautiful Demoiselle, *Lestes virens*
 Small Spreadwing, *Calopteryx splendens*
 Crescent Bluet, *Coenagrion lunulatum*
 Arctic Bluet, *Coenagrion johanssoni*
 Sedgling, *Nehalennia speciosa*
 Downy Emerald, *Cordulia aenea*
 Broad-bodied Chaser, *Libellula depressa*
 Northern Whiteface, *Leucorrhinia rubicunda*

Banded Demoiselle, *Calopteryx virgo*
 Common Bluet, *Enallagma cyathigerum*
 Spearhead Bluet, *Coenagrion hastulatum*
 Red-eyed Damselfly, *Erythromma najas*
 Hairy Hawker, *Brachytron pratense*
 Four-spotted Chaser, *Libellula quadrimaculata*
 Small Whiteface, *Leucorrhinia dubia*
 White-tailed Skimmer, *Orthetrum albistylum*

Other invertebrates

Common Cockchafer, *Melolontha melolontha*
 Pine Borer, *Chalcophora mariana*
 Tropinota hirta
 Hornet, *Vespa crabro*

Wood Tiger Beetle, *Cicindela sylvatica*
 Poplar Leaf Beetle, *Chrysomela populi*
 Rhagium sycophanta
 Raft Spider, *Agyroneta aquatica*

Mammals

Brown Hare, *Lepus europaeus*
Northern Water Vole, *Arvicola amphibius*
Red Fox, *Vulpes vulpes*
European Beaver, *Castor fiber*

Eurasian Red Squirrel, *Sciurus vulgaris*
Roe Deer, *Capreolus capreolus*
Wild Boar, *Sus scrofa*

Reptiles & Amphibians

Common Toad, *Bufo bufo*
Fire-bellied Toad, *Bombina bombina*
Common Frog, *Rana temporaria*
Grass Snake, *Natrix natrix*
Common Lizard, *Zootaca vivipara*

Green Toad, *Bufo viridis*
Marsh Frog, *Rana ridibunda*
Tree Frog, *Hyla arborea*
Adder, *Vipera berus*
Sand Lizard, *Lacerta agilis*