

The Swiss Alps in Summer

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Alpine Accentor



Alpine Chough



Damon Blue



Asian Fritillary

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Summary

Switzerland remains one of the most beautiful countries to visit, from the drive along the northern rim of Lake Geneva, with views across the cobalt waters towards Mont Blanc, to the iconic *Hautes Alpes* – the high mountains – with the view from the Gornergrat looking towards the Matterhorn one of the most splendid views in the world. We certainly all enjoyed our walks in the Alpine meadows at Arolla, where the scenery opens out above the Arolla Pines, encompassing glaciers and the 4000-metre peaks of Pigne d’Arolla and Mont Collon.

Every year in Switzerland is different and we arrived to high temperatures: even at Evolène (at 1400 metres), which is usually a cooler haven from the Rhone Valley, the temperatures hit heights of over 25°C. The result was that the amount of snow about was less than normal, the meadows were well advanced, birds had bred early, and the butterflies were abundant – indeed we reached an amazing total of 98 species for the tour. Luckily, temperatures cooled during the week, though this made for a little changeable weather.

Our birding highlights will undoubtedly include the Wallcreeper at the Grand Dixence dam and the amazing views of the three Lammergeiers mobbed by Golden Eagles at La Crettaz. However, added to the list were the characterful Spotted Nutcrackers, cracking male Citril Finch, Bee-eaters at Leuk, as well as Alpine Accentors and Snowfinches at the Gornergrat. Butterflies were numerous and our sightings included some exciting finds - too many to mention really - with the now-regular Asian Fritillaries at Arolla, Common Apollos, Glandon and Damon Blues, Poplar Admiral, Swiss Brassy Ringlet amongst the best. Additionally, the meadows in June are a delight and, with so much to see, our walks through them were leisurely to say the least and we enjoyed the rich colours and varied plant life.

Finally, there is Evolène itself, which stands in stark contrast to the tourist hotspot of Zermatt: here we ambled of an evening through the old narrow lanes, enjoying the rich texture of the many old wooden chalets and the church that stands tall amongst the town’s old buildings. Andy and I would like to sincerely thank you for your company and hope you enjoyed your time in Switzerland as much as we did.

Day 1

Sunday 19th June

As we approached Geneva airport, the views of the Jura to our left and the Alps across the lake were a little obscured by the very hazy sun and we arrived to unseasonable temperatures of 36°C! The drive east along the northern edge of Lake Geneva was relatively uneventful but included many roadside Black Kites and Buzzards, plus a Red Kite for one of the buses; we stopped briefly at Le Chablais for a pitstop, before continuing along the Rhone Valley.

Continuing east to Martigny, where the road doglegs north-east, we turned south off the *autoroute* at Sion, the road winding up the hairpins out of the valley, through Vex and past the impressive Pyramides d’Euseigne – we would return later to these interesting geomorphological features. We arrived late afternoon at a hot Hotel Hermitage in Evolène, our home for the week, where we were greeted by singing Serins, plus Black and

Common Redstarts. We checked in, some stood on their balconies or had a quick recce of the surroundings down by the river (La Borgne), then met up for a quick introductory chat before we made the short walk to a restaurant just down the road from the hotel.

Day 2

Monday 20th June

A traditional pre-breakfast walk led us north uphill out of Evolène, past the old Hotel d'Evolène and into the fields above the town – looking back past the tall church spire, the wonderful tooth-like peak of the Dent Blanche stood tall. We picked up the usual array of species: White Wagtails – with many juveniles about, Common and Black Redstarts, Great and Coal Tits, but the first good bird was a fine male Red-backed Shrike, calling from scrub below the road. Several male Whinchat sang from wires or textural, stone-tiled roof of a low buildings, before dropping into the rich, grassy meadow below.

Following breakfast, we made a first day's outing to Arolla. It was to be a beautiful, sunny day and the temperatures were high – 28°C at Evolène in the afternoon is almost unheard of at 1400 metres. Having picked up provisions for lunch, we drove south to Les Haudères, then took the road that heads up to Arolla. It was a glorious morning, and we were treated to a fine view of the high Alps: first the Pigne d'Arolla comes into view then slowly the molar-like Mont Collon. Starting our walk above the village, we had hardly got out of the vans before we were picking out interesting birds, butterflies and plants. It is an amazingly diverse and rich area and we saw Tree Pipits and Lesser Whitethroats, Spotted Nutcrackers and hairy Marmots.

Strolling along the track uphill, it was not long before parties of Alpine Choughs were picked out above the treeline and a Cuckoo could be heard calling in the distance. Lovely Alpine Blues, Alpine Heath and Alpine Graylings were found amongst many Large Wall Browns, whilst Mazarine and Little Blues sunned themselves on the ground. At various points on our walk, we simply stood and marvelled at the fine views along the valley towards the mountains, often attracted by a few noisy and dramatic snow avalanches. Willow Tit called and showed briefly, we also saw Water Pipit and Wheatear – the males of the latter being notably pale (the form *libanotica*).

The walk back was a little quicker than the walk up, even though we were often side-tracked by yet another interesting plant or butterfly. At the vehicles, we found a table and seats at which we enjoyed a lovely lunch looking out over the valley in glorious (almost too hot) sunshine. Not wanting to leave Arolla, we popped into the village and enjoyed a drink or ice cream sat on the terrace soaking in the views of the needle rocks of les Aiguilles de la Tsa across the valley and Clouded Apollos that cruised over the slope below.

Heading towards Les Haudères a little, the rest of the afternoon was taken with a walk in a fine, flower-filled meadow near La Crettaz. By the car park, the first things to see and hear were Western Bonelli's Warblers and calling Willow Tits. On the flowers by the vehicles many butterflies gathered, including impossibly orange Scarce Coppers, Black-veined White, many False Heath Fritillaries, plus Chalk-hill, Large and Amanda's Blues. Along the trail, the meadows were covered in a superb display of wildflowers – including Burnt Orchids, with Whinchats feeding young and Tree Pipits singing from the pine tops.

Day 3

Tuesday 21st June

Checking of the weather forecast caused us to visit Zermatt early in the tour, but with a fair day predicted – and you never know what might happen later – we ate an early breakfast though it was (a little alarmingly) a slightly cloudier day than had been hoped for as we drove east along the Rhone to Visp, before turning south along the Mattertal to Täsch. From the bahnhof, we boarded the train to Zermatt and then crossed the road to catch the next to the Gornergrat – making sure we had grandstand seats on the correct side of the train.

As we pulled out of Zermatt and the train and our levels of excitement began to rise, we were treated to rather cloudy views of the Matterhorn – the clouds draped it like a negligee(!), but this did not really dampen our spirits and at various moments in the morning we gained almost cloudless views. All the way up to the Gornergrat at 3100 metres, cameras were directed towards it – for keen eyes a couple of Marmot and Snowfinches were also seen en route. Arriving at the Gornergrat to sleety rain, we swiftly found a pair of Snowfinches feeding young above the station, then walked slowly up to the viewpoint. The panoramic view towards the mountains – from Monte Rosa, the Breithorn, Kleine Matterhorn and the Matterhorn round to the Dent Blanche – were at times obscured, at time not so much, but we watched as Jan fed the Alpine Choughs chips for a brief photographic session.

A frenetic moment happened when a group of Alpine Accentors swept past, but all was calm when they appeared at close range and performed brilliantly in great light for photography – ‘best-ever’ views. After lunch in the observatory and looks at the Ibex at the salt lick, we gathered for another look at the Snowfinches at the station before taking the train down to Rieffelberg Station for a brief check of the meadows. It was a little brighter and we enjoyed Snowdon Lilies and other plants plus of course more Snowfinches and new butterflies, notably Alpine Grizzled Skipper, before finally heading back to Zermatt, Täsch and round to Evolène.

Day 4

Wednesday 22nd June

We woke to a rather wet Alpine day and started by walking down into lower Evolène and the river below the town. The trees by the noisy waters held both Garden Warbler and Blackcap, though the Marsh Warbler was not singing – it did call and showed briefly – we were pretty much taken by the singing Whinchats that included mimicry of Corn Bunting and Tree Pipit.

After breakfast we tracked down to Euseigne then back south along the Heremence valley to the base of the Grand Dixence dam – still the tallest in the world, where we parked up, gathered our gear and, to the sound of Lesser Redpolls, took the cable car to the top. Ibex showed nicely and Black Redstarts were feeding young, but top marks go to Jan for picking out the Wallcreeper in flight as it headed over. Manoeuvring ourselves, we quickly relocated it on the rocks and enjoyed good ‘scope views as it flitted about – superb and a bit of a relief. Back near the dam a Snowfinch flew over, Alpine Accentors hopped about the rocks and Water Pipits songflighted, as well as various new plants being seen, including Alpine Butterwort and more Snowdon Lilies.

As the clouds began to clear, we descended along a service track and were treated to repeat views of the male Wallcreeper – closer this time – but as we watched a bank of cloud came in and that was that! However, as the

path neared the dam, it appeared again, settling briefly on the dam itself, then disappeared – seemingly up a pipe! Both Lesser Whitethroats and Lesser Redpolls sang and showed well as we walked down, before we enjoyed lunch at the ‘picnic area’.

On the way down, we stopped again at a meadow amongst the pines and mooched about checking out the plants and butterflies. More Tree Pipits sang, and numerous butterflies were found among the Yellow Gentians and meadows. Lower still, we paused for a coffee or sorbet, but also had a relaxed walk about the meadows seeing our first Chequered Skipper and only Geranium Argus.

Day 5

Thursday 23rd June

After a pre-breakfast in the ‘new’ town, and having picked up lunch supplies, we dropped down into the Rhone valley to Sion, then north through the vineyards towards the Derborence valley and along the precipitous road through the cliffs. Today was to become one of those memorable days when things come together perfectly.

Our first stop was to search for Lammergeier and some botanising. Here, amongst the pines, we found delicate and jewel-like Fly Ophrys, Lesser Butterfly Orchid, Pale-green, Nodding and One-flowered Wintergreen, Red and Dark-red Helleborine, but the cliffs above were empty of the large vulture – high Alpine Swifts were little compensation. Having parked up at Derborence itself, it was Jan again who called ‘raptor’ and with all eyes up an adult Lammergeier soared in front of the hills before heading over the col. Butterflies were abundant and amongst the most interesting were bright Turquoise and Damon Blues, Berger’s Clouded Yellows, Mallow and Carline Skippers and (for some) a Poplar Admiral. After lunch we headed to the café for a drink, distracted again by yet more butterflies and birds - Tufted Duck and Coot! Superb!

Back on the edge of the Rhone Valley at Aven, we walked down the road for an excellent hour or so, with a neat, barred Honey Buzzard, two more Golden Eagles, Western Bonelli’s Warblers, Rock Bunting and Sean found a Citril Finch. The butterflies were out in the heat of the afternoon, with Blue-spot Hairstreak and Great Sooty Satyrs being especially noteworthy. We called it a day just in time as a torrential downpour started as we passed through Sion.

Day 6

Friday 24th June

A pre-breakfast walk took us back down by the river below, where the Whinchats still sang, but the Marsh Warblers were quiet. Later we descended north towards the Rhone Valle, but not before a stop at the moraine ‘pyramids’ at Euseigne – here large boulders have over millennia protected the moraine beneath from erosion and now sit precariously atop the loose sedimentary pillars. In the early sun they were particularly striking.

Continuing downhill, past Sion then east, we reached the large area of open fields and golf course near Leuk, known as the Leukerfeld. Here a small nature reserve has been protected and is remarkable in its wealth of wildlife, both birdlife but also dragonflies. On arrival we could hear Nightingales singing and saw numerous Tree Sparrows about the poplars. A Wryneck called and was found as it watched the goings on, to be joined by

another later – we saw at least five in total. Not a bad start and made even better by the Bee-eaters that kept on swooping across the pools catching bees.

The fringes to the track alongside the small reedbeds held a nice variety of damselflies, the best of which were Azure and White-legged Damselflies – one of the Bee-eaters had a Blue Emperor which it whacked against a branch. In the fields we saw Stonechats and Skylarks and heard a Quail, though the Bee-eaters kept drawing us back and we spent some time watching them about the colony; a Nightingale was found in the open and sang for a while in full view. A dark (almost black) blue butterfly was eventually identified as a Provencal Short-tailed Blue and also saw Small Red-eyed Damselfly.

We had lunch by a patch of scrub at the bottom of the Feschelbach Gorge, but the threatening rain arrived, and we had to make do with both food and a lone Safflower Skipper, before retreating for a strategic coffee break during which the rain eased. Returning to Leuk, we drove up the Bannwald and our perseverance was rewarded by a Black Woodpecker drying itself on a burnt tree, plus many Mistle Thrush and Rock Bunting.

Day 7

Saturday 25th June

A pre-breakfast walk to the south of Evolène, found us looking for invisible Spotted Flycatchers, but in compensation we gained excellent views of Nutcracker by the road, where one hammered away at an Arolla Pine cone unfazed by us, pulling out sizeable kernels.

Back up at Arolla, we made the decision to walk to the Tsijiore Nouve Glacier snout, across the meadow in the hope of new species. On arrival we picked out the calls of Crossbill and eventually, after a couple of fly-overs, we found some perched to view. These are large-billed birds – presumably due to the pine cones. We had good, prolonged views of Tree Pipit, more Spotted Nutcrackers, Dunnock and Lesser Whitethroat, but butterflies were also numerous today. Many Alpine Heath were joined by various fritillaries, of which Asian, Knapweed and Queen of Spain were most numerous. Up on the moraine we looked towards the snout of the glacier, which has receded dramatically in the past 30 years – at least 300m! Above us Alpine Choughs played and we picked out a single Red-billed Chough; Water Pipits songflighted, whilst a single small, relatively unmarked fritillary turned out to be Grison's. Down by small muddy patches we found Mazarine, smoky-blue Glandon and a few Cranberry Blues. A chacking Ring Ouzel flew across the meadow and landed on a distant boulder – photos later revealed that it was feeding an unseen juvenile.

Back at Arolla, we again enjoyed a picnic amongst the high mountains followed by a coffee or glace at the restaurant. We made two stops as we descended: the first at Satarma, where some paddled in the icy glacier water; the second – a brief one – was at La Crettaz. Such is the way of things, that we timed our arrival brilliantly: no sooner had we gathered by the bus than Claire saw two raptors high overhead – two Lammergeier (an adult and younger bird), which quickly dropped out of view. Luckily it wasn't long before they appeared again with another adult and crossed the valley, before being mobbed by a pair of Golden Eagles high over Dent de Veisivi then tracking back towards us giving superb views as they did. We can only speculate that the young may have been the offspring of the two adults. Such was the experience, that after they had gone it was hard to concentrate on much else, though two superb Chalk-hill Blues were nice, if a tad smaller.

Day 8

Sunday 26th June

Our final day began with for some their final walk about the town of Evolène and views of the Dent Blanche, before making sandwiches, loading the minibuses and beginning our journey back to Geneva for the flights home.

With time on our hands, we took the opportunity to stop at the eastern end of Lake Geneva at Les Grangettes. Along the canal and on the lake we picked up several new species for the week: Red-crested and Common Pochard, Goosander, Great Reed Warbler, Golden Oriole and Lesser Emperor. A Viperine Water Snake swam across the canal and we managed to get views of it through the 'scope. Sadly, time pressed on, and we drove to a service station for our final lunch *en plein air*, then on to the airport and the parting of the ways.

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	June 2022							
			19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Birds									
1	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>								✓
2	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>								✓
3	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>			✓			✓		✓
4	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>								✓
5	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>								✓
6	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>					✓	✓		✓
7	Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>								✓
8	Goosander	<i>Mergus merganser</i>								✓
9	Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>						✓		
10	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	✓							✓
11	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓					✓		✓
12	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓					✓		✓
13	Lammergeier	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>					✓		✓	
14	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>					✓			
15	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
16	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	✓				✓	✓		
17	Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	✓					✓		
18	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓							✓
19	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
20	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>								✓
21	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>					✓	✓		✓
22	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓							✓
23	Feral Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓
24	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
25	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓							✓
26	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymartia melba</i>					✓	✓		
28	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
29	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>						✓		
30	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>						✓		✓
31	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>						✓		
32	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
33	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>						✓		
34	European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>				✓		✓	✓	
35	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
36	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>						✓		
37	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		✓				✓	✓	✓
38	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>								✓
39	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
40	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
41	Spotted Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
42	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>								✓
43	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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44	Carion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
45	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
46	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
47	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>					✓	✓	✓	
48	Willow Tit	<i>Poecile montanus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
49	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>						✓	✓	✓
50	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
51	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>			✓			✓		
52	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>			✓	✓		✓		✓
53	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
54	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
55	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>					✓			
56	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>					✓			
57	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
58	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
59	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>								✓
60	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>						✓		✓
61	Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>				✓		✓		
62	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
63	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓		
64	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Curruca curruca</i>		✓		✓			✓	
65	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
66	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	
67	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>					✓	✓	✓	
68	Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>				✓				
69	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓
70	Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus torquatus</i>							✓	
71	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
72	Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	✓					✓		
73	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
74	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
75	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>						✓		
76	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
77	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>						✓		
78	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
79	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
80	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
81	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>						✓		
82	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>		✓	✓			✓		
83	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>	✓			✓		✓		
84	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
85	Italian Sparrow	<i>Passer italiae</i>		✓						
86	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>						✓		✓
87	White-winged Snowfinch	<i>Montifringilla nivalis</i>			✓	✓				
88	Alpine Accentor	<i>Prunella collaris</i>			✓	✓				
89	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>							✓	
90	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
91	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
92	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		✓		✓	✓		✓	

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93	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
94	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
95	Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>		✓		✓				
96	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
97	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
98	Lesser Redpoll	<i>Acanthis cabaret</i>		✓		✓				✓
99	Common Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>								✓
100	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
101	Citril Finch	<i>Carduelis citrinella</i>					✓			
102	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
103	Eurasian Siskin	<i>Spinus spinus</i>				✓	✓			✓
104	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>							✓	
105	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>					✓	✓		

Butterflies

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	Butterflies									
1	Common Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>		✓	✓			✓		✓
2	Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>						✓		
3	Common Apollo	<i>Parnassius apollo</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
4	Clouded Apollo	<i>Parnassius mnemosyne</i>		✓				✓		✓
5	Black-veined White	<i>Aporia crataegi</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
6	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>		✓				✓		✓
7	Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	
8	Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>	✓						✓	✓
9	Mountain Green-veined White	<i>Pieris bryoniae</i>		✓		✓	✓			✓
10	Eastern Bath White	<i>Pontia edusa</i>							✓	
11	Peak White	<i>Pontia callidice</i>			✓	✓				✓
12	Orange-tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
13	Mountain Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias phicomone</i>		✓						✓
14	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>		✓				✓		✓
15	Berger's Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias alfacariensis</i>	✓	✓				✓		✓
16	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>						✓		
17	Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
18	Blue-spot Hairstreak	<i>Satyrrium spini</i>						✓		
19	Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>		✓						
20	Scarce Copper	<i>Lycaena vigaureae</i>	✓	✓		✓				✓
21	Sooty Copper	<i>Lycaena tityrus</i>		✓		✓				
22	Purple-edged Copper	<i>Lycaena hippothoe</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓	
23	Provençal Short-tailed Blue	<i>Cupido alcetas</i>							✓	
24	Short-tailed Blue	<i>Cupido argiades</i>		✓	✓					
25	Little Blue	<i>Cupido minimus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓

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26	Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>	✓			✓				✓
27	Large Blue	<i>Phengaris arion</i>		✓					✓	
28	Silver-studded Blue	<i>Plebejus argus</i>				✓	✓		✓	
29	Alpine Blue	<i>Plebejus orbitulus</i>		✓					✓	
30	Cranberry Blue	<i>Vaciniina optilete</i>							✓	
31	Geranium Argus	<i>Aricia eumedon</i>				✓				
32	Mountain Argus	<i>Aricia artaxerxes</i>		✓		✓	✓		✓	
33	Glandon Blue	<i>Agriades glandon</i>							✓	
34	Mazarine Blue	<i>Cyaniris semiargus</i>		✓		✓	✓		✓	
35	Chalkhill Blue	<i>Polyommatus coridon</i>					✓		✓	
36	Adonis Blue	<i>Polyommatus bellargus</i>				✓	✓			
37	Damon Blue	<i>Polyommatus damon</i>	✓	✓			✓			
38	Escher's Blue	<i>Polyommatus escheri</i>						✓		
39	Amanda's Blue	<i>Polyommatus amandus</i>		✓		✓			✓	
40	Turquoise Blue	<i>Polyommatus dorylas</i>					✓	✓	✓	
41	Chapman's Blue	<i>Polyommatus thersites</i>					✓			
42	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
43	Meleager's Blue	<i>Polyommatus daphnis</i>						✓		
44	Southern White Admiral	<i>Limenitis reducta</i>					✓			
45	Poplar Admiral	<i>Limenitis populi</i>					✓			
46	Camberwell Beauty	<i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>					✓			
47	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	✓	✓			✓			✓
48	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	
49	Peacock	<i>Aglais io</i>					✓			
50	Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
51	Northern Comma	<i>Polygonia c-album</i>					✓			
52	Dark Green Fritillary	<i>Argynnis aglaja</i>		✓		✓	✓			
53	Niobe Fritillary	<i>Argynnis niobe</i>					✓	✓		
54	Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>		✓		✓	✓		✓	
55	Marbled Fritillary	<i>Brenthis daphne</i>				✓	✓			
56	Silver-washed Fritillary	<i>Argynnis paphia</i>								✓
57	Cardinal	<i>Argynnis pandora</i>					✓			
58	Pearl-bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria euphrosyne</i>		✓		✓	✓			
59	Titania's Fritillary	<i>Boloria titania</i>					✓			
60	Weaver's Fritillary	<i>Boloria dia</i>		✓						
61	Glanville Fritillary	<i>Melitaea cinxia</i>		✓					✓	
62	Grison's Fritillary	<i>Melitaea varia</i>							✓	
63	Knapweed Fritillary	<i>Melitaea phoebe</i>					✓		✓	
64	Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea didyma</i>					✓			
65	False Heath Fritillary	<i>Melitaea diamina</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
66	Heath Fritillary	<i>Melitaea athalia</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	
67	Asian Fritillary	<i>Euphydryas intermedia</i>		✓					✓	
68	Common Marbled White	<i>Melanargia galathea</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
69	Alpine Grayling	<i>Oeneis glacialis</i>		✓						

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70	Great Sooty Satyr	<i>Satyrus ferula</i>					✓			
71	Scotch Argus	<i>Erebia aethiops</i>		✓						
72	Arran Brown	<i>Erebia ligea</i>			✓					
73	Blind Ringlet	<i>Erebia pharte</i>							✓	
74	Mountain Ringlet	<i>Erebia epiphron</i>		✓						
75	Almond-eyed Ringlet	<i>Erebia albergana</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
76	Mnestra's Ringlet	<i>Erebia mnestra</i>							✓	
77	Swiss Brassy Ringlet	<i>Erebia tyndarus</i>		✓					✓	
78	Piedmont Ringlet	<i>Erebia meolans</i>		✓			✓		✓	
79	Dewy Ringlet	<i>Erebia pandrose</i>			✓					
80	Ringlet	<i>Aphantopus hyperantus</i>						✓		
81	Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>	✓	✓		✓				✓
82	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>	✓							
83	Alpine Heath	<i>Coenonympha gardetta</i>		✓		✓			✓	
84	Large Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata maera</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
85	Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus malvae</i>			✓		✓		✓	
86	Carline Skipper	<i>Pyrgus carlinae</i>					✓			
87	Large Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus alveus</i>				✓				
88	Olive Skipper	<i>Pyrgus serratulae</i>							✓	
89	Oberthür's Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus armoricanus</i>							✓	
90	Alpine Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus andromedae</i>			✓					
91	Safflower Skipper	<i>Pyrgus carthami</i>						✓		
92	Red-underwing Skipper	<i>Spialia sertorius</i>			✓		✓			
93	Mallow Skipper	<i>Carcharodus alceae</i>					✓			
94	Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>		✓		✓	✓		✓	
95	Chequered Skipper	<i>Carterocephalus palaemon</i>				✓				
96	Essex Skipper	<i>Thymelicus lineola</i>		✓		✓			✓	
97	Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>	✓	✓			✓			
98	Large Skipper	<i>Ochlodes sylvanus</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	

Others

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Mammals										
Eurasian Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>			✓						
Alpine Marmot	<i>Marmota marmota</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>		✓							
Western Roe Deer	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>							✓		
Alpine Ibex	<i>Capra ibex</i>			✓	✓					
Alpine Chamois	<i>Rupicapra rupicapra</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
European Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>						✓			
Beech (Stone) Marten	<i>Martes foina</i>		✓				✓			

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Reptiles									
Viviparous Lizard	<i>Lacerta vivipera</i>					✓			
Viperine Water Snake	<i>Natrix maura</i>								✓
Amphibians									
Common Frog	<i>Rana temporaria</i>					✓			
Alpine Salamander	<i>Salamandra atra</i>					✓			
Eurasian Marsh Frog	<i>Pelophylax ridibundus</i>					✓			
Dragonflies and Damselflies									
Azure Damselfly	<i>Coenagrion puella</i>					✓			✓
Variable Damselfly	<i>Coenagrion pulchellum</i>					✓			✓
Common Blue Damslefly	<i>Enallagma cyathigerum</i>					✓			
Small Red-eyed Damselfly	<i>Erythromma viridulum</i>					✓			
Blue-tailed Damselfly	<i>Ischnura elegans</i>					✓			
White-legged Damselfly	<i>Platycnemis pennipes</i>					✓			
Blue Emperor	<i>Anax imperator</i>					✓			✓
Lesser Emperor	<i>Anax parthenope</i>								✓
Downy Emerald	<i>Cordulia aenea</i>								✓
Black-tailed Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum cancellatum</i>								✓

Plants

Pinaceae

European Silver Fir
 Norway Spruce
 European Larch
 Arolla Pine
 Scots Pine

Liliaceae

Snowdon Lily
 Martagon Lily

Melanthiaceae

White False Helleborine

Orchidaceae

Red Helleborine
 Dark-red Helleborine
 Marsh Helleborine
 Lesser Twayblade
 Lesser Butterfly Orchid
 Small-white Orchid
 Chalk Fragrant Orchid
 Dark Vanilla Orchid
 Frog Orchid

Common Spotted Orchid
Broad-leaved Marsh Orchid
Burnt Orchid
Fly Orchid

Typhaceae

Common Reedmace

Ranunculaceae

European Globeflower
Wolf's-bane
Common Larkspur
Alpine Pasque-flower
Dark Columbine
Alpine Columbine

Saxifragaceae

Livelong Saxifrage

Crassulaceae

Mountain House-leek
Common House-leek
White Stonecrop
Mountain Stonecrop

Fabaceae

Alpine Milk-vetch
Common Sainfoin
Alpine Sainfoin
Common Kidney Vetch
Alpine Bird's-foot-trefoil
Horseshoe Vetch
Tufted Vetch
Variable-leaved Everlasting-pea
Black Medick
Alpine Clover

Rosaceae

Mountain Avens
Alpine Cinquefoil
Water Avens
Common Dog Rose
Alpine Rose

Violaceae

Long-spurred Pansy

Geraniaceae

(White) Wood Crane's-bill
Common Herb-Robert
Bloody Crane's-bill
Wood Crane's-bill

Onagraceae

Rosebay Willowherb
Alpine Willowherb
Great Willowherb

Cistaceae

Common Rock-rose

Brassicaceae

Common Buckler-mustard
Alpine Rock-cress
Woad

Polygonaceae

Alpine Bistort

Caryophyllaceae

Common Chickweed
Moss Campion
Rock Campion
Pink Alpine Catchfly
Bladder Campion
Carthusian Pink
Wood Pink

Amaranthaceae

Fat-hen

Primulaceae

Hirsute Primrose
Bird's-eye Primrose
Alpine Snowbell

Ericaceae

Common Crowberry
Alpenrose
Pale-green Wintergreen
Round-leaved Wintergreen
Serrated (Nodding) Wintergreen

Gentianaceae

Common Trumpet Gentian
Short-leaved Gentian
Field Gentian
Spotted Gentian
Great Yellow Gentian
Spring Gentian

Apiaceae

Common Hogweed
Common Carrot
Mountain Sanicle

Boraginaceae

Common Viper's-bugloss
Alpine Forget-me-not
King-of-the-Alps

Plantaginaceae

Alpine Toadflax
Alpine Speedwell
Leafless-stemmed Speedwell

Scrophulariaceae

Dark Mullein

Lentibulariaceae

Alpine Butterwort

Lamiaceae

Mountain Germander

Meadow Clary

Wild Thyme

Alpine Calamint (Rock Thyme)

Perennial Yellow Woundwort

Italian Woundwort

Alpine Skullcap

Orobanchaceae

Alpine Bartsia

Crested Yellow Rattle

Tuberous Lousewort

Whorled Lousewort

Campanulaceae

Bearded Bellflower

Fairy's-thimble

Broad-leaved Harebell

Common Harebell

Yellow Bellflower

Round-headed Rampion

Spiked Rampion

Betony-leaved Rampion

Asteraceae

Stemless Carline Thistle

Creeping Thistle

Valais Knapweed

Pygmy Hawk's-beard

Mountain Cat's-foot

Alpine Fleabane

Oxeye Daisy

Golden Hawk's-beard

Alpine Colt's-foot

Chicory