

Estonia in Spring

Naturetrek Tour Report

13th – 20th May 2023



Bird's-eye Primrose



Map butterfly



Red-backed Shrike



Whooper Swan

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Day 1

Saturday 13th May

The day of arrival to Tallinn airport which carries the name of Estonia's previous President Lennart Meri. As the airport is relatively small, it was easy to get through passport control.

The weather was calm and the temperature was exceeding 20 degrees, which is warm, considering that very recently the cold spring apparently had had no intentions to leave!

We quickly picked up two rental vans with the two tour leaders, Rob and Peeter driving. We bought some coffee and snacks from a roadside supermarket to quench hunger, and the tour began by heading about 80 km south, to the fields and meadows of the River Kasari nearby Üdruma village. By that time, we had already spotted the usual White Storks, Northern Lapwings, Hooded Crows, Rooks, Cranes here and there and a glimpse of an unidentified grey bird - a Sparrowhawk or some small-sized owl, which quickly disappeared into the canopy.

The flood-plain meadow and the bushes on the riverbank were surprisingly quiet and empty - the largest mass of the geese had left already, while many passerines were yet to arrive. Our main target was the Lesser or the Greater Spotted Eagle and soon we saw the Lesser floating above our heads like a child's kite, hardly moving in the wind.

Some more birds - Meadow Pipits, Skylarks, Common Rosefinches, Yellowhammers and Reed Buntings were showing up, and also a Greenish Warbler, whose habitat this certainly wasn't - obviously it was on the move. On the way back to the main road, some Grey Partridges were on the road and later in the grass.

Soon the road reached the seashore, and although most of the wintering geese had left, there were some Barnacle Geese, Mute Swans and Redshanks.

The first lodging place was in the Roosta camping area, just a few hundred metres from the sandy shore, and after dinner in the camp site restaurant, some of the most eager birdwatchers spotted some dozens of Red-breasted Mergansers on the sea and Siskins in the pine treetops.

All together the first half-day gave us 35 bird species and some butterflies - Brimstone, Small Tortoiseshell and Common Orange-tip.

Day 2

Sunday 14th May

It was quiet in the early morning and as we were loading the picnic breakfast into the vans, we could see Siskin, Blackbird, Lesser Whitethroat, Robin and a couple of Great Tits in the surrounding pine-wood.

From the camping area, we headed north, to Cape Põõsaspea - one of the most north-western peninsulas of Estonia, where a great number of the seabirds of the East-Atlantic flyway pass by. This place is considered one of the best seabird watching locations of the region.

The weather was top notch - calm, warm and sunny! Although it was not the peak time of the migration, there were hundreds of Long-tailed Ducks and Velvet Scoters at sea, eventually coming closer and offering good views. A couple of Goosanders were between the small rocks on the shallow sea, and also Herring Gull and Lesser Black-backed Gull. Cormorants were constantly passing in small groups and also some Oystercatchers. Far out in the middle of the strait between the peninsula and Osmussaar (Odensholm) island small groups of divers were rushing north-east, albeit not clear which species exactly in the shimmering air.

During the delicious breakfast, we spotted Northern Wheatears on the rocks of the peninsula and couple of wagtails, which looked like Yellow Wagtails, but their heads were too greyish, so probably *thunbergi*

The surrounds of the parking area were covered by Small Pasqueflowers and Spring Cinquefoils. Surprisingly some Grey Seals were popping up their heads several times, offering good views through the spotting scope.

Our next stop was at Sutlepa Bay in the Silma Nature Reserve. This is a shallow inland lagoon, surrounded by reeds and dry meadows with junipers. Maybe one of the most prominent features in this location is the abundance of dragonflies in good warm weather, although they were not abundant today! Northern Emerald and Black-tailed Skimmer were the only ones.

In the constant noise of adjacent Cormorant colony, we looked from the first tower on the lagoon for the Red-necked Grebe, which eventually was clearly spotted. As expected, there was a good number of Great Crested Grebes, as well as Mallards, some Shovelers and Tufted Ducks. Calls of Coots were heard and later the birds also spotted. Occasionally Savi's Warbler were heard from the reedbed. From the second tower, Marsh Harrier and White-tailed Eagle were seen.

Driving to the lunch place in Puise, we could see Montagu's Harrier at the roadside again. Little by little, this elegant bird tends to get the 1st prize among the most often spotted raptors.

Puise guesthouse offered fish soup with magnificent views onto the coastal meadow with hundreds of feeding Barnacle Geese.

After lunch we hoped for more warblers in the bushes of the peninsula, but it was perhaps too early and we only saw Whitethroat, several Linnets and Common Rosefinch. More thrilling were Bird's Eye Primrose and our first Military Orchids.

After some rest and dinner, we headed to the nearby Elbiku forest to find some owls, but unfortunately no owls were responding, neither the Ural, nor the Pygmy Owl. Walking along the forest roads, a Woodcock was repeatedly spotted, also altogether three Elks, at least by some of the group; unfortunately these shy animals disappeared quickly from view. Extensive logging has taken place in the site recently, which could have been the reason for the missing owls.

It was already late when we returned to the lodging.

The checklist of the day gave 80 bird species, while among the mammals Brown Hare, Red Fox, Grey Seal and Roe Deer were seen. Also, five butterfly and three dragonfly species.

Day 3

Monday 15th May

It was an early start again taking our picnic breakfast with us.

We headed east to the new fields of Variku, while trying to find some Capercaillies on the way, but failing in that. These large birds often lek on roads and roadsides, as the most prominent open spaces in the area, but early passing cars may disturb them and they may retreat into the forest.

On the fields, some dozens of Black Grouse were spotted in the distance, but occasionally closer. Nevertheless, we could almost constantly hear these birds “bubbling” and “hissing”. Occasionally some cocks jumped up and pretend to fight, although mostly it was just shadow boxing! Black Grouse males are magnificent birds with their black plumage, lyre-shaped tail and bright white feathers around the tail. Just add the swollen red eyebrows and you get a mean-looking “beastie”. Strangely they stopped displaying for some periods to find some food from the ground and then continued.

Not very far away, around 15 Golden Plovers were spotted, also three Curlews and a hunting Montagu’s Harrier. From the distant woods, a Black Woodpecker was heard, but later at the roadside, in a known site there was no response from it.

The weather was still good; the sun was shining through some haze, but it was more or less dry.

Next stop was in the famous Haeska bird-tower, which has held for many years the record number of spotted bird species (128) over a 24 hour period. Today was not the optimum time but there was something to watch – a couple of Ruffs (locally breeding birds), some Redshanks, Lapwing chicks and a Ringed Plover.

Lunch was served in Altmõisa guesthouse - a well-known manor house among nature-lovers, next to Matsalu wetland’s borders.

In the afternoon we had some good sightings of Slavonian (Horned) Grebe on one of the lakes in Haapsalu town, among several Great Crested Grebes, Tufted Ducks and Black-headed Gulls.

On another lake we had good sightings of several White-tailed Eagles sitting on the rocks or just flying around. Of course, we also saw Mute Swans and Grey Herons.

After some rest in the guest-house, part of the group headed to Leidissoo forests to spot some owls. In the very first kilometres we saw lots of logging and clear-cutting and road-construction, which kind of activity definitely does not help rare or fragile bird-species to survive. Further on, after about 7-8 km were finally lucky to hear the Ural Owl responding to our calls and then to see it flying across the meadow to the opposite forest edge. There was also a Nightjar flying around and churring.

Day 4

Tuesday 16th May

Today we transferred to our next stop - Kosmonautika Centre in the Kabli area of SW Estonia.

On our way we made a stop in Tuhiu new fields, missing the probable Barred Warbler which had been reported, but spotting Red-backed Shrike, Hobby, Montagu's Harrier, Whinchat, Wheatear and a Black Grouse flying to the top of a tree on the other side of the field. In the middle of the field, a Corncrake was calling. We had our picnic lunch at the Tuhiu bog with remarkably few birds, although there was another Red-backed Shrike. Some botanising beside the boardwalk gave us Labrador Tea, some Bog Rosemary, Cranberries, Cloudberry, Cotton-grass and other specific bog plants. Then we were driven away by increasing rain.

While there was short and temporary rainless period, we stopped at the Audru polder area to watch some Sedge Warblers and Great Reed Warblers, Mallards, Shovelers, Garganeys and Tufted Ducks. There was then heavy rain again, which made us continue our journey.

By the evening, just before our reaching to the Kosmonautika Centre, the weather improved a little. Still cold and windy, it gave us the setting sun and a nice flock of Ruffs lekking just next to the fence of the centre's premises. There were also Red-breasted Mergansers, Redshanks, Oystercatchers, Black-tailed Godwits and Wood Sandpipers.

We had a short walk in the evening to check the probable Golden Oriole and the bushes and coastline next to our centre.

Day 5

Wednesday 17th May

We had an early morning trip to Soometsa forest roads without any success - no Capercaillies and no woodpeckers.

In the Laiksaare nature trail we saw and heard dozens of Wrens, also heard several Red-breasted Flycatchers, although clear views of them were difficult. Pied Flycatcher also wasn't rare - we heard it here and there. A Wood Warbler was present and gave good views.

Botanizing was a reasonable replacement activity, especially with all the ferns and the European Wild Ginger around.

The real highlight was a Ural Owl, that popped up literally from our feet and was flying through the forest and forest edge, probably to the next grove. Alas, only four of us were there to spot it.

After the hectic, but luxuriant lunch in the local tavern "Magic" we headed to the Pikla old fish-ponds where it was quite windy. At first sight it seemed fairly quiet, but then one by one we were lucky to spot quite a lot of species, e.g. Ruff, Black-tailed Godwit, Hobby, White-tailed Eagle, several Marsh Harriers, several Temminck's Stints, Redshank, Spotted Redshank, Ringed Plovers, Shoveler and Sparrowhawk. The reeds were sheltering Savi's Warbler, Great Reed Warbler and Sedge Warbler.

After dinner in the Kosmonautika Centre, half of our group headed to surrounding forest roads to hunt some owls. We drove deep to the forest, until the road turned too difficult to continue, but the forest type looked good, and after some time, we did manage to hear a distant Pygmy Owl which hid well in the tree canopy. Since it was turning dark, we called it a day and headed back to our lodge.

Day 6

Thursday 18th May

Transfer to South Estonia, to Mooste.

On our way we dropped in to the Soomaa National Park and had a walk along one of the numerous trails, the Kuuraniidi trail. It is a short 2 km boardwalk in the old forest stand with huge fallen trees, lots of dead trees with many cavities and variable plant communities. Unluckily it was quite quiet in the forest, with only some Wood Warblers and a Red-breasted Flycatcher heard. Of all possible woodpecker species previously recorded in this excellent habitat we could see and hear only Great Spotted.

In the huge Tartu South Centre shopping mall, we had our lunch and then continued to the Mooste vodka-factory guesthouse. The surrounds are a marvel with the lake and the park and some forest across the lake. We spotted Great White Egret and Grey Heron and also Reed Warbler.

Due to the top notch and luxuriant dinner, we skipped tonight's visit to Ilmatsalu and Kärevere and postponed it to the next evening. We headed to Lake Loho instead, which was conveniently adjacent in the wood. Without much knowledge of the location other than the phrase "there are owls", we were trying several, but got nice clear response from a Long-eared Owl from the other side of the lake. We also heard a Nightjar churring briefly.

Day 7

Friday 19th May

Today we headed south-east and had an early morning start.

The first stop was in Järvselja, where the long-time "primeval forest quarter" is a good place for all kinds of observations in forestry, biology and ecology.

Another quarter is open for visitors with a boardwalk, but recent storms had felled several huge trees across the trail, so it was impossible to follow the whole route, but we walked as far as we could.

Great Spotted Woodpecker was easily seen and Black Woodpecker was calling and drumming in the distance. The White-backed Woodpecker remained less cooperative, and we did not have a good sighting of it. Three-toed Woodpeckers have been really quiet this spring, due to the weather or just our pure bad luck.

The highlight was a Nutcracker, that was calling in several places, alone or in small groups and also showed itself clearly, so everyone could have a nice view through the telescope. Coal Tit and Raven were new species to our list, as well as Treecreeper.

On our way towards Lake Peipsi, the first van saw Hazel Grouse flying across the road!

Next, we made several brief stops on the shore of Lake Peipsi (or more properly put - the narrowest part of it - Lake Lämmijärv). There were the boat-moorings and small lagoons and reeds everywhere, and we visited some - Võõpsu, Beresje and Lüübnitsa.

We had some really good sightings of Black Tern (and some possible White-winged Terns). There were several birds, already seen before such as Goosander, Common Crane, Common Sandpiper, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Sandwich Tern, Arctic Tern and Bittern (heard).

In some freshwater pools, Rob gave us a lesson of pond biology, including the characteristics of reproduction of the newt. And last, but not the least here was a very good sighting of Swallowtail butterfly.

In one point we saw Russia, that was just couple of kilometres away, across the lake.

Our lunch was in a lovely home-cafe of a nice lady called Inara Luigas, whose meatball soup, pies and dumplings were second to none and followed the very local Seto culture.

Back to Tartu and the Aardla polder lakes. It was a hot, quiet day and not the best time of day for birding, but nevertheless we had some insight into some small bird species, like Common Rosefinch and some warbler species. Whinchats, Reed Warblers, Sedge Warblers, distant Ruffs and distant Common Sandpipers, plus a pair of Ravens.

After another splendid dinner at the Mooste vodka factory guesthouse, half of our group headed to Kärevere bridge to try to spot Great Snipe.

Unluckily there was some activity down at the riverbank. In addition to a Roe Deer and a Fox there were two parked cars and some people walking around. We only saw some Lapwings and some wildfowl.

Just before leaving two birds flew over our heads and landed in the meadow, making some peculiar calls. Our guess (and hope) was that these were the missing snipes, but it was already dark, and we had to leave.

Day 8

Saturday 20th May

Departure towards Tallinn airport. We did some random birdwatching on the way and the tour ended in the airport.

Species summaries:

151 bird species, eight mammal species, 13 butterfly species and two dragonfly species were seen.

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only, I = Introduced)

| | | May 2023 | | | | | | |
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| Common name | Scientific name | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Barnacle Goose | <i>Branta leucopsis</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| Greylag Goose | <i>Anser anser</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | " | | |
| Greater White-fronted Goose | <i>Anser albifrons</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Mute Swan | <i>Cygnus olor</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Whooper Swan | <i>Cygnus cygnus</i> | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Common Shelduck | <i>Tadorna tadorna</i> | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Garganey | <i>Spatula querquedula</i> | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Northern Shoveler | <i>Spatula clypeata</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Gadwall | <i>Mareca strepera</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Eurasian Wigeon | <i>Mareca penelope</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Mallard | <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Eurasian Teal | <i>Anas crecca</i> | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Tufted Duck | <i>Aythya fuligula</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| Greater Scaup | <i>Aythya marila</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Velvet Scoter | <i>Melanitta fusca</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Common Scoter | <i>Melanitta nigra</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Long-tailed Duck | <i>Clangula hyemalis</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Common Goldeneye | <i>Bucephala clangula</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Common Merganser | <i>Mergus merganser</i> | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Red-breasted Merganser | <i>Mergus serrator</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| Hazel Grouse | <i>Tetrastes bonasia</i> | | | | | | | ✓ |
| Black Grouse | <i>Lyrurus tetrix</i> | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| Grey Partridge | <i>Perdix perdix</i> | ✓ | | | | | | |
| European Nightjar | <i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i> | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Common Swift | <i>Apus apus</i> | | | | | | | ✓ |
| Common Cuckoo | <i>Cuculus canorus</i> | | H | H | H | ✓ | | H |
| Feral Rock Dove - I | <i>Columba livia</i> | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | |

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| Common Wood Pigeon | <i>Columba palumbus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Corn Crake | <i>Crex crex</i> | | | | H | | | |
| Eurasian Coot | <i>Fulica atra</i> | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| Common Crane | <i>Grus grus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Red-necked Grebe | <i>Podiceps grisegena</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Great Crested Grebe | <i>Podiceps cristatus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| Horned Grebe | <i>Podiceps auritus</i> | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Eurasian Oystercatcher | <i>Haematopus ostralegus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| Northern Lapwing | <i>Vanellus vanellus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| European Golden Plover | <i>Pluvialis apricaria</i> | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Common Ringed Plover | <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Little Ringed Plover | <i>Charadrius dubius</i> | | | | | | ✓ | |
| Eurasian Curlew | <i>Numenius arquata</i> | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Black-tailed Godwit | <i>Limosa limosa</i> | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Ruff | <i>Calidris pugnax</i> | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Curlew Sandpiper | <i>Calidris ferruginea</i> | | | | | | | |
| Temminck's Stint | <i>Calidris temminckii</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Dunlin | <i>Calidris alpina</i> | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Little Stint | <i>Calidris minuta</i> | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Eurasian Woodcock | <i>Scolopax rusticola</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Common Sandpiper | <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i> | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ |
| Common Redshank | <i>Tringa totanus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Wood Sandpiper | <i>Tringa glareola</i> | | | | ✓ | | | |
| Spotted Redshank | <i>Tringa erythropus</i> | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| Common Greenshank | <i>Tringa nebularia</i> | | | | ✓ | | | |
| Black-headed Gull | <i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Little Gull | <i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Common Gull | <i>Larus canus</i> | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Iceland Gull | <i>Larus glaucoides</i> | | | | | | | |
| European Herring Gull | <i>Larus argentatus</i> | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Lesser Black-backed Gull | <i>Larus fuscus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ |
| Caspian Tern | <i>Hydroprogne caspia</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Sandwich Tern | <i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i> | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Little Tern | <i>Sternula albifrons</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Common Tern | <i>Sterna hirundo</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| Arctic Tern | <i>Sterna paradisaea</i> | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Black Tern | <i>Chlidonias niger</i> | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ |
| Black-throated Diver | <i>Gavia arctica</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| White Stork | <i>Ciconia ciconia</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Great Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Eurasian Bittern | <i>Botaurus stellaris</i> | | H | | H | | | |
| Grey Heron | <i>Ardea cinerea</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Great Egret | <i>Ardea alba</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Lesser Spotted Eagle | <i>Clanga pomarina</i> | ✓ | | | | | | |
| Golden Eagle | <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i> | | | | | | | ✓ |
| Eurasian Sparrowhawk | <i>Accipiter nisus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Western Marsh Harrier | <i>Circus aeruginosus</i> | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Pallid Harrier | <i>Circus macrourus</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |

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| Montagu's Harrier | <i>Circus pygargus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| White-tailed Eagle | <i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Common Buzzard | <i>Buteo buteo</i> | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Eurasian Pygmy Owl | <i>Glaucidium passerinum</i> | | | | | H | | |
| Long-eared Owl | <i>Asio otus</i> | | | | | | H | |
| Ural Owl | <i>Strix uralensis</i> | | | H | | ✓ | | |
| Eurasian Wryneck | <i>Jynx torquilla</i> | | | | | | | ✓ |
| Great Spotted Woodpecker | <i>Dendrocopos major</i> | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Black Woodpecker | <i>Dryocopus martius</i> | | | H | | H | | H |
| Eurasian Hobby | <i>Falco subbuteo</i> | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Red-backed Shrike | <i>Lanius collurio</i> | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| Eurasian Golden Oriole | <i>Oriolus oriolus</i> | | | | H | | | |
| Eurasian Jay | <i>Garrulus glandarius</i> | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Eurasian Magpie | <i>Pica pica</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Spotted Nutcracker | <i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i> | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Western Jackdaw | <i>Coloeus monedula</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Rook | <i>Corvus frugilegus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| Hooded Crow | <i>Corvus cornix</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Northern Raven | <i>Corvus corax</i> | | | | | | | ✓ |
| Coal Tit | <i>Pariparus ater</i> | | | | | | | ✓ |
| Crested Tit | <i>Lophophanes cristatus</i> | | | | | | ✓ | |
| Eurasian Blue Tit | <i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i> | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Great Tit | <i>Parus major</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Woodlark | <i>Lullula arborea</i> | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Eurasian Skylark | <i>Alauda arvensis</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Barn Swallow | <i>Hirundo rustica</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Common House Martin | <i>Delichon urbicum</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Greenish Warbler | <i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i> | ✓ | | | | | | |
| Wood Warbler | <i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Willow Warbler | <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | H | ✓ |
| Common Chiffchaff | <i>Phylloscopus collybita</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Great Reed Warbler | <i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i> | | H | | ✓ | | | H |
| Sedge Warbler | <i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i> | H | | | H | H | H | H |
| Common Reed Warbler | <i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i> | | H | | | | | H |
| Aquatic warbler (?) | <i>Acrocephalus paludicola</i> | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Savi's Warbler | <i>Locustella luscinioides</i> | | H | | H | | | H |
| Common Grasshopper Warbler | <i>Locustella naevia</i> | | | | | | | H |
| Eurasian Blackcap | <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i> | | H | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Lesser Whitethroat | <i>Curruca curruca</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ |
| Common Whitethroat | <i>Curruca communis</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Goldcrest | <i>Regulus regulus</i> | | | | | H | H | H |
| Eurasian Wren | <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i> | | | | | ✓ | H | H |
| Eurasian Nuthatch | <i>Sitta europaea</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Eurasian Treecreeper | <i>Certhia familiaris</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Common Starling | <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Song Thrush | <i>Turdus philomelos</i> | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| Common Blackbird | <i>Turdus merula</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

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| Mistle Thrush | <i>Turdus viscivorus</i> | | | | ✓ | | | |
| Fieldfare | <i>Turdus pilaris</i> | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Spotted Flycatcher | <i>Muscicapa striata</i> | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| European Robin | <i>Erithacus rubecula</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | H | |
| Thrush Nightingale | <i>Luscinia luscinia</i> | H | H | H | H | H | H | H |
| Red-breasted Flycatcher | <i>Ficedula parva</i> | | | | | H | H | |
| European Pied Flycatcher | <i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | H |
| Black Redstart | <i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i> | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Common Redstart | <i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i> | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| Whinchat | <i>Saxicola rubetra</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Northern Wheatear | <i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | <i>Passer montanus</i> | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ |
| House Sparrow | <i>Passer domesticus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| Dunnock | <i>Prunella modularis</i> | | | | | | ✓ | |
| Western Yellow Wagtail | <i>Motacilla flava</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Grey Wagtail | <i>Motacilla cinerea</i> | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| White Wagtail | <i>Motacilla alba</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Meadow Pipit | <i>Anthus pratensis</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| Tree Pipit | <i>Anthus trivialis</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Common Chaffinch | <i>Fringilla coelebs</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Common Rosefinch | <i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i> | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | |
| European Greenfinch | <i>Chloris chloris</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Common Linnet | <i>Linaria cannabina</i> | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| European Goldfinch | <i>Carduelis carduelis</i> | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| European Serin | <i>Serinus serinus</i> | | | | | | | |
| Eurasian Siskin | <i>Spinus spinus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Yellowhammer | <i>Emberiza citrinella</i> | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Common Reed Bunting | <i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

Mammals

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| Common name | Scientific name | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Brown Hare | <i>Lepus europaeus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| Eurasian Red Squirrel | <i>Sciurus vulgaris</i> | | | | | | ✓ | |
| Red Fox | <i>Vulpes vulpes</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Grey Seal | <i>Halichoerus grypus</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Elk | <i>Alces alces</i> | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| Roe Deer | <i>Capreolus capreolus</i> | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Pine Marten | <i>Martes martes</i> | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Stoat | <i>Mustela erminea</i> | | | ✓ | | | | |

Others

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| Common name | Scientific name | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Butterflies | | | | | | | | |
| Swallowtail | <i>Papilio machaon</i> | | | | | | | ✓ |
| Brimstone | <i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ |
| Small White | <i>Pieris rapae</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ |
| Green-veined White | <i>Pieris napi</i> | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Common Orange-tip | <i>Anthocharis cardamines</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ |
| Green Hairstreak | <i>Callophrys rubi</i> | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Holly Blue | <i>Celastrina argiolus</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Map Butterfly | <i>Araschnia levana</i> | | | | | | | ✓ |
| Small Tortoiseshell | <i>Aglais urticae</i> | ✓ | | | | | | |
| Peacock | <i>Aglais io</i> | | ✓ | | | | | ✓ |
| Silver Washed Fritillary | <i>Argynnis paphia</i> | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Latticed Heath | <i>Chiasmia clathrata</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Grizzled Skipper | <i>Pyrgus malvae</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
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| Dragonflies | | | | | | | | |
| Northern Emerald | <i>Somatochlora arctica</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Black Darter | <i>Sympetrum danae</i> | | ✓ | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Amphibians & reptiles | | | | | | | | |
| Common Frog | <i>Rana temporaria</i> | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Grass Snake | <i>Natrix natrix</i> | | | | | | ✓ | |