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Naturetrek Tour Report

12th – 18th May 2026



Blue Rock Thrush



Caucasian Agama



Crested Honey Buzzard



European Honey Buzzards

Tour checklists by Giorgi Natsvlshvili and Giorgi Zangaladze



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Species lists

Birds

Common name	Scientific name	May 2026				
		13	14	15	16	17
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>		✓			
Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>		✓			
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		✓			✓
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓				✓
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>					✓
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>					✓
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>		✓			
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>		✓			
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>		✓			
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		✓			
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>		✓			
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>		✓			
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>		✓			
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>		✓			
White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>		✓			
Armenian Gull	<i>Larus armenicus</i>			✓		✓
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>			✓		
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>		✓			
Little Bittern	<i>Botaurus minutus</i>					✓
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</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>	✓	✓	✓		
Crested Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>		✓			
Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		✓			
Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga pomarina</i>		✓			✓
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	✓				✓
Eurasian Goshawk	<i>Astur gentilis</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>		✓			✓
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		✓			✓
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	✓		✓		
European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>			✓		
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓			
Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>		✓			
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		✓			

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Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	✓				✓
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</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>Parus ater</i>			✓		✓
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>			✓		✓
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓		✓		✓
Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>		✓			
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		✓			
Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>		✓			
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>					✓
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓			✓
Western House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>					✓
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>					✓
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	✓				✓
Green Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus nitidus</i>	✓		✓	✓	
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>					✓
Moustached Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus melanopogon</i>					✓
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>					✓
Common Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>					✓
Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida</i>					✓
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>			✓		
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Curruca curruca</i>					✓
Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>		✓			✓
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</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>			✓		✓
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	✓				
Thrush Nightingale	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>		✓			
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>					✓
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>		✓			✓
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>					✓
Eastern Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe melanoleuca</i>					✓
White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</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>	✓	✓			✓
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>		✓			
Eurasian Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	✓				
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		✓			✓

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European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓			✓
Red-fronted Serin	<i>Serinus pusillus</i>					✓
European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>			✓		
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	✓	✓			
Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>					✓
Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>		✓			✓

Mammals

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a pipistrelle bat	<i>Pipistrellus</i> sp.	✓				

Amphibians & reptiles

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		13	14	15	16	17
Northern Banded Newt	<i>Ommatotriton ophryticus</i>				✓	
Caucasian Parsley Frog	<i>Pelodytes caucasicus</i>				✓	
Marsh Frog	<i>Pelophylax ridibundus</i>					✓
Middle East Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta media</i>					✓
River Kura Rock Lizard	<i>Darevskia portschinskii</i>	✓				
Caucasian Agama	<i>Laudakia caucasia</i>	✓				✓

Butterflies

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Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>		✓			
Common Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</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>					✓
Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>		✓			
Brown Argus	<i>Aricia agestis</i>	✓				✓
Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>	✓				
Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola jurtina</i>	✓				

Other invertebrates

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		13	14	15	16	17
Apple Blossom Beetle	<i>Tropinota hirta</i>		✓			
a ladybird	<i>Coccinula quatuordecimpustulata</i>		✓			
Red-and-black Leafhopper	<i>Cercopis intermedia</i>	✓				
Red-bellied Jumping Spider	<i>Philaeus chrysops</i>	✓				

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>					✓
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>Rabdera 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 macrocalyx</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Creeping Comfrey	<i>Symphytum grandiflorum</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>	✓	✓	✓		✓
Creeping Blue Speedwell	<i>Veronica filiformis</i>	✓		✓		
Gentian Speedwell	<i>Veronica gentianoides</i>	✓	✓			

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Bird's-eye Speedwell	<i>Veronica persica</i>	✓		✓		
Iberian Spurge	<i>Euphorbia iberica</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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