

# Belarus in Spring

Naturetrek Tour Report

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European Bison (credit Simon Cockayne)



Great Grey Owl (credit Simon Cockayne)



Eastern Tree Frog (credit David Tighe)



Scenery (credit David Tighe)

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## Day 1

Sunday 7th May

### London - Minsk - Liaskavichi

Our flight from Gatwick arrived on time in Minsk, the capital city of Belarus, arriving early evening. We were met at Minsk Airport by Bence, Duncan and Julia before boarding our bus for the four-hour drive in the rain to our hotel in the village of Liaskavichi on the Pripiat River. As we retired to bed we all hoped the rain would cease and we would get a full day's birding tomorrow.

## Day 2

Monday 8th May

### Liaskavichi - Beloe Fishponds

Our first full day in Belarus dawned cool and cloudy but at least it was dry! After breakfast we ventured out and began our exploration of the fabulous Pripiat floodplain marshes with a walk along the boardwalk. Out on the river, three species of 'marsh terns' - Black, White-winged and Whiskered Terns, were catching insects over the water whilst a pair of Garganey chased in the distance. Along the margins of the river, Wood Sandpiper, Common Sandpiper, Redshank, Ruff and Little Ringed Plover were feeding. Around the marshes on the other side of the boardwalk were many Yellow Wagtails (mainly of the blue-headed form) and Whinchats, perhaps evidence of ongoing migration. Thrush Nightingale and Bluethroat sang from the willows and a Corn Crake called unseen from the rank vegetation. The star birds of the morning though were undoubtedly the pair of stunning Azure Tits which were going about their business, nesting in an electrical junction box on a pole. This was one of the species many had come to Belarus to see so it was a relief to have it in the bag already! On the way back to the hotel we noted many White Storks flying around, a species that would become very familiar over the next few days. A Hoopoe flopped over the river and a Red-throated Pipit called overhead.

Our birding location for the afternoon was to be the Beloe Fishponds, a short drive away. So after a picnic lunch in the woods nearby, surrounded by Woodlark, Tree Pipit and Wood Warbler, we entered the fish ponds. One of the target species here was the locally breeding population of Smew and we soon located three pairs of this smart sawbill out on the water, along with Goldeneye, Great Crested Grebe, Caspian, Common and Black-headed Gulls and a solitary Whooper Swan. A Bluethroat was proving a bit uncooperative in the fringing reedbeds but some noisy Great Reed Warblers were more accommodating. Just as we were admiring a dapper pair of Red-backed Shrikes, a loud scratchy song announced the presence of not one but two Barred Warblers, and we eventually got good views of these yellow-eyed beauties chasing around the bushes. As we were looking for an elusive Golden Oriole in the alders, a male Honey Buzzard soared over and a Lesser Spotted Woodpecker called and showed briefly. Savi's Warblers were reeling from the reedbeds which a Marsh Harrier was quartering, but this was upstaged by a pair of White-tailed Eagles that flew in low, flushing five Black Storks and 16 Great Egrets from the reeds. Feeling fully satisfied with our first full day's birding in Belarus, we returned to our hotel for dinner.

## Day 3

Tuesday 9th May

### Liaskavichi - Pripiat River - Turov - Kremnaje - Olshany

Early morning risers were treated to the sight of a pair of Eurasian Beavers making their way past the hotel back to their lodge after their nightly willow-munching forays. Other Naturetrekers had made their way along the boardwalk to check on the local Azure Tits, which were present and correct at the nest site. The marshy fields and bushes were alive with the songs of Bluethroat, Thrush Nightingale and Corn Crake, whilst Yellow Wagtails and Northern Wheatears caught insects on the boardwalk.

After a huge breakfast that included a copious amount of pancakes and sour cream, we drove to a different area of the Pripiat Valley to see what it would offer. Before we had even disembarked from the bus, a beautiful male Golden Oriole was spotted in nearby trees, whilst out on the river itself flocks of Black Terns were chattering and groups of male Ruff were displaying on the far bank. We quickly got on to a pair of Terek Sandpipers, a local speciality, perched on riverside bushes but they disappeared all too soon. Perhaps we would have more luck later in the trip? After watching a Black Stork and immature White-tailed Eagle soaring overhead and getting close views of Thrush Nightingale and Little Ringed Plover, we decide to move on to Kremnaje Village nearby. As we arrived in the village, an Icterine Warbler sang in the poplars and we noticed that a Fieldfare was nesting in one of the gardens, along with Spotted Flycatcher and Black Redstart. Out on the marsh, both Spotted and Little Crakes were singing and Black-tailed Godwits mobbed a passing Marsh Harrier.

We moved on to the ringing station at Turov where Pavol Pinchuk explained about the importance of the Pripiat River for breeding and passage waders. A huge count of 120,000 Ruff had been made here a couple of weeks previously! Some of us got to see Ruff and other birds being ringed in the hand, whilst Tree Sparrow 'chipped' in the garden and the first Common Swifts of the trip appeared overhead. Pavol also told us that due to the river's very high water levels, it would not be possible to get to the local Great Snipe lek safely, which was obviously a disappointment. Out on the marshes a sudden rain squall put an end to hopes of any serious birding here so we had lunch and drove to the river marshes near Olshany village where the weather had improved markedly.

As we approached the river we noticed a Short-eared Owl quartering a field with a male Montagu's Harrier in the background. At the river itself, we found two more pairs of Azure Tits, one of them nesting in another junction box. What is it with these birds and electrical installations? Another nest located was that of a pair of Great Grey Shrikes in a Mistletoe clump, whilst a pair of Red-backed Shrikes were in nearby bushes. The riverside trees held Black Woodpecker, Pied Flycatcher and Icterine Warbler and we got good views of a Wryneck on the track. More distantly, two raptors high up turned out to be a Northern Goshawk being mobbed by a Eurasian Hobby. Just as we were about to board our bus to go back to the hotel, Bence spotted three Temminck's Stints among hundreds of Wood Sandpipers in a flooded field, with a pair of Grey Partridges foraging on the bank behind.

## Day 4

Wednesday 10th May

### Liaskavichi - Azerani Forest - Pripiatsky National Park

Wednesday morning proved to be a particularly chilly affair for the early morning beaver watchers, who had the rather surreal experience of watching the Eurasian Beavers swimming along whilst snowflakes fell and some confused Golden Orioles sang in riverside trees. Luckily for us, the weather improved as the day progressed and ended up quite pleasantly warm and sunny.

Later in the morning we drove to Azerani Forest where the woodland floor was carpeted with Wood Anemones, Lily of the Valley and Bugle, with strange parasitic Toothworts poking through the leaf litter. The trees vibrated with Wood Warbler song, but it was the liquid notes of recently arrived Red-breasted Flycatchers that caught the ear. After finding that our first Red-breasted Flycatcher was a rather dull first year male, we tracked down another which proved to be 'the full monty', replete with his bright red throat patch. Crested Tit and Long-tailed Tit of the cute white-headed form provided some further interest, but the woodpeckers we were after were playing 'hard to get' so we moved on.

Our next destination was one of the highlights of the trip - the beautiful floodplain forest of the Pripiatsky National Park. Just as our picnic lunch was being prepared the shout went up "eagle", as a Greater Spotted Eagle slowly made its way out from the forest towards the river marshes. Whilst at our lunch stop, interest was sparked by Brian finding a striking Eastern Tree Frog in a roadside pool. Straight after lunch was finished, we heard the distinctive song of the Terek Sandpiper and in a short time we had great views of a pair of these unique waders perched on branches overhanging the water. We walked further into the forest looking for woodpeckers but only Middle Spotted Woodpecker really played ball; Grey-headed Woodpecker only putting in a fleeting appearance. A male Collared Flycatcher was equally flighty but a pair of Pied Flycatchers were much more accommodating. Then, just as we had latched on to another calling Terek Sandpiper, Laurie announced that he had found a nest! Sure enough, there was another Terek Sandpiper sat incubating its eggs on a small hummock in a pool near the track. What a treat to see this special wader at home in the very limited European part of its global range.

As we continued through the forest, Golden Oriole proved typically elusive but a Thrush Nightingale singing in a trackside Alder was ridiculously showy. After seeing an Elk from the bus, we eventually emerged on to the riverside meadows where two White-tailed Eagles were perched up, flocks of Ruff, Wood Sandpiper and Garganey moved around and a flock of White-winged Terns moved quickly through. After reaching the river, we hailed the ferry from the other side and despite a small logistical issue involving the bus and the ferry, we soon arrived back at our hotel.

## Day 5

Thursday 11th May

### Liaskavichi - Kamianuki (Belovezhskaya Puscha National Park)

The day started cool and overcast but that did not deter early risers checking out localities around the village of Liaskavichi. Mammal watchers were treated to a leisurely swim-past by the resident pair of Eurasian Beavers, whilst Clive and Simon explored an area of the river on the other side of the village and got close views of some marsh terns and an obliging Barred Warbler.

We left the hotel after breakfast for our long drive west to the Polish border. As it turned out, it rained most of the day so we picked a good day to travel. Some open country birds such as Montagu's Harrier and the ubiquitous White Stork were noted during the journey, and during a brief lunch stop Hawfinch, Common Redstart and Blackcap added some interest.

We made good progress, arriving at our new hotel mid-afternoon. After checking in we began to explore our new surroundings - the Belovezhskaya Puscha National Park. This national park, adjoining its smaller counterpart in Poland, harbours the last and largest remaining parts of the immense primeval forest that once stretched across Europe and is a World Heritage site. As we entered the forest, the trees vibrated with the songs

of innumerable Wood Warblers but it was the characteristic call of a Willow Tit that attracted our attention, and we soon realised that a pair were busy feeding young in a rotten tree stump. Nearby, some movement in the trees proved to be an attractive Red Squirrel, and a raptor soaring overhead turned out to be a Lesser Spotted Eagle. An Icterine Warbler was singing in some birches further up the track but it was several fleeting glimpses of some woodpeckers in flight near a small lake that intrigued us the most. When we eventually tracked them down we were delighted to find that we had discovered a pair of White-backed Woodpeckers feeding young. The birds were quite confiding and we were able to watch them bringing food to the nest hole, which was at eye level, every few minutes. Many of us were thrilled to get some great photographs and video of this rare woodpecker going about its business.

## Day 6

Friday 12th May

### Belovezhskaya Puscha National Park

Early morning saw a dedicated group of woodpecker enthusiasts back at the White-backed Woodpecker nest for a further 'fix' of observations and photography, but the sighting of the morning has to go to Laurie who saw a European Polecat on his pre-breakfast walk.

After picking up our forest guide, Anton, we drove deep into the forest to an area of old growth forest, but had to enlist the help of a forester with a chain saw to clear a fallen tree from the track leading there. Such events are hardly surprising given the amount of standing deadwood in these magnificent ancient forests. A pleasant walk around a grove of mixed Oak and Hornbeam resulted in the discovery of a Middle Spotted Woodpecker nest and we were lucky enough to witness the 'change over' as the male and female birds shared incubation duties. This area of the forest was full of flycatchers and everyone got great views of Pied, Collared and Spotted Flycatchers busy setting up their territories, as well as a stunning Firecrest nearby. Then it was on to another part of the forest where we had terrific views of a male Three-toed Woodpecker attending his nest site, and a Eurasian Pygmy Owl put in a brief appearance a short distance away.

A further stop in an area of pine-dominated forest produced the expected Spotted Nutcracker and whilst a Grey-headed Woodpecker played 'hard to get', a vocal Black Woodpecker nearby gave us some excellent views. After stopping at a large reed-fringed reservoir where seven Eurasian Hobbies were hawking insects and an adult White-tailed Eagle was patrolling the shore, it was now late afternoon and time to check out some nearby meadows to look for some of the forest's star species. A Northern Goshawk flying through the trees and a Lesser Spotted Eagle sat on a bush was a good start, but the real prize here was a herd of ten European Bison out grazing in the middle of the meadow. What a privilege to be able to watch these magnificent creatures at leisure in the low evening sunlight with Common Cranes flying overhead and Ortolan Bunting, Yellowhammer and Turtle Dove providing the soundtrack. Truly a scene from ancient Europe!

Reluctantly, we had to tear ourselves away from this spectacle to get back to the hotel, but just as we were leaving Anton shouted, "Mammal at two o'clock". We looked and could scarcely believe our eyes as the mammal turned out to be a lone Wolf! Chaos ensued as everyone piled back off the bus and we were treated to the sight of the Wolf unhurriedly lolling along the edge of the clearing before disappearing back into the forest.

Now we really did have to leave for the hotel as dusk was gathering, but again we were thwarted by a huge fallen tree across the road and this one was not going to be cleared any time soon. So a detour was taken along a forest

track and after nearly getting the bus stuck in a collapsed beaver tunnel, we eventually arrived back for dinner tired but very happy. What a day!

## Day 7

Saturday 13th May

### Kamianuki - Vygonoshanske - Sporova

After yesterday's long day in the field we opted for a later start but that didn't stop the 'West Midlands Crew' going for a pre-breakfast walk where they reported gripping views of Grey-headed Woodpecker and Collared Flycatcher, but all that was trumped when a Pine Marten ran across the track.

After checking out, we boarded the bus for the three-hour drive to our next site, but at a coffee stop en route we were entertained by a pair of Pied Flycatchers building a nest in a crevice which the previous week had been occupied by Crested Tits. We picked up a new forest guide and, after a picnic lunch, we were shown a Long-eared Owl nest site. Only two of the six fledglings were on show but as compensation, a pair of Lesser Spotted Eagles soared low overhead.

Tension was now building as the next site was our only chance to see one of the trip's star species. We need not have worried though as, after a short walk through some swampy forest, we were able to watch at leisure a magnificent Great Grey Owl sitting on the Greater Spotted Eagle nest she had commandeered. She was obviously brooding chicks as one of them showed its head briefly above the rim of the nest whilst mum gave the awestruck Naturetrekers 'the eyes'.

Another bus ride took us to an area of fen mire near Sporova where we scanned over the unusual short marsh vegetation for another of Belarus's star birds, the globally threatened Aquatic Warbler. After watching some birds performing their distinctive display flights, we were eventually able to get some good views of this intriguing bird perched on sedge clumps, showing off its pale crown stripe. Further out on the marsh, gaudy Citrine Wagtails showed intermittently and a Bittern was glimpsed briefly, whilst the air was full of displaying Common Snipe.

## Day 8

Sunday 14th May

### Sporova - Minsk - London

With the flight home leaving at midday, an early morning start was required for the drive to Minsk through rolling countryside punctuated with forest and marshes, where the now familiar White Stork and Marsh Harrier were reminders of the wealth of wildlife that Belarus had afforded us over the previous week.

## Naturetrek Facebook

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## Species List

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

	Common name	Scientific name	May									
			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
1	Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>			2		2					
2	Greater White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>							1			
3	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>		1	8	6	2		✓			
4	Whooper Swan	<i>Cygnus Cygnus</i>		2					4			
5	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>		1								
6	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>		✓								
7	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
8	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>		1	3	✓	1					
9	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>			1							
10	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>		4	1	10	2		1			
11	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>				1						
12	Common Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>		✓	✓							
13	Smew	<i>Mergellus albellus</i>		6								
14	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>		✓					2			
15	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>		9	1	3						
16	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
17	Eurasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>							1			
18	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			
19	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		20	✓	✓	✓		✓			
20	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		15								
21	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>		1								
22	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>		1								
23	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>				1						
24	White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>		3	1	5		1				
25	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
26	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>			2		3		1			
27	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		1							1	
28	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>			1			1	1			
29	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	1	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
30	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga pomarina</i>					1	1	2			
31	Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga clanga</i>				1						
32	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>			1		1					
33	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>			2	2	1	7				
34	Corn Crane	<i>Crex crex</i>		H	H							
35	Little Crane	<i>Porzana parva</i>		H								
36	Spotted Crane	<i>Porzana porzana</i>		H	H							
37	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		✓								
38	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		✓					2			
39	Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>						2	1			
40	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>		1	3		1					
41	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
42	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>		4	4	3	1					
43	Eurasian Woodcock	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>			1			1				
44	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>		✓	✓	1	3		12			
45	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>			✓		2					
46	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>		1			1					
47	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa tetanus</i>		✓	✓	✓	1					
48	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>					1					

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			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
49	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>				4						
50	Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>			2	4						
51	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		1			
52	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		4	2	2						
53	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>			3							
54	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>		30	✓	50	✓					
55	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓					
56	Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>		10	2							
57	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>		2								
58	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>			1							
59	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓					
60	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrid</i>		2	2				1			
61	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓					
62	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		2			
63	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			
64	Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>		1	2	1	1		3			
65	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
66	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>					6	H	1			
67	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			
68	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		H	1	H	H	H				
69	Great Grey Owl	<i>Strix nebulosa</i>							1			
70	Eurasian Pygmy Owl	<i>Glaucidium passerinum</i>						1				
71	Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>							2			
72	Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>			1							
73	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>			4				✓			
74	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>		1		4						
75	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		1	1	1		1	H			
76	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>			2	1	1					
77	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>		1								
78	Eurasian Three-toed Woodpecker	<i>Picoides tridactylus</i>						1				
79	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocoptes medius</i>				1		2				
80	White-backed Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos leucotos</i>		1		1	2	2	1			
81	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		H	1	✓	✓	✓	✓			
82	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>		1	1			2	1			
83	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>				2	H	1	1			
84	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		3	4	1	2		1			
85	Great Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>			2							
86	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		2	✓	✓	2	H	1			
87	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>			1	✓	✓	✓	1			
88	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		2			
89	Spotted Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>						2				
90	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>			✓	✓	✓		3			
91	Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓			
92	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
93	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
94	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>			1	1	1	1				
95	Willow Tit	<i>Poecile montanus</i>				2		1				
96	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>			H	1	1	1				
97	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>		1		4	1	✓	1			
98	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
99	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			

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			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
100	Azure Tit	<i>Cyanistes cyanus</i>		2	6	1				
101	Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>			1					
102	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>			2		✓	1		
103	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>		1	H	H		1	H	
104	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
105	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
106	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
107	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
108	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>				6	H			
109	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
110	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
111	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>		2		✓	✓	✓	✓	
112	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>		6	H	H				
113	Aquatic Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus paludicola</i>							2	
114	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>			H			1		
115	Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>		H	3			1		
116	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>		H	H			H		
117	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
118	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>			1	H				
119	Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>		2	1		1			
120	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>		✓	4	1	✓			1
121	Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		1	
122	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>					H	1		
123	Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>						1	2	
124	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>						1		
125	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>				1	2	✓	1	
126	Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>				1	1		1	
127	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
128	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
129	Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>			✓	✓	1	✓	3	
130	Redwing	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>				1		H		
131	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>			H	1	1	✓	1	
132	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>						1	1	
133	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>			1	2	1	2	1	
134	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>		2	1					
135	Thrush Nightingale	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>		H	H	1	H	H		
136	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	1	1	2	2	2		2	
137	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>		1			2	2	1	
138	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		1	2	1		✓	1	
139	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		3	✓	2	2	1		
140	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		1	✓	2	✓	✓	✓	
141	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>			1	4	1	✓	✓	
142	Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>				1		✓	1	
143	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>				2		1		
144	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
145	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
146	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
147	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>						1		
148	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
149	Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>							✓	
150	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		H		2		✓	H	

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			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
151	Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>		H						
152	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
153	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		2	✓	✓	✓		✓	
154	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>					H	✓	2	
155	Eurasian Siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
156	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
157	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		✓	✓	2	✓		✓	
158	Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>				1		H		
159	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>		H	3	5	6	✓	2	
160	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citronella</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
161	Oortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>						1		
162	Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>		✓	✓				✓	

## Mammals

1	Common Mole	<i>Talpa europaea</i>					✓		✓	
2	Wolf	<i>Canis lupus</i>						1		
3	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>							1	
4	European Polecat	<i>Mustela putorius</i>						1		
5	Mink sp.	<i>Mustela sp.</i>				1				
6	Pine Marten	<i>Martes martes</i>							1	
7	European Bison	<i>Bison bonasus</i>						12		
8	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>					2			
9	Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>			1		1	1		
10	Eurasian Beaver	<i>Castor fiber</i>			3	2	2			
11	Red Deer	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>				1				
12	European Roe Deer	<i>Cervus capreolus</i>		1				✓		
13	Elk	<i>Alces alces</i>				1				

## Amphibians

1	Common Toad	<i>Bufo bufo</i>						1		
2	Fire-bellied Toad	<i>Bombina bombina</i>							H	
3	Eastern Tree Frog	<i>Hyla orientalis</i>				1				

## Miscellaneous insects

2	Hornet	<i>Vespa crabro</i>				1				
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## Butterflies

1	Orange Tip	<i>Arthocharis cardamines</i>				1	✓			
2	Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>			4	✓	✓		✓	
3	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>							✓	
4	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>			1		1			
5	Peacock	<i>Inachis io</i>							✓	
6	Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>							✓	
7	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>						2		

## Notable Plants

Marsh Marigold, *Caltha palustris*  
 Spring Pea, *Lathyrus vernus*  
 Lily of the Valley, *Convallaria majalis*

Wood Anemone, *Anemone nemorosa*  
 Toothwort, *Lathraea squamaria*  
 May Lily, *Maianthemum bifolium*

Common Solomon's Seal, *Polygonatum multiflorum*  
Asarabacca, *Asarum europaeum*  
Greater Celandine, *Chelidonium majus*  
Hepatica, *Hepatica nobilis*  
Coralroot Bittercress, *Cardamine bulbifera*  
Cowslip, *Primula veris*  
Dusky Cranesbill, *Geranium phaeum*  
One-flowered Wintergreen, *Moneses uniflora*

Herb Paris, *Paris quadrifolia*  
Bugle, *Ajuga reptans*  
Water Avens, *Geum rivale*  
Narrow-leaved Bittercress, *Cardamine impatiens*  
Mezereum, *Daphne mezereum*  
Lady's Mantle sp, *Alchemilla vulgaris*  
Martagon Lily, *Lilium martagon*

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