

The Swiss Alps in Summer

Naturetrek Tour Report

27th June – 4th July 2022



Nutcracker



Poplar Admiral



Marbled Skipper



Lammergeier

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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 after a spell of high temperatures, where even at Evolène (at 1400 metres), which is usually a cooler haven from the Rhone Valley, the temperatures had reached 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 104 species for the tour. Luckily, temperatures had cooled during our week, though this made for a little changeable weather and we ducked and dived to make the best use of the good days we had.

Our birding highlights will undoubtedly include the Wallcreepers at the Grand Dixence dam and the amazing views of the three Lammergeiers fighting in the trees at Deborence. However, added to the list were the characterful Spotted Nutcrackers, Goshawk at Pralong, Bee-eaters at Leuk as well as Alpine Choughs 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 and Swiss Brassy Ringlet amongst the best. Additionally, the meadows in June and July 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. I would like to sincerely thank you for your company and hope you enjoyed your time in Switzerland as much as I did.

Day 1

Monday 27th June

It was good to finally meet everyone at arrivals at Geneva – always a relief – and it was not long before we had got to the vehicle, loaded the gear and were off. Initially, we headed through industrial farmland, but soon we saw Lake Geneva on our right and followed it past Lausanne and Montreux to Vevey and Villeneuve, where we left it behind.

Continuing south-east to Martigny, where the road doglegs northeast, we turned 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 to these interesting geomorphological features several times. We arrived late afternoon at the 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 up the road from the hotel.

Day 2

Tuesday 28th June

A dull start to the day found us making a traditional pre-breakfast walk 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 peak of the Dent Blanche was mostly hidden. 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.

With poor weather forecast it seemed prudent to head away from the mountains for the day – this proved a good decision – so we drove back downhill, past Sion then east to 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 – we had nice views in the 'scope. Not a bad start and made even better by the Bee-eaters that kept on swooping across the pools as they headed out to the trees to hunt.

In the dull weather butterflies were quiet, though we saw Speckled Wood and Provencal Short-tailed Blues, and interestingly some birds were quite active: Reed Warblers chased about, Coots fed their young and Marsh Warblers also showed at times along the reedy ditches – Chris had a brief view of a Little Bittern as it flew across a pool. A large flock of Black-headed Gulls was trumped by an even larger number of Jackdaws and Crows; however, it was the Bee-eaters that caught our eye, and we enjoyed their comings and goings as the weather deteriorated.

We had lunch by a patch of scrub at the bottom of the Feschelbach Gorge, doing well to see Short-toed Treecreeper and even better a male Lesser Spotted Woodpecker before the threatening rain arrived. We quickly finished lunch and headed to a local café to see if the rain might clear. In reality, it got worse and pounded the ground so we called it a day and drove back to Evolène.

Day 3

Wednesday 29th June

Our patience of yesterday was rewarded by a fine day in the mountains. A pre-breakfast walk to the meadows of Evolène, found us looking at Garden Warbler and listening to the amazing song of a mimetic Whinchat, which somewhere or other had learned the song of Corn Bunting...

The drive to Arolla passes through the old town of Les Haudères, before winding up past Lac Bleu and Satarma then south to the end of the road. We made the decision to walk to the Tsijiore Nouve through the Arolla Pines, but our walk to the meadow was sedate as each bird and butterfly was scrutinised. We had good, prolonged views of Tree Pipit, Spotted Nutcrackers, Willow Tit and Eurasian Treecreeper, as well as plenty of plants and the butterflies were also numerous today. Many Alpine Heath were joined by various fritillaries, of which Asian, Titania's, Heath and False Heath were most numerous, as was Piedmont and Large Ringlet. Up in the meadow

we looked towards the snout of the glacier, which has receded dramatically in the past 30 years – at least 300 metres – whilst above us a Lammergeier was picked out as were Alpine Choughs. Whinchats had young and the adults constantly fussed about us if we ventured near them. Down by small muddy patches we found Eros, Mazarine, smoky-blue Glandon and a few Cranberry Blues. A Ring Ouzel was well found by the persistent Greg.

Back at Arolla, we enjoyed a picnic amongst the high mountains followed by a coffee or glacé at the restaurant. As the weather was so nice, we went back up and walked a short way along the path to Pra Graz – a good decision for more views of Nutcracker, young Black Redstarts, but also our only Alpine Grayling of the trip. We made a quick stop as we descended from Arolla, at La Crettaz. Such is the diversity of the meadows here that again we only walked a short distance: birds came in the form of Whinchat, a pair of Red-backed Shrike and Western Bonelli's Warbler, whilst butterflies included Chalk-hill and Large Blues and many fritillaries.

Day 4

Thursday 30th June

After a pre-breakfast walk by a select few up to the 'high fields' above the hotel, where Garden Warbler, Nuthatch and Song Thrush were found, 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 be marked by one of those memorable moments in birding...

Our first stop was just beyond the tunnels to search for Lammergeier and we struck lucky for one gave brief views high above the cloudy rocks. Having parked up at Derborence, where it was hard to know which patch of meadow to watch first, some strolled down the road in the hope of birds as others checked for butterflies. Species of the latter were abundant and amongst the most interesting were bright Turquoise and Damon Blues, Berger's Clouded Yellows, and various fritillaries including Knapweed. The former were quiet and we worked hard to eventually get a male Crossbill in the 'scope before something amazing happened. Joan had noted a raptor distantly in front of the trees catching the light, and eventually we picked out a flying Lammergeier that turned and promptly landed on the grass, where two more sat; there then was a rumpus as two, presumably males, fought whilst a female looked on. This went on for a while with brief flights by all three followed by a 'rumble in the jungle' by the males. Eventually, a pair flew round the cliff and the single male flew off across the valley a little forlornly.

Near the lake we watched more butterflies that included Olive and Chequered Skipper and after lunch and a coffee, we drove north back to the edge of the Rhone Valley at Aven. Parking by the chapel, we walked down the road for an hour or more, with Western Bonelli's Warblers, Crested Tit and Ravens for company plus innumerable butterflies: Marbled White, Apollo, Purple Hairstreak, Great Sooty Satyr, Adonis Blue and many fritillaries – including Cardinal – and blues – including Meleager's. It was hot in the sun trap of the north slope of the Rhone, but had cooled a little by the time we arrived back at Evolène, with a little rain en route.

Day 5

Friday 1st July

We woke to a rather wet Alpine day and forewent a pre-breakfast walk, but by the time breakfast was over and lunch provisions picked up it was clearing.

Driving down to Euseigne then back south along the Heremence valley, we parked up at the base of the Grand Dixence dam – still the tallest in the world, gathered our gear and, to the sound of Lesser Redpolls, took the cable car to the top. Black Redstarts were feeding young on arrival and on the dam the clouds came and went, at one time revealing Mont Blanc de Cheilon at the head of the valley. Water Pipits sang from the cliffs above

As we started our walk down the service track a Wallcreeper headed over, but as the clouds came and went it was hard to see where it had landed. It was seen a couple of further times on the rocks and was last picked out with another as they headed back towards the dam. Alpine Accentors could be heard singing above us and two finally showed but quite a way up the cliffs. A Ring Ouzel flew past calling, Black Redstart families hopped about the rocks and further Water Pipits also tended theirs; various new plants including Alpine Butterwort and Snowdon Lily plus Edelweiss of course... cue song... Lesser Redpolls sang and pairs showed well as they fed on Dwarf Willow seed but we continued down, before enjoying lunch at the 'picnic area'.

On the way down, at Pralong we paused for a coffee or sorbet, but this was rudely interrupted by a superb Poplar Admiral in a parking area by the restaurant – quite some butterfly! Then a little later this was almost trumped by a calling Golden Eagle by the cliffs above that in turn drew out a Goshawk that soared about undertail coverts flared! We saw many other butterflies, such as Large Ringlet, here as well as young Dipper on the stream.

Day 6

Saturday 2nd July

Checking of the weather forecast early in the week had indicated that today was the day for a trip to see the Matterhorn and so it proved to be. We awoke to cloudless skies and it remained like this all day. We ate an early breakfast then drove to Sion and east along the Rhone to Visp, before turning south along the Mattertal to Täsch. As we approached Täsch we witnessed the beginning of the Zermatt/Gornergrat Marathon, with trails of runners along the tracks. From the bahnhof, we boarded the train to Zermatt and then crossed the road (waiting for runners to pass) 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 amazing views of the Matterhorn, its shark's fin shape stark against the deep blue sky. 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 music as the staff prepared for the runners to finish, we took in the panoramic view towards the mountains – from Monte Rosa, Castor and Pollux, Breithorn, Kleine Matterhorn and the Matterhorn round to the Dent Blanche. Eventually, Alpine Choughs dropped in for a brief photographic session, as did Snowfinch, a pair of Wheatear and Alpine Accentor. After a hot lunch in the observatory restaurant, we watched some of the runners crossing the finishing line – a 50-kilometre run starting at St Niklaus and won this year in a superhuman 3 hours and 5 minutes! It took your breath away watching them, both metaphorically and actually!

By the time we arrived back at Zermatt the runners had all dispersed, but having reached the Rhone Valley we stopped at the Bannwald for a quick check of the burned forest. Though the hoped-for Black Woodpecker did not materialise, we saw Rock Bunting, Alpine Swift, Buzzard and several butterflies, including Rock Grayling and Escher's Blue.

Day 7

Sunday 3rd July

A traditional final day's outing to Arolla. It was to be a beautiful, sunny day. Having picked up provisions for lunch, we drove to the starting point above the village and had hardly got out of the van before we were picking out interesting birds, butterflies and plants: a Tree Pipit sang from an eye-level Larch allowing nice views. Spotted Nutcrackers again were plentiful and we saw several hammering the Arolla Pine cones for the substantial seeds they contain; Willow Tits called and showed well also.

Panting along the track uphill, a large party of over 125 Alpine Choughs were picked out above the mountains and numerous Alpine Heath and Piedmont Ringlet were found, 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 – and got our breath back! Up at Pra Graz we pottered and watched the local Whinchat and butterflies; 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 our usual table and seats at which we enjoyed a lovely lunch looking out over the valley in glorious sunshine. Back at Evolène for the afternoon, some headed down to the meadows by the river and spent time going through the butterflies, finding Arran Brown and Silver-washed Fritillary.

Day 8

Monday 4th July

An earlier flight than expected meant that we departed Evolène straight after breakfast and after a brief pause for fuel found ourselves at the check-in desks for our flights home. It seemed strange that by late afternoon we had swapped the high mountains of the Swiss Alps for the lowlands of England, but such is the nature of modern travel.

Thanks to all for a great trip and such splendid company; I hope to see you all soon.

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	June/July 2022							
			27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4
	Birds									
1	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>								✓
2	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		✓		✓				
3	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>		✓		✓				
4	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>		✓						
5	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		✓						
6	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		✓						
7	Lammergeier	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>			✓	✓				
8	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>			✓		✓			
9	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>					✓			
10	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓	✓				✓		✓
11	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>		✓						
13	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		✓						
14	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		✓		✓				
15	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>		✓						
16	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓						✓
17	Feral Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓							✓
18	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
19	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓						
20	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>			✓	✓	✓			
21	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymartus melba</i>						✓		
22	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
23	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		✓				✓		
24	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>		✓						
25	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	
26	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>		✓						
27	European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>		✓	✓				✓	
28	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
29	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	✓	✓						
30	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	
31	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
32	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
33	Spotted Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
34	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>				✓				
35	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
36	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>		✓						
37	Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
38	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
39	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
40	European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>		✓	✓	✓				
41	Willow Tit	<i>Poecile montanus</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	
42	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓		✓				
43	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
44	Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>		✓						
45	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓						
46	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓

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47	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>			✓					✓	✓
48	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		✓							
49	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
50	Western Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>			✓	✓				✓	
51	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>		✓							
52	Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>		✓							
53	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
54	Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
55	Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>									✓
56	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Curruca curruca</i>			✓		✓				
57	Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
58	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
59	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>		✓		✓	✓				
60	Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>					✓				
61	Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>			✓						
62	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>		✓							
63	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓							✓
64	Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus torquatus</i>			✓		✓				
65	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
66	Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>		✓						✓	
67	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
68	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
69	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
70	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>		✓							
71	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
72	Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>		✓		✓	✓			✓	
73	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
74	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>		✓							
75	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>						✓			
76	White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>			✓		✓				
77	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
78	Italian Sparrow	<i>Passer italiae</i>			✓	✓	✓				
79	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>		✓							
80	White-winged Snowfinch	<i>Montifringilla nivalis</i>						✓			
81	Alpine Accentor	<i>Prunella collaris</i>					✓	✓			
82	Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>			✓		✓				
83	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>			✓	✓	✓				
84	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
85	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>			✓	✓	✓			✓	
86	Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>					✓	✓	✓		
87	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
88	Eurasian Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>			✓						
89	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		✓	✓		✓			✓	
90	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>			✓		✓			✓	
91	Lesser Redpoll	<i>Acanthis cabaret</i>			✓		✓				
92	Common Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>			✓	✓					
93	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
94	Citril Finch	<i>Carduelis citrinella</i>				✓		✓			
95	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
96	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>		✓							
97	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>						✓			

Butterflies

	Common name	Scientific name	June/July 2022							
			27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4
	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	Peak White	<i>Pontia callidice</i>			✓		✓	✓		
11	Orange-tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>			✓					
12	Mountain Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias phicomone</i>			✓	✓				✓
13	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>			✓					
14	Berger's Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias alfacariensis</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	
15	Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>				✓				✓
16	Wood White	<i>Leptidea sinapis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
17	Purple Hairstreak	<i>Favonius quercus</i>								
18	Blue-spot Hairstreak	<i>Satyrrium spini</i>						✓		
19	Scarce Copper	<i>Lycaena vigeureae</i>			✓	✓	✓			✓
20	Purple-edged Copper	<i>Lycaena hippothoe</i>			✓	✓				
21	Provençal Short-tailed Blue	<i>Cupido alcetas</i>		✓						
22	Little Blue	<i>Cupido minimus</i>			✓	✓	✓			✓
23	Osiris Blue	<i>Cupido osiris</i>			✓		✓			
24	Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>				✓				
25	Large Blue	<i>Phengaris arion</i>			✓		✓			✓
26	Silver-studded Blue	<i>Plebejus argus</i>			✓	✓	✓			✓
27	Idas Blue	<i>Plebejus idas</i>				✓	✓			
28	Alpine Blue	<i>Plebejus orbitulus</i>			✓		✓			
29	Green-underside Blue	<i>Glaucopteryx alexis</i>					✓			
30	Cranberry Blue	<i>Vaciniina optilete</i>			✓					✓
31	Geranium Argus	<i>Aricia eumedon</i>			✓	✓				✓
32	Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>				✓	✓			
33	Mountain Argus	<i>Aricia artaxerxes</i>			✓	✓	✓			✓
34	Glandon Blue	<i>Agriades glandon</i>			✓			✓	✓	
35	Mazarine Blue	<i>Cyaniris semiargus</i>			✓	✓	✓			✓
36	Chalkhill Blue	<i>Polyommatus coridon</i>			✓	✓	✓			✓
37	Adonis Blue	<i>Polyommatus bellargus</i>				✓				✓
38	Damon Blue	<i>Polyommatus damon</i>			✓	✓	✓			✓
39	Escher's Blue	<i>Polyommatus escheri</i>						✓		
40	Amanda's Blue	<i>Polyommatus amandus</i>					✓			✓
41	Turquoise Blue	<i>Polyommatus dorylas</i>			✓	✓				✓
42	Chapman's Blue	<i>Polyommatus thersites</i>			✓					✓
43	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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44	Eros Blue	<i>Polyommatus eros</i>			✓	✓				✓
45	Meleager's Blue	<i>Polyommatus daphnis</i>				✓				✓
46	Common White Admiral	<i>Limenitis camilla</i>				✓				
47	Poplar Admiral	<i>Limenitis populi</i>					✓			
48	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>								✓
49	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
50	Peacock	<i>Aglais io</i>				✓	✓			
51	Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>			✓	✓	✓			✓
52	Northern Comma	<i>Polygonia c-album</i>				✓				✓
53	Dark Green Fritillary	<i>Argynnis aglaja</i>			✓	✓	✓			✓
54	Niobe Fritillary	<i>Argynnis niobe</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	
55	Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>			✓	✓		✓		
56	Marbled Fritillary	<i>Brenthis daphne</i>						✓	✓	
57	Silver-washed Fritillary	<i>Argynnis paphia</i>								✓
58	Cardinal	<i>Argynnis pandora</i>				✓				
59	Pearl-bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria euphrosyne</i>			✓		✓			✓
60	Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary	<i>Boloria selene</i>			✓		✓			✓
61	Titania's Fritillary	<i>Boloria titania</i>			✓		✓			✓
62	Shepherd's Fritillary	<i>Boloria pales</i>					✓			
63	Glanville Fritillary	<i>Melitaea cinxia</i>					✓			
64	Grison's Fritillary	<i>Melitaea varia</i>			✓					✓
65	Knapweed Fritillary	<i>Melitaea phoebe</i>				✓				
66	Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea didyma</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	
67	False Heath Fritillary	<i>Melitaea diamina</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
68	Nickerl's Fritillary	<i>Melitaea aurelia</i>					✓			
69	Heath Fritillary	<i>Melitaea athalia</i>			✓	✓	✓			✓
70	Asian Fritillary	<i>Euphydryas intermedia</i>			✓					
71	Common Marbled White	<i>Melanargia galathea</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
72	Rock Grayling	<i>Hipparchia hermione</i>					✓			✓
73	Alpine Grayling	<i>Oeneis glacialis</i>			✓					
74	Great Sooty Satyr	<i>Satyrus ferula</i>				✓		✓		
75	Arran Brown	<i>Erebia ligea</i>					✓			✓
76	Large Ringlet	<i>Erebia euryale</i>			✓	✓				
77	Lesser Mountain Ringlet	<i>Erebia melampus</i>			✓		✓			
78	Almond-eyed Ringlet	<i>Erebia albergana</i>			✓	✓	✓			✓
79	Sooty Ringlet	<i>Erebia pluto</i>						✓		
80	Mnestra's Ringlet	<i>Erebia mnestra</i>			✓					
81	Swiss Brassy Ringlet	<i>Erebia tyndarus</i>			✓					✓
82	Piedmont Ringlet	<i>Erebia meolans</i>			✓	✓				✓
83	Water Ringlet	<i>Erebia pronoe</i>						✓		
84	Ringlet	<i>Aphantopus hyperantus</i>		✓						
85	Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>				✓	✓			✓
86	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	
87	Alpine Heath	<i>Coenonympha gardetta</i>			✓					✓
88	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>		✓						
89	Large Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata maera</i>			✓	✓	✓			✓

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90	Southern Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus malvoides</i>			✓	✓				
91	Carline Skipper	<i>Pyrgus carlinae</i>			✓					
92	Large Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus alveus</i>			✓	✓				
93	Olive Skipper	<i>Pyrgus serratulae</i>				✓				
94	Oberthür's Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus armoricanus</i>							✓	
95	Alpine Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus andromedae</i>				✓				
96	Dusky Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus cacaliae</i>			✓				✓	
97	Red-underwing Skipper	<i>Spialia sertorius</i>				✓		✓		
98	Marbled Skipper	<i>Carcharodus alavatharae</i>				✓				
99	Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>			✓	✓				
100	Chequered Skipper	<i>Carterocephalus palaemon</i>				✓				
101	Essex Skipper	<i>Thymelicus lineola</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
102	Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	
103	Large Skipper	<i>Ochlodes sylvanus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
104	Silver-spotted Skipper	<i>Hesperia comma</i>							✓	

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Mammals										
Alpine Marmot	<i>Marmota marmota</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓		
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>		✓							
Alpine Ibex	<i>Capra ibex</i>				✓		✓			
Alpine Chamois	<i>Rupicapra rupicapra</i>			✓	✓		✓			
Reptiles										
Viviparous Lizard	<i>Lacerta vivipera</i>				✓					
Smooth Snake	<i>Coronella austriaca</i>							✓		
Orchids										
Red Helleborine	<i>Cephalanthera rubra</i>				✓					
Dark-red Helleborine	<i>Epipactis atrorubens</i>				✓					
Marsh Helleborine	<i>Epipactis palustris</i>		✓							
Lesser Twayblade	<i>Neottia cordata</i>				✓					
Lesser Butterfly Orchid	<i>Platanthera bifolia</i>				✓					
Chalk Fragrant Orchid	<i>Gymnadenia conopsea</i>				✓		✓	✓		
Dark Vanilla Orchid	<i>Gymnadenia (Nigritella) rhellicani</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓		
Common Spotted Orchid	<i>Dactylorhiza fuchsii</i>				✓					
Broad-leaved Marsh Orchid	<i>Dactylorhiza majalis</i>			✓						
Frog Orchid	<i>Dactylorhiza (Coeloglossum) viridis</i>			✓					✓	
Edelweiss	<i>Leontopodium nivale</i>					✓				
Leopard Slug	<i>Limax maximus</i>		✓							