

# Go Slow in Georgia

Naturetrek Tour Report

5th – 11th May 2026

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Eastern Tree Frog



Common Whitethroat



Mountain Small White



Armenian Grape Hyacinth

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## Species lists

### Birds

Common name	Scientific name	May 2026				
		6	7	8	9	10
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>		✓			
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>		✓	✓		✓
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		✓	✓		
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓				
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	✓				
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>		✓			
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		✓			
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>		✓			
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>		✓			
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>		✓			
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>		✓			
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>		✓			
White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>		✓			
Armenian Gull	<i>Larus armenicus</i>			✓		
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>			✓		
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		✓			
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		✓			
European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	✓	✓			
Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>		✓			
Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>		✓			
Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		✓			
Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga pomarina</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraetus pennatus</i>	✓		✓		✓
Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>	✓				
Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Tachyspiza brevipes</i>		✓			
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	✓				
Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>		✓			
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	✓	✓			
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓	✓	✓		
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓
Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>	✓				
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		✓			✓
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>	✓				
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>					✓
European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>			✓		
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓			
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		✓	✓		
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	✓	✓	✓		
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓				
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>	✓		✓	✓	
Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>					✓
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓

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Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>		✓			
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		✓			
Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>		✓			
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	✓				✓
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>					✓
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓			✓	✓
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>			✓		✓
Green Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus nitidus</i>	✓				✓
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	✓				✓
Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>		✓	✓		
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>			✓		✓
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			✓		
Krüper's Nuthatch	<i>Sitta krueperi</i>					✓
Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	✓				
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	✓		✓		
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		✓			
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓		✓	✓	
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>					✓
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>			✓		
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>			✓		
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		✓			
Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus</i>			✓		
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>			✓		
Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>		✓			
White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>	✓				
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓			✓
Duncock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>			✓		
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>		✓			
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	✓				✓
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓			✓
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		✓			
Eurasian Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	✓		✓	✓	
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	✓				
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>		✓	✓		

## Amphibians &amp; reptiles

Common name	Scientific name	May 2026				
		6	7	8	9	10
Eastern Tree Frog	<i>Hyla orientalis</i>			✓		
Marsh Frog	<i>Pelophylax ridibundus</i>			✓		
Northern Banded Newt	<i>Ommatotriton ophryticus</i>				✓	
Adjar Rock Lizard	<i>Darevskia mixta</i>				✓	
Rough-tailed Rock Lizard	<i>Darevskia rudis obscura</i>				✓	

## Butterflies &amp; moths

Common name	Scientific name	May 2026				
		6	7	8	9	10
Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphioides podalirius</i>					✓
Common Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>				✓	
Marbled Skipper	<i>Carcharodus lavatherae</i>				✓	
Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>		✓	✓		
Common Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>		✓	✓		✓
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>		✓	✓	✓	
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>				✓	✓
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
Mountain Small White	<i>Pieris ergane</i>		✓	✓		
Green-veined White	<i>Pieris napi</i>					✓
Common Orange-tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
Sooty Copper	<i>Lycaena tityrus</i>					✓
Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>			✓		
Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>					✓
Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>					✓
Peacock Butterfly	<i>Aglais io</i>					✓
Comma	<i>Polygonia c-album</i>					✓
Camberwell Beauty	<i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>				✓	✓
Caucasian Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea interrupta</i>					✓
Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>					✓
Straw-barred Pearl	<i>Pyrausta despicata</i>					✓

## Other invertebrates

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Violet Ground Beetle	<i>Carabus scabrosus caucasicus</i>				✓	
Apple Blossom Beetle	<i>Tropinota hirta</i>	✓				
a spider	<i>Pisaura</i> sp.		✓			

## Selected plants

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Maidenhair Spleenwort	<i>Asplenium trichomanes</i>	✓			✓	✓
Ostrich Fern	<i>Matteuccia struthiopteris</i>	✓			✓	✓
Common Yew	<i>Taxus baccata</i>				✓	✓
Caucasian Fir	<i>Abies nordmanniana</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓
Oriental Spruce	<i>Picea orientalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Caucasian Pine	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i> var. <i>hamata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Armenian Grape Hyacinth	<i>Muscari armeniacum</i>	✓				
Whorled Coralroot	<i>Corallorhiza trifida</i>	✓			✓	✓
Early Purple Orchid	<i>Orchis mascula</i>			✓		✓
Green-winged Orchid	<i>Anacamptis morio</i>			✓	✓	✓
Lenten-Rose	<i>Helleborus orientalis</i>	✓			✓	✓
Constantinople Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus constantinopolitanus</i>	✓		✓		✓
European Barberry	<i>Berberis vulgaris</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓
Velvet Maple	<i>Acer velutinum</i>	✓				
Imeretian Buckthorn	<i>Rhamnus imeretina</i>					✓

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Spring Vetch	<i>Vicia sativa</i>	✓				
Ruthenian Broom	<i>Chamaecytisus ruthenicus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓
Pink Barren-Strawberry	<i>Potentilla nivalis</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓
Oriental Beech	<i>Fagus orientalis</i>	✓		✓		✓
European Hornbeam	<i>Carpinus betulus</i>	✓				✓
Eastern Hornbeam	<i>Carpinus orientalis</i>	✓		✓		✓
Garlic Mustard	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	✓		✓		✓
Field Peppergrass	<i>Lepidium campestre</i>			✓		
Greater Stitchwort	<i>Rabelera holostea</i>	✓				
Lesser Caucasian Stonecrop	<i>Sedum spurium</i>	✓				✓
Caucasian Stonecrop	<i>Hylotelephium caucasicum</i>	✓				✓
Round-leaved Saxifrage	<i>Saxifraga rotundifolia</i>	✓				✓
Primrose	<i>Primula vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓
Cowslip	<i>Primula veris</i> var. <i>macrocalyx</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Creeping Comfrey	<i>Symphytum grandiflorum</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓
Slender Gromwell	<i>Buglossoides tenuiflora</i>			✓		
Alpine Forget-Me-Not	<i>Myosotis alpestris</i>	✓	✓	✓		
Wood Forget-Me-Not	<i>Myosotis sylvatica</i>		✓			
Carpet Bugle	<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	✓				✓
Blue Bugle	<i>Ajuga genevensis</i>	✓				✓
Oriental Bugle	<i>Ajuga orientalis</i>	✓		✓		✓
Germander Speedwell	<i>Veronica chamaedrys</i>					
Creeping Blue Speedwell	<i>Veronica filiformis</i>	✓		✓		
Gentian Speedwell	<i>Veronica gentianoides</i>	✓	✓			
Bird's-eye Speedwell	<i>Veronica persica</i>	✓		✓		
Iberian Spurge	<i>Euphorbia iberica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Caucasus Peony	<i>Paeonia caucasica</i>			✓		
Cross Gentian	<i>Gentiana cruciata</i>			✓		
Summer Gentian	<i>Gentiana septemfida</i>			✓		
Common Daisy	<i>Bellis perennis</i>					✓
Common Cornsalad	<i>Valerianella locusta</i>	✓				

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