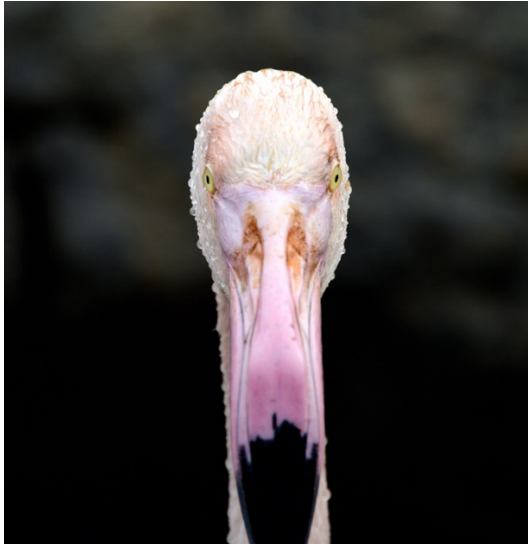


France – Wallcreepers & the Camargue

Naturetrek Tour Report

1st – 5th December 2022



Greater Flamingo



Marsh Harrier



Hen Harrier



Plage de Piémanson

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Summary

Our short five day trip to the Alpilles and Camargue in south France is designed to try and see a wintering Wallcreeper and some quality birding in the Camargue and surround. Small numbers of Wallcreepers arrive in the Alpilles from about mid-November and two regular sites include the truly beautiful village of Les Baux and the stunning Roman Aqueduct at Pont du Gard. On our first day we had time to visit Marais de Vigueirat, a marshland reserve which provided close views of Coypu, Marsh Harrier, Firecrest, Chiffchaff and common waders and ducks with more fleeting views of Water Pipit and Glossy Ibis. Our accommodation was just outside the historic town of Arles and on the Saturday morning a contingent enjoyed the market, architecture and Vincent van Gogh trail as well as traditional French cafes! Birding near the hotel provided quality birds such as Hen Harrier, Cirl Bunting, Merlin and Hoopoe.

Our second day took us to Les Baux where a Blue Rock Thrush showed briefly and Firecrests and Crag Martins flitted past us. Matt expertly picked out our target bird - the totally unique Wallcreeper! This waif of the cliffs remained on show for a ridiculous amount of time, fluttering into overhangs, balancing on sprouting vegetation and sitting patiently on ledges - the constant wing-flicking, pirouetting and scampering further emphasized the beauty of this very special alpine bird. Photogenic Black Redstarts and a second more distant Wallcreeper delayed our celebratory coffee, but not for long, and after a little retail therapy we wandered around Les Baux with more views of Black Redstarts, good views of Sardinian Warblers and brief views of Serin. After our picnic lunch we motored south west to the Petite Camargue where the birds included many Marsh Harriers, Kingfishers, a couple of Barn Swallows, common wildfowl and singles of Black and White Stork. Our first Common Cranes of the trip were enjoyed, these huge grey birds of the rice paddies trumpeting their presence! Common Buzzards were everywhere.

The afternoon of day three was taken up with a visit to the magnificent Pont du Gard where we dawdled to the ancient and well-maintained aqueduct and watched Cormorants, Grey Herons and Kingfishers in the river below. Passerines included Firecrests, a Cirl Bunting, a confiding Song Thrush and both White and Grey Wagtails. It was that man Matt again who spotted our third Wallcreeper of the tour as it flitted and crept along the lower aspects of the structure. After we moved down towards the river it was possible to watch this individual for long periods of time too - we were being spoilt! Crag Martins and small numbers of Rock Sparrows arrived at the upper aspects of the aqueduct, Great White Egrets passed overhead and with the light ebbing away it was time to return to our hotel and another delicious three course dinner Camargue-style!

A full day in the Camargue began with a drive from Arles out to Salin du Giraud and on to the coast at Plage de Piémanson with birds everywhere! Large flocks of Corn Buntings, Chaffinches, House Sparrows and Skylarks swirled around the roadside fields and these attracted Hen and Marsh Harriers, Common Buzzards and Kestrels and a Merlin. Flocks of Common Cranes included plenty of family parties and Grey Herons and Great White Egrets dominated the flooded fields. By this time we were used to seeing plenty of Camargue White Horses and Black Bulls. The coastal salt pans provided close views of Dunlin and Little Stint flocks with Avocets, Kentish Plover, Common Sandpiper and Grey Plover for variety. Our first Greater Flamingoes were much anticipated even if the distant ones did look like big swirls of candy floss! Kittiwake, Yellow-legged Gulls and Black-necked Grebes

came next and at the end of the road we saw Slender-billed Gulls, lots of Marsh Harriers and a passage over the sea of a single Gannet but many Mediterranean Gulls and Balearic Shearwaters.

Our picnic lunch in monsoon conditions was 'interesting' and actually quite hilarious but when the sun broke though after the rain had passed the small birds paraded in front of us with excellent views of Firecrest, Zitting Cisticola and Sardinian Warblers providing the entertainment. We spent the remainder of the afternoon checking areas around Etang du Viccares and Mas d'Agon for more birding opportunities and then visited a limestone escarpment in the hope of perhaps seeing a Eurasian Eagle Owl. Matt's spotting abilities came into their own once again with the owl immediately being found sitting in a little cave overlooking the vegetated valley below! Cirl Bunting, Blue Rock Thrush, Crag Martin, Firecrest and a calling Dartford Warbler added further class.

Our last day and an afternoon flight provided us with an opportunity for more wildlife watching. The temperature had dropped and early morning mist eventually cleared to provide us with a very enjoyable visit to the Parc Ornithologique with a flamboyance of hundreds of Greater Flamingoes, close quarter views of heron species including Black-crowned Night Herons, Black-winged Stilts, Avocets and Spotted Redshanks. A Western Swamphen showed itself and small birds on view again included Firecrest, Chiffchaff and Sardinian Warbler and several Kingfishers. Over-flying birds included Glossy Ibis, Marsh Harrier and Common Buzzard and we heard both Bearded and Penduline Tits calling from dense reed-beds. Our drive back to Marseilles Airport allowed distant views of Mount Ventouz and more raptors including a couple of Hen Harriers.

It was only a short canter around a small area of south France but we considered ourselves privileged and lucky to have seen some fabulous wildlife and particularly many birding highlights which included of course the enigmatic Wallcreeper!

Day 1

Thursday 1st December

Our flight from Terminal 5 was delayed due to fog but we made up the time during our BA flight to Marseilles. Strangely the aircraft was almost half empty. At Marseilles Airport we obtained our two pre-booked minibuses and decided to buy some food-to-go at the airport so that we could take advantage of the early flight and spend some time out looking for wildlife.

We then drove direct to the marshland reserve at Marais de Vigueirat. That was after a bird list from the airport of Starling, Jackdaw, Cattle Egret, Magpie, Grey Heron, Black Redstart, White Wagtail and Common Buzzard. Driving down the entrance track to the reserve should not be rushed and a Lesser Spotted Woodpecker showed itself briefly on ash trees beside the road but was just too flighty for our gang still in the minibuses to catch sight of it. At the car park we consumed our lunch with birds flying over which included Glossy Ibis.

Once inside the reserve we took a clockwise circular dawdle and met some of the local and very cute Coypus! Two or three Marsh Harriers, Great White Egrets, Shovelers, Teal and Gadwall were on show. We saw Green Sandpipers, up to eight Water Pipits, a couple of vibrant Firecrest, Cetti's Warbler and Chiffchaffs plus a few Blue and Great Tits. A calling Water Rail remained hidden, but we spotted Common Snipe, Cormorants, Yellow-legged Gull, Common Buzzard and Kestrels and both Green and Great Spotted Woodpeckers remained vocal but distant, Small White Butterfly braved the conditions and we heard, but couldn't find, a Stripeless Tree Frog.

After our preliminary session we drove to our hotel, admiring the first of many Camargue White Horses and Black Bulls en-route and plenty of field-dwelling Great White Egret. At our hotel on the outskirts of Arles we checked in and there was time to relax ahead of our evening meal. The weather for the day had been mixed – sunny and warm in Marseilles – dull and showery at Marais de Vigueirat with a spectacular sunset late afternoon.

After our dinner we undertook a briefing to plan the days ahead and then retired to recharge our batteries for the following day's excursion.

Day 2

Friday 2nd December

Our day began with a 7.30am breakfast and with everyone being super prompt we left the hotel just after 8.30am. We took a slow drive along the roads en-route seeing Red Kite, Kestrel, Corn Bunting, Stonechat, Black Redstart, Great White Egret and also Little and Cattle Egret before arriving at Les Baux. This medieval settlement is judged to be one of the prettiest villages in France and is one of the sites we visit in an effort to find our main quarry – the Wallcreeper! After parking up, we took a walk around the footpath at the bottom of the limestone cliffs continuously looking up and hoping. A Blue Rock Thrush made a brief appearance and furtive Firecrest and Sardinian Warblers showed briefly. Some Crag Martins came in from somewhere and provided good views. And then Matt found it – a wonderful Wallcreeper! It flitted round a buttress and out of sight so we all manoeuvred further along the track and soon everyone was enjoying sustained views of this crag-loving waif. Wallcreepers are small, unique and their habit of living in lofty hard-to-get-to places makes them very special. Sometimes this individual kept still for long periods and also hid in crevices in the honeycombed limestone formation, but would break cover, flicking its wings, scurrying around and making short, fast flights. Binoculars, cameras and telescopes provided us with great views and memories.

Walking further on Jay, Black Redstart and more Sardinian Warblers crossed our path and distant viewing across the valley provided a second Wallcreeper – which had conveniently called to help us pinpoint its position. However, this bird wasn't so accommodating as the first had been and it flew off and out of view.

Clambering up into the quiet streets of the walled town of Les Baux it was time for a celebratory coffee in a classic French café. A few shops were open despite it being out of season and it was possible to make traditional purchases of nougat, French mixed herbs, lavender products, soap, chocolate and the like.

Despite the rather cool and grey conditions we took a little wander around the medieval ramparts above the town, but birds were rather few and far between. With patience it was possible to obtain good views of Sardinian Warblers, feral pigeons, Jackdaws and confiding and rather gorgeous male Black Redstarts.

We pottered out of Les Baux and back to our vehicles and drove a few miles to some woodland at La Caume where we set up and consumed our first Naturetrek picnic of the trip. There was little birdlife here apart from some calling Firecrests.

Flushed with success from the morning's efforts we had a change of plan and drove about 35 miles south-west to enjoy some Camargue wetland scenery. En-route to Le Petite Camargue we encountered a Hen Harrier, White Storks, a Black Stork and our first view of the wonderful Common Cranes that now winter in this area.

We scanned the reedbeds and channels of Étang Scamandre and Étang du Charnier, picking up on quite a number of wetland birds. We could hear the curious vocalisations of Coypus, Water Rails and Western Swamphen all trying to outdo one another for creating the weirdest noises.

Marsh Harriers interacted with Common Buzzards, lines of Common Cranes flew distantly in the orange glow of the horizon and Kingfishers played hide and seek. Distant tantalizing calls of Bearded and Penduline Tit remained heard but not seen and two Barn Swallows were a surprise and Great Crested Grebe and Coot were added to the growing trip list. A Red Fox showed distantly ahead of the lead minibus as we slowly drove the narrow roads to Saint Gilles. Egrets of all three species were very visible in the wet fields as were Grey Heron and many wintering Common Buzzards. The days are very short at this time of year and as the light faded we headed back to our hotel for some relaxation and of course dinner! The Naturetrek check list was completed and we discussed the options for the following day. A short one-hour night drive failed to locate much in the way of wildlife – just three Rabbits near to the hotel.

Day 3

Saturday 3rd December

The weather forecast had indicated that this was likely to be our wettest day and although it was dull and showery the reality was much better than predicted. After our earlyish breakfast the group split with eight guests opting for a morning exploring the historic centre of Arles and the remainder birding the tracks and field edges near to the hotel. The drizzly conditions and occasional shower didn't dampen the ardour of either party as they set forth with gusto!

The visit to Arles coincided with a traditional Saturday market with many excellent stalls selling a variety of produce and goods. A stray dog decided to befriend several in the party and did rather well out of it with a few treats. It was also an opportunity to purchase some festive gifts as well as checking out the Roman amphitheatre and Vincent van Gogh trail. And of course, there were more cafés!

The birding party in the meantime were finding productive things too with sightings of close Hen Harrier, Red Kite, Common Buzzard, Kestrel, Marsh Harrier and a Merlin. A Hoopoe was a good find and Cirl Buntings, Corn Bunting, Skylark, Crested Lark, Linnet, Goldfinches and Chaffinches in the fields attracted the attention of a couple of Sparrowhawks. Small birds included Wren, Chiffchaff, Blackcap and Sardinian Warbler with Yellow-legged Gulls and all three egret species lit up the fields.

We all gathered together again for a 1pm lunch at the hotel, using the driveway and a table as our rather cool alfresco picnic spot! And the Arles contingent had managed to find a group of Tree Sparrows, the only ones we recorded during the trip.

Following our picnic, we motored off to try our luck at Pont du Gard – about 45 minute's drive away. However, we hadn't travelled far when we stopped for some roadside birds which included a flock of Serin showing well, plus a Grey Wagtail and more Crested Larks. At Pont du Gard we parked and went through the main entrance, and it wasn't long before we were enthusing over the impressive Roman aqueduct spanning the River Gardon. Birds on show included Song Thrush, some more Firecrests, Mallard, Cormorants, Great White Egret and Grey Heron with White and Grey Wagtails beside the river. There were also Robins, Black Redstart and a Cirl Bunting. This was a second potential site for Wallcreeper and Matt again picked up on a bird flitting around the arched

spans of the aquaduct. This provided another opportunity for sustained views with the bird not moving far from the underside ledges of the arches. In dimming light, the bird came closer providing some limited photographic opportunities, but it was more about enjoying the antics of this quite unique species. Crag Martin appeared overhead and as hoped, some Rock Sparrows flew in and landed on the structure just prior to roosting.

Feral cats were numerous in the bushes and with the wildlife going to roost we left this special place at about 5pm and were back at the hotel by 6pm. With more rain that evening there was no enthusiasm for a night drive, so after our delicious three-course dinner we completed our checklist and planned our last full day in the Camargue and further relaxed before lights out.

Day 4

Sunday 4th December

By this time we were used to our 7.30am breakfasts and being ready for an 8.30am departure – what a disciplined group of Naturetrekkers! We headed south towards the small town of Salin du Giraud, a settlement created a long time ago to house welcome immigrants to construct the adjacent saltpans and other engineering works. Big, open and very flat fields with some hedging and rather more ditches lined with phragmites were the habitat we found ourselves in. And there were lots of birds – flocks of Corn Bunting, House Sparrows, finches and larks – and also Lapwings and Golden Plovers – and the next size or two up with Common Cranes, a White Stork and loads of Grey Heron and Great White Egret. Accompanying raptors included an adult male Hen Harrier, Marsh Harriers, Common Buzzard, Kestrel and a male Merlin. There were plenty of Camargue White Horses grazing in the fields north of Salin du Giraud and then we began to explore the roadside salt pans. Initial birds included White Wagtail, Water Pipit and Common Sandpiper but the dynamics changed as we headed further to the coast. Lots of Marsh Harriers and a few more Hen Harriers hunted the reed-fringed lagoons and watercourses and we enjoyed close views of feeding Dunlin and Little Stints and small numbers of Grey, Ringed and Kentish Plovers. Water Rails were again vocal, there were plenty of Mute Swans and a Marsh Harrier aggravated a compact flock of Coot. Flocks of Avocets and Greater Flamingos were next and we connected with a Kittiwake and several flocks of diving Black-necked Grebes in the brackish lagoons. A few Slender-billed Gulls were visible from the car park at Plage de Piemanson.

We took a short walk to the breezy and boisterous shoreline with just beach-caster fisherman as company. Small flocks of Balearic Shearwaters and Mediterranean Gulls were heading east and more distant observations included Gannets and Sandwich Terns. Other birds on or around the lagoons just inland included Shelduck, Reed Bunting, Linnet and lots of Yellow-legged Gulls.

We climbed aboard our vehicles and took a slow drive back to Salin du Giraud and then headed west into new areas of the Camargue. Checking the shoreline of Étang du Viccares we found two more Kittiwake, Cormorants, Grey Heron, all three species of egret, Common Sandpiper, Common Redshank, Kingfisher and yet more Marsh Harriers and Common Buzzards. Our intended picnic spot wasn't available, so we took a detour to park at another étang with a pull-in and observation tower. With the weather looking exceedingly threatening we attempted to organise our picnic experience out of the back of the minibuses. The spread was just about ready when the heavens opened – not quite biblical proportions, but it was likened to a monsoon - which had us all scrambling for cover and eating our fare in the vans! In any event, it didn't stop us eating and we didn't have a great deal left over. After the heavy shower, the sun came out and the small birds responded with close views of Firecrest, Chiffchaff, Blackcap, Sardinian Warbler and Zitting Cisticola all taking advantage of the insect bloom in the winter sunshine.

The adjacent étang provided a very authentic setting for a herd of White Horses and birds included Pintail amongst the Mallard and Curlews. After our wet picnic we checked the roads around Mas d'Agon without seeing anything new and drove back to our hotel for a comfort break ahead of our last venue of the day.

This excursion was to attempt to find a Eurasian Eagle Owl – a species that occurs locally, but is very difficult to find. Shortly after arriving at the site, Matt had spotted the owl framed in the entrance to a little cave on a limestone escarpment – none of this “waiting for dusk and hoping” – this bird was clearly visible, enjoying the last rays of sunshine and sat there, moving occasionally and later calling. Never an easy bird to see – Matt made it look a cinch! Other birds heard calling or being seen briefly included Blue Rock Thrush, Crag Martin, Dartford Warbler and Cirl Bunting and Crested Tit.

We were back at our hotel for 6pm and sat down for our last dinner together at 7pm, after which we thanked our hosts Christine (cook) and Pascal for looking after us so well throughout our stay. Despite the variable weather conditions as a group, we felt we had seen plenty (including of course the Wallcreeper) and managed to cram quite a bit in during the short break. Following a little admin and of course the Naturetrek checklist we organised ourselves for our last part-day and travel home on the morrow and retired for the night – with some electing to watch the World Cup football with England beating Senegal 3-0!

Day 5

Monday 5th December

After breakfast and packing and saying farewell to our hosts, we drove away from the Hotel des Granges in a cold mist to Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer. Here we navigated through this out-of-season seaside village to the south-west of Arles where birds on lagoons and just about visible in the gloom included Avocet, Redshank, Dunlin, Little Stint, Greater Flamingo and a verge-side Coypu. We arrived at the excellent nearby Parc Ornithologique and the sun began to take command of the weather – this was more like it! And there they were – the pink army of close Greater Flamingos. As we watched some were actively flashing the amazing vermillion pink of their wings as part of their courtship display – or perhaps just showing off! Others were flying around us or were grunting in the shallows, washing and preening with some feeding too. Rehabilitated birds in aviaries included an imposing and close Eurasian Eagle Owl and we were able to take in the magnitude of this massive owl and his beautiful deep orange eyes and magnificent ear tufts – perhaps easier to appreciate than the comparatively distant wild individual the afternoon before.

A real treat and bonus was finding a small group of Black-crowned Night Herons – one of the more difficult herons to see in the Camargue, particularly in the winter. There were also White Storks, a few Glossy Ibis, lots of Grey Heron, Cattle Egret and Little Egret and waders on the shallow lagoons including Common Snipe, Green Sandpiper, Avocet, Black-winged Stilts and Spotted Redshank. Common Buzzards, Kestrels and Marsh Harriers maintained a presence overhead and a Western Swamphen broke cover and showed off its ridiculously bright plumage and monstrous feet! Small birds included Chiffchaff, Firecrest, Blackcap and Cetti's Warblers and we heard both Penduline and Bearded Tits in the adjacent reedbeds.

After completing our circuits there was time for our last picnic at the Parc's picnic tables and we enjoyed lovely sunshine whilst we consumed the last of our food. House Sparrows joined in and Black Redstart, Kingfisher and insects in the shape of a few mosquitoes, Common Darters and Red Admirals weren't far away!

After lunch we again boarded our mini-buses and took a slow drive to Marseilles to connect with our departing flight/adventures-new in Marseilles. Our journey added extra birds such as Merlin, Hen Harrier, Common Cranes, Red Kite and a distant but clear view of the summit of Mount Ventoux.

Everything went okay at the airport and our plane back to Heathrow was mostly full and pretty much on-time. And so ended another “Wallcreepers and the Camargue” tour – super birds in the middle of winter ahead of the busy festive period.

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only, GO = Guide only)

Common name	Scientific name	December 2022				
		1	2	3	4	5
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>				✓	✓
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	✓			✓	✓
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	✓				
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mallard x Pintail hybrid						1
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>				2	
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	✓			✓	✓
Common Pheasant - I	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>		✓		✓	✓
Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>			✓		
Feral Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>			✓		
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	H	✓		H	✓
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓
Western Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>		H			1
Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>		✓		✓	✓
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	✓	✓		✓	
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>		✓		✓	
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>				✓	
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>				✓	✓
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>				✓	✓
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	✓		✓	✓	
European Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>			✓	✓	✓
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>				✓	
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>				✓	
Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>				✓	
Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>				✓	
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>				✓	✓
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>				✓	✓
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>				✓	
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	✓	✓			✓
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>				✓	✓
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>					✓
Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>				3	
Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>				✓	
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaeetus melanocephalus</i>				✓	
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>				✓	
Balearic Shearwater	<i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i>				✓	
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>		1			
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>		1		1	✓
Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>				1	

Common name	Scientific name	December 2022				
		1	2	3	4	5
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	✓				✓
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>					5
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	GO				
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	✓		✓	✓	
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>		1	2	2	2
Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>		1	✓		1
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo bubo</i>				1	
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>			1		
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	H	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>	GO				
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	✓				
European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>	✓				
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>			1	1	1
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		✓	H	H	
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>		✓	✓		✓
Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>		H		H	
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>					H
Bearded Reedling	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>		H			H
Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>			✓	✓	✓
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>			✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>		✓	✓	✓	
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		2			
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	✓	✓	H	✓	✓
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	✓		✓		
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	✓	✓		✓	
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	H	✓		✓	✓
Dartford Warbler	<i>Sylvia undata</i>				H	
Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>	H	✓			
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	H	✓	H	✓	✓
Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>		2	1		
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	H	H	✓	✓	✓
Redwing	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>		2			
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	H	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochrurus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>		1		1	
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>			10		
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>			✓		
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Duncock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	H	H		✓	✓
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>	✓			✓	
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</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>		✓	✓	✓	✓
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>				H	
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>			✓	✓	
Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Others

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Mammals						
Coypu	<i>Myocastor coypus</i>	✓	H			
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>		✓			
Black Bull		✓	✓		✓	✓
White Horse		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>		✓			
bat sp.					✓	
Stripeless Tree Frog	<i>Hyla meridionalis</i>	H	H		H	
Insects						
Small White Butterfly	<i>Pieris rapae</i>	✓			✓	✓
white butterfly sp.					✓	
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	✓			✓	✓
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>				✓	
Common Darter	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>					✓