

# Greece – Lake Kerkini in Spring

Naturetrek Tour Report

3rd – 10th May 2022



White Pelicans



Little Bittern



Black-headed Yellow Wagtail



Lesser Grey Shrike

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## Summary

Lake Kerkini and the surrounding area is an excellent area for wildlife and this trip provided a good insight as to how rich the area is. It must be one of the best places in Europe for gaining good views of species such as Cuckoo, Bee-eater, Great Reed Warbler, Short-toed Eagle and a few other species. Four species of Shrike, including Masked and Lesser Grey shows that there is still a reasonable quantity of invertebrates in the countryside. Cirl Bunting and Golden Oriole are common species and the song of Nightingales was one of the soundtracks of the trip. Excellent views of species such as Levant Sparrowhawk and Lesser Spotted Eagle are an indicator of how good the area is for raptors. We had the bonus of seeing a good passage of Red-footed Falcons on one day and they provided quite a spectacle. The lake itself is rich in wildlife with Dalmatian and White Pelicans, a variety of Herons and many Cormorants. In addition to the birds, there is a good variety of other wildlife in this green and lush part of Greece. This was an enjoyable trip to this beautiful part of Europe.

## Day 1

**Tuesday 3rd May**

After a very early start for the group we landed at an overcast Thessaloniki Airport. The group took the opportunity to watch species such as Alpine and Pallid Swift while the leaders collected the rental vehicles. Once assembled, we drove a short distance to a suburb where Sousliks were showing well – the first mammal for the trip! We then negotiated the ring-road to explore the area around Kalochori. Avocets and Black-winged Stilts were the first waders but they were swiftly followed by several other species as we moved to different areas of this wetland complex. Curlew Sandpipers in breeding plumage were the most numerous, but other species looking their best included Little Stint, Grey Plover, Spotted Redshank, Turnstone and Ruff. Additional waders included Green, Common and Marsh Sandpipers, Kentish, Ringed and Little Ringed Plovers, Whimbrel, Common Redshank and Oystercatcher. Two or three hundred Greater Flamingos are always a delight to see, as are Mediterranean Gulls in breeding plumage. Terns included Little, Common, Gull-billed, Sandwich, Black, White-winged and Whiskered.

A few of the black-headed subspecies of Yellow Wagtail added their stunning colours to proceedings, while Corn Buntings and Crested Larks added their songs. Ten Glossy Ibis and a confiding Little Owl were bonus birds. Marsh Harriers, Common Buzzard and Common Kestrel were the only raptors, while our first Pygmy Cormorants were eagerly observed. As we made our way from the coastal section of the delta we continued to scan and were rewarded by the splendid sight of three relatively close Stone Curlews, although they were topped by five male Black-headed Buntings that were all perched in the same tree, close to the track. The Buntings were migrating through and it was a classic case of being in the right place at the right time to see this stunning species, as it had been with a Whinchat an hour earlier. Satisfied with a very productive few hours of birding, we made our way to our hotel where we enjoyed a traditional Greek meal.

## Day 2

**Wednesday 4th May**

The weather was much improved today and became hot and sunny. Our first stop was to a relatively new heronry where species such as Spoonbill, Black-crowned Night Heron, Grey Heron and Little Egret were now nesting. This colony has only developed in the last few years as some of the trees in the drowned forest in the

lake are no longer able to support nests. It seems likely that this heronry will continue to expand in the coming years. An obliging Great Reed Warbler showed well from the same spot. At least three hundred White Pelicans were circling in thermals as though they were performing some graceful ballet. Just further down the road two Cuckoos showed very well, however some obliging Golden Orioles received even more positive comments.

Our destination was the Eastern Embankment where we overlooked pools and the Strimonas River and it proved to be a very productive few hours. Purple and Squacco Herons showed very well, but it was two male Garganey and a Ferruginous Duck that were more of a surprise. A couple of Coots lazily swam around while, in the distance, was our first Lesser Spotted Eagle. A male Penduline Tit perched up in a tree next to the track just a few yards away from us, but a group of Wood Sandpipers required scopes to gain identifiable views. We then had an amazing 10 minute falconfest! First, a Hobby was sitting in a flood meadow but, just a few minutes later, an Eleonora's Falcon flew towards us before veering away over the water where a male Red-footed Falcon also put in an appearance and joined in the feeding frenzy of aerial insects. A distant Black Stork and a Kingfisher added to the mix before we had lunch at a picnic site. Two calling Scops Owls weren't located on our first search, however after lunch, one was found in a Poplar tree, partly obscured but showing the upper half of its body. A pair of Lesser Grey Shrikes had delayed our departure which was when we heard the Scops calling again which led to a successful outcome. We then drove to a narrow stretch of woodland that bordered a stream and pools where our next prize was found – a female Levant Sparrowhawk sitting in a tree. A distant Long-legged Buzzard sitting on an embankment was seen by some of the group before we headed back to the vehicles, when a male Levant Sparrowhawk was seen flying through the forest close to where we had seen the female. Our next destination was Vyronia Quarry with a Short-toed Eagle and Cirl Bunting delaying us. After parking the vehicles, we scanned for eagles without success, however a male Eastern Subalpine Warbler perched at the top of a small tree seemed to be enjoying the evening sunshine so much, it remained there for almost ten minutes. As we walked to the quarry a male Levant Sparrowhawk flew over our heads. In the quarry, a male Blue Rock Thrush showed well before being outdone by three Eastern Black-eared Wheatears – both species looking special in the evening sunshine. We didn't find everything we wanted but we had to leave to have dinner at the local taverna that is a former rail station. It was a fine end to a very successful day in this wonderful part of Greece.

## Day 3

## Thursday 5th May

Vyronia Quarry was our first destination today and we were greeted by many Green Hairstreaks and Orange Tips as we walked along the track to the quarry. An Eastern Orphean Warbler was singing and, with a little patience, we managed brief views of a pair. A male Levant Sparrowhawk was much more obliging as it soared quite low over us. Red-rumped Swallows and Crag Martins seemed to be everywhere and a male Blue Rock Thrush posed for the scope, while Cirl Buntings were singing continually. A soaring Golden Eagle was loosely accompanied by an Eleonora's Falcon which was a fine double record. On returning to our vehicles, three Levant Sparrowhawks flew by with a hint of display thrown in as well. It was then a drive to Belles Mountain to look for a few woodland species and, although Black Woodpecker was heard a few times, none were seen. Chiffchaffs and Blackcaps were at every stop, while a few Robins were noted. A distant Honey Buzzard soared over the forested mountain, but unfortunately it didn't come close. A few young Fire Salamanders in a type of water trough were an interesting species to see, but unfortunately we found a dead adult just up the road. Highlights after lunch were Short-toed Treecreeper, Yellowhammer and an impressive Stag Beetle. With a little effort we managed to locate a pair of Semi-collared Flycatchers, which was a target species for some of the group.

## Day 4

## Friday 6th May

A different part of the Eastern Embankment was our first destination and we didn't have to wait long for our main target here. Two Little Bitterns showed well on the opposite side of the channel, just a few metres away. A Kingfisher flew up the channel but it was the incessant singing of Great Reed Warblers that really grabs attention here. The breeding density seems to be so high that the males have no inhibitions whatsoever and sing in full view of anyone who wants to admire this little brute of a bird. Red-backed Shrikes and several Bee-eaters also performed well. Driving slowly along, the first of several of the day's Eastern Olivaceous Warblers was heard and then seen by some. Further along the embankment, Golden Orioles and Cuckoos were common and a Grey-headed-Woodpecker gave good, but brief, views for some in one vehicle. A drive to some pools had two Turtle Doves and two Little Owls waiting for us. However, it was the splendid sight of at least six Hobby and a male Red-footed Falcon that were performing aerial aerobatics in front of us that was the real highlight. There was a plethora of dragonflies and other aerial insects that the falcons were devouring during this impressive air show – it was quite a sight. Three soaring Black Storks, a Little Ringed Plover and many Sand Martins provided other avian interest.

We made our way along the southern part of Lake Kerkini and, from the same spot, we managed good views of two Black Kites and a pale phase Booted Eagle. Scarce Swallowtail also put in a fleeting appearance, as did two Lesser Spotted Eagles. We continued our clockwise circuit of the lake after lunch with sightings of over twenty Red-footed Falcons, forty-three Glossy Ibis, pelicans and a bee swarm clinging to the trunk of a tree being some of the highlights. A one-year-old Dice Snake was our first one of the trip. On our way back to the hotel, a male Levants Sparrowhawk obligingly perched on roadside wires, continuing our good luck with this species. Dinner was again taken at a taverna.

## Day 5

## Saturday 7th May

In contrast to our time spent in the vicinity of the lake, today we travelled east to climb into the mountains and visit Mt Vrontou and the simple Lailias ski area. The vegetation and scenery changed gradually as we climbed, resulting in a completely different selection of birds seen. It was beginning to feel as though we were birding in Britain with Mistle Thrush, Northern Wheatear and Linnet being some of the few species seen. A Woodlark was heard but only seen by one or two. A pair of Honey Buzzards was a fine sight and we had closer views of one when we descended in the afternoon. We continued on up the mountain, passing through Beech forest, before reaching the car park of the ski centre. Apart from Chaffinches and the occasional Robin it was quiet and, compared to the lowlands, it seemed that we had gone back to late winter or very early spring. However, two members of the group did have brief views of a Black Woodpecker and everyone had good sighting of a Eurasian Treecreeper. A few examples of *Crocus veluchensis* and *Scilla biflora* were in a grassy area near the car park, but little else.

After lunch, we drove to another part of the forest but, once again, it was very quiet. Another stop on the way down did enable us to have decent views of a Red Squirrel which prompted several comments about how dark it appeared compared to those in Britain. Away from the forest and into the open slopes was more productive with Woodchat Shrike and Sardinian Warbler seen by some. The star would have been Rock Partridge but only a few of the group managed to see a pair that flew over one of the vehicles before being briefly rediscovered on the slopes below the road. We continued our drive down the mountain to return to the hotel for a brief freshen

up before an early dinner. After a pleasant dinner we drove a short distance to a pleasant valley in the hope of seeing an Eagle Owl. We failed, but a singing Ortolan Bunting in the same bush as a Black-eared Wheatear certainly made the journey worthwhile. A Woodchat Shrike perched in a small tree just fifteen metres in front of us, caught a large green caterpillar and devoured it in full view. A fine end to a long day.

## Day 6

## Sunday 8th May

Another fine, sunny day began with a return visit to the quarry near Himarros. We had a few target species today and we soon had our first – a very obliging pair of Masked Shrikes. The pair received plenty of favourable comments, which isn't a surprise, because it is a strikingly attractive species. Some of the group saw a Hawfinch, while Cirl and Ortolan Buntings were vocal. After the previous night's failure, it was second time lucky as we managed to see an adult Eagle Owl with one, difficult to see, juvenile close by. The nest was at a high vantage point and enabled us to get a decent view in the scope. A pair of Short-toed Eagle soared over the forested slope and one perched at the top of a dead tree long enough to give everyone scope views of this smart raptor. A Booted Eagle gave brief and more distant views, but it was another example of how rich the countryside is here. Black-eared Wheatear are always good to see and we had excellent views in the quarry. Some good butterflies were seen here including Little Tiger Blue and Southern White Admiral. An Agile Frog was a good find at our next stop and more butterflies here included Berger's Clouded Yellow and several Eastern Festoons. A Middle-spotted Woodpecker and a Blue Featherleg damselfly were notable finds at the picnic site where we had lunch.

On our drive east, an unscheduled stop was taken just before entering the motorway. A Roller perched up on wires was definitely worth stopping for and fine views were had of this interesting bird. Our next destination was Sidirorokastro Castle, which is in a beautiful setting. A male Blue Rock Thrush perched up to give scope views and a male Black-eared Wheatear gave particularly good views. We didn't find our target but we did soon after leaving the castle. A pair of Rock Nuthatches were taking food to their nest and exiting with faecal sacks. We watched the pair continue with their family duties from a distance for probably twenty minutes, a very satisfying experience see this smart bird in such circumstances. It was then a short drive to the Hot Water Waterfalls where we failed to see a Dipper, but did manage Alpine Swift, Red-rumped Swallow and a Hawfinch. A very obliging roadside Little Owl delayed our arrival at the Station Taverna in Vyronia where we enjoyed another fine meal at the end of a very enjoyable and successful day.

## Day 7

## Monday 9th May

Mandraki Harbour was our first destination as today was the day of our boat trip on the lake. It was sad to see seven dead Dalmatian Pelicans which were victims of avian flu. Nikos, our boatman, told us that two thousand had died across Greece which is a matter of concern for an endangered species. We slowly ventured out across the lake to visit the drowned forest breeding colony of cormorants and herons. We were able to drift close past a multitude of pelicans, cormorants and herons. Slowly approaching the drowned forest, we could marvel at the sight of a few thousand Great and Pygmy Cormorants, Squacco, Grey and Black-crowned Night Herons. At the mouth of the Strimonas River, we were pleased to see three Caspian Terns dwarfing five Sandwich Terns. A Bewick's Swan sandwiched between some pelicans seemed extraordinary and one had to wonder if it was an ailing bird that was injured or too weak to migrate to Siberia. A Lesser Spotted Eagle was seen distantly over another part of the lake. As we returned to open water, Nikos turned off the engine allowing us to drift with the

current, silently past birds such as a few Black-necked Grebes and a mix of marsh terns. A solitary Little Gull was sitting on the water like a lost soul, as the terns mingled twenty metres away. On our return to the harbour a half-metre long Grass Snake was the subject of a few photos before we headed to the triangle for lunch. Birds such as Red-backed and Lesser Grey Shrikes, Garganey and Ferruginous Duck were seen by most of the group. However only three of us saw a Grey Heron make quick work of a metre long Dice Snake. A metre and a half Four-lined Snake completed an impressive trio of snakes for the day. A variety of other good birds and butterflies were seen during the afternoon despite the hot weather. It was then a short journey to the Station Taverna where we enjoyed another fine dinner.

## Day 8

**Tuesday 10th May**

It was an early breakfast before setting out for the morning flight to Gatwick. The group arrived in good time for the flight back to Gatwick.

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## Species lists

### Birds

	LO = Leader only		May 2022							
	Common name	Scientific name	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓	
2	Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	✓	✓		✓			✓	
3	Bewick's Swan	<i>Cygnus columbianus</i>							✓	
4	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	✓							
5	Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>		✓					✓	
6	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
7	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>		✓						
8	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>		✓		✓			✓	
9	Rock Partridge	<i>Alectoris graeca</i>					✓			
10	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	✓					✓		
11	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓		✓				
12	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	✓							
13	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
14	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
15	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓	
16	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
17	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
18	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	
19	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	
20	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	
21	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	
22	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>							✓	
23	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	✓							
24	Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>	✓							
25	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	✓							
26	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓						✓	
27	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	✓							
28	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>							✓	
29	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	✓							
30	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	✓							
31	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	✓			✓			✓	
32	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	✓							
33	Eurasian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	✓							
34	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	✓							
35	Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>	✓							
36	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	✓							
37	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	✓							
38	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	✓	✓						
39	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	✓							
40	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	✓							
41	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	✓	✓						
42	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	✓							
43	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	✓							
44	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>		✓	✓				✓	
45	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	✓							
46	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus</i>	✓						✓	



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	Common name	Scientific name	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		<i>ridibundus</i>								
47	Little Gull	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>							✓	
48	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>	✓							
49	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
50	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	✓							
51	Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>	✓						✓	
52	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>							✓	
53	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	✓							
54	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	✓			✓			✓	
55	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	✓						✓	
56	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	✓						✓	
57	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	✓						✓	
58	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
59	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
60	Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo pygmaeus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
61	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
62	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	✓	✓		✓				
63	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
64	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>		✓		✓		✓		
65	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
66	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
67	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
68	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		✓		✓			✓	
69	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓			✓			✓	
70	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
71	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>		✓		✓			✓	
72	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>		✓		✓			✓	
73	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>			✓		✓			
74	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		✓	✓			✓		
75	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga pomarina</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	
76	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>				✓		✓	✓	
77	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>			✓					
78	Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓		
79	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>				✓				
80	Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>					✓		✓	
81	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	✓	✓			✓			
82	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>				✓				
83	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>				✓				
84	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>		✓						
85	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
86	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	
87	Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>		✓					✓	
88	Eurasian Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo bubo</i>						✓		
89	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
90	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>						✓		
91	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>		✓		✓			✓	
92	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
93	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocoptes medius</i>		✓				✓		

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	Common name	Scientific name	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
94	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates minor</i>			✓			✓	✓	
95	Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>	✓							
96	Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>		✓		✓		✓		
97	Black Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>			✓		✓			
98	European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
99	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>				✓			✓	
100	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	✓							
101	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
102	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓		✓				
103	Eleonora's Falcon	<i>Falco eleonora</i>		✓	✓					
104	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>		✓		✓	✓			
105	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓							
106	Monk Parakeet	<i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>								
107	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	✓			✓		✓	✓	
108	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>		✓		✓			✓	
109	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
110	Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>						✓	✓	
111	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	
112	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
113	Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
114	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	✓			✓		✓	✓	
115	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
116	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	
117	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>			✓		✓			
118	Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>			✓					
119	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓	✓					
120	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
121	Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>		✓		✓			✓	
122	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>					✓			
123	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
124	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
125	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>			✓					
126	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
127	Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
128	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
129	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
130	Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	
131	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>			✓		✓			
132	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
133	Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
134	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida</i>				✓		✓	✓	
135	Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>			✓					
136	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>							LO	
137	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>			✓			✓	✓	
138	Eastern Orphean Warbler	<i>Curruca crassirostris</i>			✓					
139	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Curruca melanocephala</i>					✓			
140	Eastern Subalpine Warbler	<i>Curruca cantillans</i>		✓						

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141	Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓			
142	Western Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>						✓		
143	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>			✓					
144	Eurasian Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>					✓			
145	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>			✓					
146	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
147	Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>			✓		✓			
148	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>					✓			
149	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
150	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	
151	European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>			✓		✓			
152	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
153	Semi-collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula semitorquata</i>			✓					
154	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>		✓	✓			✓		
155	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>					✓			
156	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	✓			✓				
157	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>					✓			
158	Eastern Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe melanoleuca</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓		
159	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
160	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
161	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
162	Black-headed Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava feldegg</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
163	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>			✓					
164	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>			✓					
165	Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>			✓		✓	✓		
166	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>						✓		
167	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>			✓	✓		✓		
168	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓		
169	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
170	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
171	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>			✓					
172	Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>					✓	✓		
173	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
174	Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>	✓	✓						

## Others

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	Common name	Scientific name	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<b>BUTTERFLIES:</b>					✓		✓	✓	
1	Eastern Festoon	<i>Zerynthia cerisyi</i>		✓						
2	Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclydes podalirius</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	
3	Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>						✓		
4	Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	✓					✓	✓	
5	Southern Small White	<i>Artogeia mannii</i>								
6	Small White	<i>Artogeia rapae</i>	✓		✓				✓	
7	Green-veined White	<i>Artogeia napi</i>								
8	Eastern Dappled White	<i>Euchloe ausonia</i>								

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9	Orange Tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
10	Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias crocea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
11	Berger's Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias alfacariensis</i>						✓	✓	
12	Brimstone	<i>Gonopteryx rhamni</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	
13	Eastern Wood White	<i>Leptidea duponcheli</i>			✓					
14	Green Haistreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>			✓	✓		✓		
15	Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
16	Little Tiger Blue	<i>Tarucus balkanicus</i>						✓		
17	Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>						✓		
18	Brown Argus	<i>Arica agrestis</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
19	Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>		✓				✓		
20	Nettle-tree Butterfly	<i>Libythea celtis</i>			✓	✓				
21	Southern White Admiral	<i>Limenitis reducta</i>						✓		
22	Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
23	Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>						✓	✓	
24	Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea didyma</i>					✓		✓	
25	Lesser Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea trivia</i>								
26	Queen of Spain Fritillary	<i>Issoria lathonia</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	
27	Speckled Wood	<i>Pararge aegeria</i>		✓					✓	
28	Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
29	Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>	✓	✓				✓		
30	Grizzled Skipper	<i>Pyrgus malvae</i>		✓						
<b>MOTHS</b>										
1	Mother Shipton	<i>Callistege mi</i>					✓			
2	Cream Spot Tiger Moth	<i>Arctia villica</i>								
3	Silver Y Moth	<i>Autographa gamma</i>								
<b>DRAGONFLIES &amp; DAMSELFLIES:</b>										
1	Beautiful Demoiselle	<i>Calopteryx virgo ssp. festiva</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	
2	Common Bluetail	<i>Ishnura elegans</i>		✓		✓	✓			
3	Azure Bluet	<i>Coenagrion puella</i>								
4	Blue Featherleg	<i>Platycnemis pennipes</i>						✓		
5	Broad Scarlet	<i>Crocothemis erythraea</i>							✓	
6	Broad-bodied Chaser	<i>Libellula depressa</i>		✓						
7	Blue Chaser	<i>Libellula fulva</i>		✓				✓	✓	
8	Black-tailed Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum cancellatum</i>						✓		
9	Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>		✓						
10	Common Darter	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>		?						
<b>AMPHIBIANS &amp; REPTILES:</b>										
1	Greek Marsh Frog	<i>Rana balcanica</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
2	Marsh Frog	<i>Pelophylax ridibundus</i>		✓						
3	Hermann's Tortoise	<i>Testudo hermanni</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	
4	European Pond Terrapin	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>							✓	
5	Balkan Terrapin	<i>Mauremys rivulata</i>		✓				✓	✓	
6	Balkan Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta trilineata</i>			✓	✓				
7	Common Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta viridis</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	

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8	Grass Snake	<i>Natrix natrix</i>							✓	
9	Dice Snake	<i>Natrix tessellata</i>				✓	✓		✓	
10	Fire Salamander	<i>Salamander salamander</i>			✓					
11	Agile Frog	<i>Rana dalmana</i>						✓		
12	Four-lined Snake	<i>Elaphe quatorlineata</i>							✓	
	<b>MAMMALS:</b>									
1	Eastern Hedgehog	<i>Erinaceus concolor</i>			✓					
2	Brown Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>		✓						
3	Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>					✓		✓	
4	Souslik	<i>Spermophilus citellus</i>	✓							
5	Coypu	<i>Myocastor coypus</i>		✓		✓		✓		
	<b>MOLLUSCS</b>									
1	Turkish Snail	<i>Helix lucorum</i>				✓			✓	