Estonia in Spring

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Barnacle Geese



Slavonian Grebe

Ural Owl

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Day 1

Saturday 3rd May

After the early afternoon arrival at Tallinn, the group met up with leaders Mati and David, and the earlier arriving David and John, before picking up the minibuses and heading out into the well-wooded, western Estonian countryside. After a brief stop for refreshments on the outskirts of the town, we drove in a south-westerly direction on rural roads towards Haapsalu. En-route we encountered small groups of feeding Common Cranes, a mixed flock of Bean and White-fronted Geese and numerous Hooded Crows and White Storks. We paused for a stop east of the village of Linnamae to view the cultivated fields, finding displaying Lapwings along with a small party of Golden Plover and other recently arrived migrants including Northern Wheatear and several Whinchat, although the highlight of the stop had to be an adult Lesser Spotted Eagle soaring above us in the afternoon sun.

By late afternoon, we arrived at our first hotel of the trip, situated on a peninsula sticking out into Haapsalu Bay, with the rooms and dining room providing stunning views across the bay and marginal wetland habitats. After a stop to change before dinner, we headed to the dining room where we had grandstand views of Common and Arctic Terns, flocks of Wildfowl and a pair of enormous White-Tailed Eagles, clearly upsetting the local Black Headed Gulls as they hunted over the wetland habitats. With a delicious meal enjoyed, we completed our checklists and discussed the following day's activities before heading to bed for a well-deserved sleep.

Day 2

Sunday 4th May

After an early breakfast at the hotel and the weather looking fine for the day ahead, we set off north through the pine, aspen and birch forests to our first destination of the Poosaspea Peninsula noting a couple of male Montagu's Harriers en-route. With the sun coming out, we assembled at the Spithami headland, seeing flocks of hundreds of Long-tailed Ducks along with smaller numbers of Eider, Common and Velvet Scoters, Red-breasted Mergansers, as well as Black and Red-throated Divers and a couple of Arctic Skuas. Pasque flowers bloomed in the calcareous coastal turf and Red-backed Shrike, Whinchat, Siskin and Brambling were noted in the scrub and pines behind the shore.

By mid-morning we headed back south, down through the forest roads, calling off at Sutlepa Meri, a former sea bay that has now closed in and been colonised by a vast reedbed system. As we pulled into the secluded car park on the south shore we noted no less than 11 White-tailed Eagles of all ages in the air above us, many mobbed by the local gulls and Hooded Crows. On the reed-fringed water's edge we found a number of noisy Red-necked Grebes in full breeding plumage, before walking a short section of boardwalk into the reedbed itself. The scrub was alive with Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler and Tree Pipit and upon entering the reeds we encountered booming Great Bittern, reeling Savi's Warblers, crunching Great Reed Warblers and singing Reed Buntings.

With lunchtime fast approaching we headed south towards the north shore of Matsalu Bay to have a fine lunch in the rustic thatched Tuulingu guesthouse before ascending the adjacent observation tower, giving commanding views across Matsalu Bay. From the tower we observed vast flocks of thousands of Barnacle Geese, pausing on their migration further north, along with good numbers of White-fronted and Bean Geese. Large groups of Ruff were seen feeding on the marshes below the tower, including many males in their varying breeding finery, jostling with each other to receive the attention of the accompanying reeves. Other birds here included Spotted Redshank, Ringed Plover, Yellow Wagtail, Smew, White-tailed Eagle, Wigeon and Pintail.

As the afternoon drew in, we headed off through woodland, drawing a blank on woodpeckers before ending up at the head of another bay at Pogari-Sassi and seeing even more vast feeding flocks of Barnacle Geese along with Dunlin, Lapwing, Golden Plover and Avocet, which were kept on the move by a hunting White-tailed Eagle in the late afternoon sun. We finished the day by visiting a local historic manor house, where the former ambassador and owner served us an evening meal and gave us an in depth explanation of Estonian history and culture.

Day 3 Monday 5th May

With a bright and early start, we headed out to the north of Haapsalu in order to bag some grouse in the pinewoods around the hamlet of Variku. As we passed the fields we had previous stopped at en-route on Saturday, we found more Common Cranes along with Lapwing, Common Gull and a large group of multi-coloured Ruff. With occasional snow flurries coming down, we entered the pine woods with their rich dwarf-shrub understory in search of our target birds and not long after turning off the main road, a male Capercaillie was seen briefly by the roadside in the morning sun before it flew into the forest.

Further into the woods we entered an area of agricultural cropping that was drained former bog and now acted as an arena for lekking Black Grouse, where we found at least 30 males, tails fanned out and uttering their bumbling calls in order to attract the attention of females. On the track in front of us we found males displaying and a pair of cryptically marked grey hens. Other birds in the fields included Montagu's Harrier, Common Crane and Whooper Swan, and the drainage dykes had evidence of Beaver felling and dams.

As the morning drew on, we moved further north to have a picnic breakfast around Lake Veskijarv, noting Willow Tit, Crossbill, and more Black Grouse and Kath managed to bag a lifer for herself and a new bird for the trip in the form of 6 stunning Waxwings feeding in the pines. Breakfast over, we moved on to explore the dense woodlands in between more flurries of snow, finding a large bull Elk and a Goshawk. For lunch we headed back to Haapsalu, noting another Elk and a Pied Flycatcher before enjoying a meal in the warmth of a traditional vintage wooden restaurant, overlooking Haapsalu Bay.

With cold winds blowing, we abandoned plans for an open-topped boat ride in Matsalu Bay and instead opted to explore some of the meadows to the south east of the bay. We started the afternoon off enjoying a presentation on the bay and its wildlife in the park visitor centre, before making our way to a tower hide to overlook the flood meadows of the River Kasari. The view from the top was immense, overlooking vast meadows, wet woodland and one of the largest reedbeds in Europe. Birdlife in the afternoon wind was relatively quiet but we did note Marsh Harrier and Curlew, as well as adding Roe Deer and Brown Hare to the mammal list. As the evening drew in, we headed back to the hotel to enjoy an evening meal and update the trip species list.

Day 4 Tuesday 6th May

Today we woke to clear skies, mild temperatures and sunny conditions and had breakfast at our hotel overlooking Haapsalu Bay, with the added excitement of Ortolan Bunting and Tree Sparrow outside the dining room. After the photographers in the group got great shots of the dozen tame Slavonian Grebes on the pool behind the hotel, we packed our bags and briefly moved on to the end of the Haapsalu Peninsular to find Thrush Nightingale in the open, as well as good flocks of passage Scaup in the mill pond like bay.

Today we were heading south towards our Parnu base for the next two nights and our first port of call was the actively managed woodlands we visited earlier on in the week (day 2) finding White-backed Woodpecker, Cuckoo and Wood Warbler. Moving further on, we visited an area of floodplain meadows and woodland to the east of Matsalu Bay where we observed a distant Spotted Eagle soaring on the morning thermals and then further on upstream, got excellent views of a Lesser Spotted Eagle as it glided around us in the open wooded landscape. A stop for a bowl of warming country soup, cake and good Estonian coffee at a rustic local café set us up for a superb afternoon of birding in the countryside en-route to Parnu.

Our first stop of the afternoon was memorable, arriving in the traditionally managed wooded meadows of Nedrema where our local guide Mati had a tip off of Ural Owl. No sooner had we entered the open woodland than Mati's colleague flagged us down and pointed us in the general direction of the bird's last whereabouts. No sooner than we could get out of the van, the large majestic owl glided between the trees and perched in full view in the afternoon sun amongst the aspens, giving us unrivalled views and photo opportunities of this much-desired species. Ural Owl in the bag, plus Black and another White-backed Woodpecker, we headed on for the last leg of our trip to Parnu via the thronging coastal marshes near Audru. The vibrant marshes of Audru, set back from Parnu Bay, were alive with migrant and breeding waterfowl, waders, gulls and terns. The flooded marshes contained vast flocks of passage Bean, White-fronted and Barnacle Geese, constantly on the move due to the activities of a pair of White-tailed Eagles. The water amongst the flooded grassland was alive with good numbers of Gargany, Pintail and Shoveller plus Red-necked Grebe, Ruff, Spotted Redshank and Wood Sandpiper. The air above the lagoons was alive with busy feeding Barn Swallows and a vast bunch of at least 2,500 Little Gulls hawking around and showing their distinctive dark underwings. As the afternoon drew in, we headed to the east of Parnu to settle in at our comfortable hotel, set amongst the leafy parkland suburbs and the town's colourful, traditional wooden buildings.

Day 5 Wednesday 7th May

With an early start this morning, we headed south towards the Latvian border to explore an extensive belt of forest that covers the south west of Estonia.

Our first stop by recent clear-fell produced Tree Pipit, Northern Wheatear and unusually, from a British perspective, Common Snipe, drumming throughout the clearings and perching on trees as they did their characteristic 'tick-tock' calls. We pushed further into the woods, finding Wryneck, a brief Hazel Hen and an unfortunate dead Long-eared Owl that allowed us to appreciate its beauty in the hand, before stopping by a clearing for a picnic breakfast and coffee. Exploring a couple of the tracks in the vicinity found Great Spotted and White-backed woodpecker, Marsh Tit, Pied Flycatcher and Wood Warbler. With bird activity increasing with the warming sun, we moved on into some mainly coniferous sections of forest observing Common Crossbill, Red Deer and a stunning Grey-headed Woodpecker that called from the top of a nearby aspen. On a crossing point for a number of tracks, we found prints and droppings of Wolf and Northern Lynx.

As mid-day approached, we headed back to the hotel for a brief siesta before walking to a local vintage style café in the town to enjoy a superb lunch, excellent Estonian coffee and a mouth-watering choice of hand made cakes. After struggling out of the café, we headed to an area of coastal grazing marsh and fen on the edge of Parnu where we had no less than five stunning male Citrine Wagtails that perched in the reeds, on posts by the path and fed close by in the muddy shallows along with Wood Sandpiper and Gargany. With numerous photos taken of these bright yellow stunners, we headed off down the coast to Pikla Pools, a series of reed fringed pools and coastal grazing meadows, complete with a couple of excellent tower hides to allow appreciation of the wetland habitats around. Great Reed Warbler crunched from the reeds and we had good views of Penduline and Bearded Tits, as well as reeling Savi's Warblers. Marsh Harrier, Peregrine, Great Egret and White Tailed Eagle were seen in the air above and were able to observe a large Beaver lodge and associated burrows in the banks of the wetland.

As the afternoon drew in, we headed for the village of Haademeeste finding Serin and enjoying a fine spread of stew, bread and cakes laid on for us in the village hall by the local women's institute. Fully fed and watered, we paused briefly at the coastal dunes to observe an impressive Heligoland trap at the bird observatory at Kabli before heading back into the forest to find owls and other nocturnal creatures. Unfortunately the night was a little breezy so we failed to find Pygmy Owl, but we did hear a brief call from Tengmalm's Owl within the wood and several roding Woodcock. As we made our way out of the forest, one bus had brief views of Ural Owl and we also saw European Nightjar, Wild Boar and Mountain Hare. After a long day, we returned to our comfortable hotel for a good night's sleep.

Day 6

Thursday 8th May

After a filling breakfast, we headed west towards Tartu, our third and final base for the trip. Our first stop was by the River Parnu and a mature wooded cemetery outside the village of Tori where we found a busy Fieldfare colony in the trees and shrubs, allowing views of birds feeding young at the nest, along with Nuthatch and a distant calling Middle Spotted Woodpecker. We headed on further into Sooma National Park, noting Great Grey Shrike before stopping to walk around a section of mature wet woodland where we found Redwing, Bullfinch and Pied Flycatcher. Lunch was enjoyed at the National Park centre, where we also watched a short presentation about the rich woodland and wetland habitats of the park, before moving on to the pristine flood meadows at Lati. We ascended the newly erected tower hide to overlook the meadows where we had drumming Common Snipe, Redshank, Lapwing and a Greenshank that was displaying territorial breeding behaviour. In the nearby woods we had a brief view of a Black Woodpecker, along with Siskin and super numerous Wood Warblers. As the afternoon quickly progressed, we headed along the road for the last leg of our journey to Tartu, pausing for coffee near Vijandi and a brief stop to overlook the vast expanse of Lake Vorts.

After settling in to our hotel, we had dinner before heading out for the evening. Our planned excursion had been to view lekking Great Snipe, but due to an unusually dry spring, the wet meadows were not suitable for viewing at the publically assessable lek sites and we had to deploy Plan B. Given that we had missed Beaver at Matsalu Bay earlier in the week, we decided to visit the wetlands near Aardla to try our luck. As the sun set, we climbed the lofty observation tower and we overlooked the site finding good numbers of freshly arrived Black Terns hawking the pools, along with the odd Little Gull. Bean and White-fronted Geese started to stream into the wetlands to spend the night along with flocks of Ruff and Starlings. In the canal adjacent to the tower we watched up to five Beavers as they swam across the lagoons and came out to feed on the banks and, in the distance, Thrush Nightingale and Savi's Warbler sang. With the light quickly fading, we returned to the hotel.

Day 7 Friday 9th May

After an early breakfast, we headed north of Tartu to explore the rich woodlands and bogs of Alam-Pedja Nature Reserve, a vast expanse of raised mire and floodplain as far as the eye could see. We drove through the wet mixed woodland before making our way to the pine woodlands on the edge of the main mire complex where we started out along one of the nature trails. The woodlands were full of the song of Wood and Willow Warblers and Pied Flycatcher and new birds here included Golden Oriole and Treecreeper. As the woodlands started to open up, we climbed the timber observation tower before heading out on a boardwalk into the heart of the bog. The bog surface was rich in Cranberry, Bog Rosemary and Cotton Grass and as we reached the dryer edges, Cowberry, Crowberry, Leatherleaf and Northern Labrador Tea dominated the pine understory. Towards the end of our walk we found obliging Crested Tit, along with Great Spotted Woodpecker.

Before lunch we paused for a coffee at Hollywood Hills, finding a pair of posing White Storks before heading via the hotel to the centre of Tartu. A delicious lunch was enjoyed at Ulikool café before our local guide Mati gave us a brief tour of the attractive centre and park of his former university town. Even the town yielded birds, with Swift, House Martin and Sparrowhawk seen.

After a brief rest at the hotel, we finished the afternoon with another trip to the wetlands at Aardla where we had good views of the many Black Terns and a few Little Gulls on the pools. Great Reed Warblers sang from the reedbed and we also noted breeding Red-necked Grebe, numerous Goldeneye and large flocks of Bean and White-fronted Geese. As we drove out from the wetlands we found Common Buzzard and a pair of Marsh Harriers quartering a section of reedbed, before driving back to our hotel to complete the bird list and have our last evening meal in Estonia.

Day 8 Saturday 10th May

With a mid afternoon flight back home we packed up our belongings, had breakfast and drove north through the eastern Estonian countryside, arriving at the delightful Tallinn airport where we said our farewells and continued on our journeys to the UK, concluding a thoroughly enjoyable birding break.

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Species Lists

Birds (\checkmark = recorded but not counted; H = heard only)

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	Common name	Scientific name	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1	Mute Swan	Cygnus olor		200	60	100	20	10	8			
2	Whooper Swan	Cygnus cygnus			3							
3	Bean Goose	Anser fabalis	400	100		400		2000	5500			
4	Greater White-fronted Goose	Anser albifrons	100	600		2000	200	4000	7000	500		
5	Greylag Goose	Anser anser	40	50	20	200	60	200	40			
6	Canada Goose	Branta canadensis				2						
7	Barnacle Goose	Branta leucopsis	250	17000	200	2000	1000	500		400		
8	Common Shelduck	Tadorna tadorna		25	6	20	2					
9	Eurasian Wigeon	Anas penelope		4		100						
10	Gadwall	Anas strepera	6	20	10	150	20	10	20	6		
11	Eurasian Teal	Anas crecca		30	15	300	20	200	40			
12	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	30	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
13	Northern Pintail	Anas acuta		10		40		2				
14	Garganey	Anas querquedula				100+	1					
15	Northern Shoveler	Anas clypeata		20	200	20	60	20				
16	Common Pochard	Aythya ferina	30	200	100	400		10	8			
17	Tufted Duck	Aythya fuligula	20	150	60	300	30		10			
18	Greater Scaup	Aythya marila		15		100+	4					
19	Common Eider	Somateria mollissima		200								
20	Long-tailed Duck	Clangula hyemalis		10000+		400						
21	Common Scoter	Melanitta nigra		1000+		50						
22	Velvet Scoter	Melanitta fusca		100		1						
23	Common Goldeneye	Bucephala clangula	2	200	20	10	1000+	20	25			
24	Smew	Mergellus albellus		20								
25	Red-breasted Merganser	Mergus serrator		80	5	10	20					
26	Goosander	Mergus merganser	3	40	20	30	6	4				
27	Hazel Grouse	Bonasia bonasia					1					
28	Black Grouse	Tetrao tetrix			30+							
29	Western Capercaillie	Tetrao urogallus			1				1			
30	Red-throated Diver	Gavia stellata		20+								
31	Black-throated Diver	Gavia arctica		8								
32	Great Crested Grebe	Podiceps cristatus	30	150+	20	100	10	2	2			
33	Red-necked Grebe	Podiceps grisegena		4		6	1		3			
34	Slavonian Grebe	Podiceps auritus		6	8	12						
35	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo		60		20	200					
36	Great Bittern	Botaurus stellaris		3H		Н	2H	Н				
37	Great Egret	Ardea alba					17					
38	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	3	40	15	50	25	2	3	4		
39	Black Stork	Ciconia nigra	1									
40	White stork	Ciconia ciconia	8	20	10	20	8	20	10	20		
41	White-tailed Eagle	Haliaeetus albicilla	2	20	1	5	2					
42	Eurasian Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus	1	1	1	2	2	2	4			
43	Montagu's Harrier	Circus pygargus		3	4	1	1					
44	Northern Goshawk	Accipiter gentilis			1							
45	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	Accipiter nisus		1		2	1	3	2			
46	Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo	3	6	6	10	6	4	3	2		
47	Lesser Spotted Eagle	Aquila pomarina	1			1						

		Scientific name	May								
	Common name		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
48	Greater Spotted Eagle	Aquila clanga				1					
49	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	2		3	2					
50	Eurasian Hobby	Falco subbuteo						1			
51	Peregrine	Falco peregrinus					1				
52	Water Rail	Rallus aquaticus					2H				
53	Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus				4		2			
54	Common Coot	Fulica atra		20	10	150		8	10		
55	Common Crane	Grus grus	12	200	60	30	10				
56	Eurasian Oystercatcher	Haematopus ostralegus	1	6	4	10	6				
57	Avocet	Recurvirostra avosetta		1							
58	Little Ringed Plover	Charadrius dubius			1						
59	Ringed Plover	Charadrius hiaticula		4							
60	European Golden Plover	Pluvialis apricaria	8	100+	30						
61	Northern Lapwing	Vanellus vanellus	30	500	100	150	40	50	30	100	
62	Dunlin	Calidris alpina		15							
63	Ruff	Philomachus pugnax		600	100	40	30	100	6		
64	Common Snipe	Gallinago gallinago		1	3	2	10	10	16		
65	Eurasian Woodcock	Scolopax rusticola					6				
66	Black-tailed Godwit	Limosa limosa		4		20					
67	Whimbrel	Numenius phaeopus		3	2	H					
68	Eurasian Curlew	Numenius arquata		6	10		1				
69	Spotted Redshank	Tringa erythropus		15	1	30	2		1		
70	Common Redshank	Tringa totanus		8		6	10	4	1		
71	Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia		<u></u>		3	3	2	H		
72	Green Sandpiper	Tringa ochropus				1	2	4	3		
73	Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola		6		10	20	20	10		
74	Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos	1	4	2	3	1	6	4		
75	Arctic Skua	Stercorarius parasiticus	'	2			1	U			
76	Little Gull	Larus minutus	3	6	4	2500	2	40	10		
77	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	√ -		→	2300	<u>∠</u>	√	√ ·	V	
78	Common Gull	Larus canus	15	40	60	40	→	30	10	<u> </u>	
79	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Larus fuscus	30	10	00	40	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	30	10	-	
80	Herring Gull		40		✓	✓	✓	✓	√	✓	
81	Great Black-backed Gull	Larus argentatus Larus marinus	6	10	,	40				 	
82	Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	20	20	10	20	2	20	10	-	
83	Arctic Tern	Sterna paradisaea	3	10	10	8	→	20	10		
	Little Tern	Sternula albifrons	3			0	,			-	
84				4				150	30	-	
85	Black Tern Black Guillemot	Chlidonias niger		10				150	30	-	
86	Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon	Uria aalge Columba livia	✓	10 ✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	√	✓	
87			V	•	V			V	V	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	
88	Stock Pigeon	Columba oenas	✓	✓	✓	✓	2	✓	√	✓	
89	Wood Pigeon	Columba palumbus	V	V	'		V	V	V	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	
90	Turtle Dove	Streptopelia turtur		01.1	01.1	2	40			-	
91	Common Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus		3H	3H	6	10	Н	Н	-	
92	Tawny Owl	Strix aluco					1				
93	Ural Owl	Strix uralensis				1	1			-	
94	Long-eared Owl	Strix otus					1 dead				
95	Tengmalm's Owl	Aegolius funereus					Н				
96	European Nightjar	Caprimulgus europaeus					2			<u> </u>	
97	Common Swift	Apus apus							20	<u> </u>	
98	Eurasian Wryneck	Jynx torquilla		Н		2H	1	Н			

			May								
	Common name	Scientific name	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
99	Grey-headed Woodpecker	Picus canus					1+1H	Н	Н		
100	Black Woodpecker	Dryocopus martius				1	2	2	Н		
101	Great-spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos major				1	2	2	3		
102	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos medius						Н			
103	White-backed Woodpecker	Dendrocopos leucotos				2	1				
104	Eurasian Skylark	Alauda arvensis	10	200	100	20		10	4		
105	Sand Martin	Riparia riparia		20	30			4			
106	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	15	200	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
107	House Martin	Delichon urbica	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
108	Tree Pipit	Anthus trivialis		6	8	20	25	✓	√		
109	Meadow Pipit	Anthus pratensis				10	6	4	2		
110	Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava		2	1	20	6	1	3		
111	Citrine Wagtail	Motacilla citreola					5	2	Н		
112	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba	✓	✓	✓	✓		<u> </u>	✓ · · ·	✓	
113	Bohemian Waxwing	Bombycilla garrulus			6						
114	Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes			Н		Н	Н			
	Hedge Accentor	Prunella modularis		1	11			11			
115				1	2		1 H	Н	_	-	
116	European Robin	Erithacus rubecula		3	2	4.411	П		2		
117	Thrush Nightingale	Luscinia luscinia				1+1H		2H			
118	Bluethroat	Luscinia svecica		Н							
119	Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros		_	1	_		_			
120	Common Redstart	Phoenicurus phoenicurus		6		3	2	2	1		
121	Whinchat	Saxicola rubetra	6	80+	30	4	10	20+	3	8	
122	Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe	2	20	10	15	6	10	3		
123	Blackbird	Turdus merula	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
124	Fieldfare	Turdus pilaris	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
125	Song Thrush	Turdus philomelos		2	Н	1	3	3			
126	Redwing	Turdus iliacus						2			
127	Mistle Thrush	Turdus viscivorus		3	1	1	2				
128	Savi's Warbler	Locustella luscinioides		4H			3	Н			
129	Sedge Warbler	Acrocephalus schoenbaenus		Н							
130	Eurasian Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus scirpaceus				Н					
131	Great Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus arundinaceus		2H	Н		4H	4H	10H		
132	Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla				Н	1	2			
133	Lesser Whitethroat	Sylvia curruca		4	3	10	8	4	2		
134	Common Whitethroat	Sylvia communis					1	1			
135	Wood Warbler	Phylloscopus sibilatrix		3H		Н	20H	✓	√		
136	Common Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita		15H	6H	6	✓	Н	10H		
137	Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus	✓	✓	✓	✓	√	✓	✓	✓	
138	Goldcrest	Regulus regulus				1	3	2			
139	Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata						6	2		
140	Red-breasted Flycatcher	Ficedula parva							H		
141	European Pied Flycatcher	Ficedula hypoleuca			2	2	3	4	6		
142	Bearded Tit	Panurus biarmicus					3				
143	Marsh Tit	Poecile palustris				Н	2	Н	Н		
143	Willow Tit	Poecile montanus			Н	11	1	11	Н		
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145	Crested Tit	Parus cristatus							4		
146	Coal Tit	Periparus ater	_					4	1		
147	Blue Tit	Cyanistes caeruleus	1	6	8	4	6	4	8	3	
148	Great tit	Parus major	2	4	10	6	8	6	10	2	
149	Wood Nuthatch	Sitta europaea					2	2	1		

		Scientific name	May								
	Common name		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
150	Eurasian Treecreeper	Certhia familiaris						3	Н		
151	Eurasian Penduline Tit	Remiz pendulinus					1				
152	Eurasian Golden Oriole	Oriolus oriolus				Н			2		
153	Red-backed Shrike	Lanius collurio		1							
154	Great Grey Shrike	Lanius excubitor						1			
155	Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius		3	4	4	6	4	2		
156	Black-billed Magpie	Pica pica	2	10	15	15	4	✓	✓	✓	
158	Jackdaw	Corvus monedula	✓	30		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
159	Rook	Corvus frugilegus			4	10	20	✓	✓		
160	Hooded Crow	Corvus cornix	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
161	Raven	Corvus corax	2	60	20	4	6	10	6	4	
162	Common Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
163	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
164	Tree Sparrow	Passer montanus	2		4	10	8	6			
165	Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
166	Brambling	Fringilla montifringilla		Н							
167	Serin	Serinus serinus					1				
168	Greenfinch	Carduelis chloris	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
169	Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis		1		2		4	6		
170	Eurasian Siskin	Carduelis spinus		30+		Н	20	10	8		
171	Linnet	Carduelis cannabina	1			3	10	6			
172	Common Redpoll	Carduelis flammea				Н					
173	Common Crossbill	Loxia curvirostra		Н	Н	4	10	6			
174	Common Bullfinch	Pyrrhula pyrrhula		6	4			4			
175	Hawfinch	Coccothraustes coccothraustes		4	2	4	6	8	2		
176	Yellowhammer	Emberiza citrinella	10	100+	40	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
177	Ortolan Bunting	Emberiza hortulana				2					
178	Reed Bunting	Emberiza schoeniclus		8		4	5	6	4		

Mammals

European Brown Hare European Beaver Mountain Hare Red Fox Red Squirrel Grey Seal

Wild Boar Red Deer Roe Deer

Wolf (prints and droppings) Elk Lynx (prints and scat)

Herptiles

Common Lizard Common Frog

Butterflies and other invertebrates

Green-veined White Small White Brimstone

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