

Lesbos

Naturetrek Tour Report

26 April - 5 May 2010



Spur-winged Plover - Faneromeni



Kruper's Nuthatch – Achladeri Forest



Black-headed Bunting - Kavaki



Eastern Olivaceous Warbler – Skala Kalloni

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Days 1/2

Monday 26th/Tuesday 27th April

The previous weeks disruption by volcanic ash did not bother the party as we quickly gathered in Terminal 1 at Heathrow for our evening flight to Athens. Taking off just a little late, the pilot made up the time and landed in the early hours to a rather deserted and quiet airport! Even though our baggage was booked right through to Lesvos we still had a wait to collect boarding cards for our second leg to Mytilene. Landing there shortly after dawn we recovered our bags and were soon speeding across the island to Skala Kalloni.

We arrived at the hotel in time for breakfast and after rooms were allocated and a short rest period we had our usual initial walk past Kalloni Pool to the bay and then along the edge of the Christou River for a short distance. Olivaceous, Cetti's, Reed and Sedge Warblers were all seen and heard while Squacco Herons reached a total of five or more. There were few waders other than Wood Sandpiper and Little Ringed Plover but a couple of nice White-winged Black Terns hawked over the bay in the sunshine. A Great White Egret waded in the river some distance away and two Black Storks were noted overhead. On our way back a Bittern flew low across the juncus, landed, poked its head up momentarily and then promptly disappeared!

A light lunch was taken in the hotel by which time the mini-bus had arrived and we headed off for a few hours at the nearby Salt Pans. The pans were bustling with birds, the most obvious of which were many Greater Flamingos and Avocets. Wood Sandpipers seemed to be widespread and we estimated over a hundred seen. Up to 50 Ruff were feeding in the channel as were seven Temminck's Stints just a little further on. Stopping at various points on our way to a flooded area near the salt works entrance we soon accumulated an impressive list of species. Raptors included Marsh Harriers, up to three Short-toed Eagles, a Long-legged Buzzard and three Red-footed Falcons hunting and perching on wires.

The extensively flooded field was attracting lots of birds and we spent most time here watching at very close range feeding Whiskered and White-winged Black Terns, many Glossy Ibis and, scattered about, more waders including Black-tailed Godwit, Spotted Redshanks and Greenshanks. Both Common and Ruddy Shelduck were in the area and we saw several Black and about six White Storks overhead. Smaller fare included smart Black-headed Wagtails, Red-throated Pipit and Black-headed Bunting. Eventually, after a lovely introduction to some of the birds, we returned to the hotel and after dinner and a log call we all retired to get a well-earned good night's sleep.

Day 3

Wednesday 28th April

Some of the party had a pre-breakfast trip to nearby Metochi Lake where we joined a throng of birders but still managed to connect with our target species, Little Crake. At least three of these diminutive crakes were creeping along the water's edge, in and out of the reeds and gave good views. A single Purple Heron was standing motionless, three Little Bitterns were located and seven Squacco Herons sprang out of cover. A couple of Golden Orioles were seen, as usual, briefly diving into some trees and along with a single Great Reed Warbler the background chorus included Reed, Sedge and Cetti's Warblers, Nightingales, Olivaceous Warblers and a couple of Black-headed Buntings.

After breakfast we had a quick visit to the mini-football pitch at Kalloni where we had close views of a roosting Scops Owl in a eucalyptus tree. We headed eastwards past the salt pans, passing a Roller on a post but unfortunately we were unable to stop. We had a brief stop at the Mesa Wetland but with quite a strong northerly wind blowing viewing was difficult although we picked up a Common Buzzard overhead, our first Black-eared Wheatear and a number of herons, egrets and Ruddy Shelduck. We drove quickly on to the pine forest at Achladeri where we were greeted by a nice Masked Shrike, the first of several here. Knowing that the Kruper's Nuthatches were at last year's nest site we headed for the tree stump and kept a respectful distance. Soon we could hear the distinctive call and a bird quickly came into the tree giving everyone a chance to get good views. This was repeated a number of times just to make sure! We slowly wandered up the track into the woods but it appeared a little quiet – giving us a chance to look at a few butterflies and other insects. Another Kruper's Nuthatch was heard and we located what appeared to be another pair investigating another shattered pine stump. Near here a couple of Short-toed Treecreepers were quite vocal and eventually we saw at least one bird very well as it moved from tree to tree. We returned down the track and had our picnic lunch under the shade of the trees.

Because of the wind we had a change of plan during the afternoon and went to the small chapel overlooking a hillside at Aghios Ionnis near Parakila. Here we spent a couple of hours just watching from the chapel. Raptors included two Short-toed Eagles, a Common Buzzard and about three Lesser Kestrels. Black-eared Wheatears were conspicuous above us and a pair of Cretzschmar's Buntings was feeding young right in front of us. Eventually a male Cinereous Bunting was located collecting food in the same area and after pausing briefly flew off across the hillside to what was presumably a nest. A slight diversion from birds was a number of vocal frogs in the water tank accompanied by a very long snake-like beast which we eventually decided was a Balkan Glass Lizard!

We returned to have a quick visit to Kalloni Salt Pans where we stopped at the old pumping station buildings as a Rufous Bush Robin had been seen earlier. The tamarisks here were full of noisy Spanish Sparrows, several singing Olivaceous Warblers and we could scan towards the wet fields where many terns, Glossy Ibis, etc. were still present from yesterday. A Stone Curlew obligingly flew in and landed out in the open for us but no sign of the Bush Robin. We got back into the mini-bus when what should fly up onto a nearby fence but the Rufous Bush Robin! It must have realised we were leaving!

We drove back to the hotel via the East River Ford and river mouth stopping a number of times but the best was probably a Black Stork which gave us a royal fly-by at eye-level and very close range!

Day 4

Thursday 29th April

We had a pre-breakfast trip to the East Track at the Salt Pans; the light was excellent but the wind was decidedly chilly! Small numbers of waders were in the closest pans where a single Gull-billed Tern was feeding. A fine Lesser Grey Shrike was perched along a fence line together with a nearby male Red-backed Shrike. A few terns appeared including a scarce Black Tern while in among the Greater Flamingos we located a rather out-of-place White Pelican!

On our way north over the mountains we stopped at the 'Bandstand' or Kalloni Raptor Viewpoint as it is now grandly called by birders! A pair of Stonechats were feeding a fledged brood here but scanning skywards we soon located a couple of Long-legged Buzzards and Common Buzzards, several Short-toed Eagles and one probably two Goshawks. Best of all a Honey Buzzard moved along the ridge to the north and soared away. Black Stork and a couple of Alpine Swifts completed the cast for here.

Driving on we arrived at the large lay-by at Kavaki near Petra. In lovely sunshine we waited quite a while before we eventually located Ruppell's Warbler, a male obviously trying to attract his mate off a well-hidden nest with an interesting display of almost wing-clapping and jerky movements. Eventually she slipped out of thick cover although he continued his behaviour. Nearby there was a pair of Eastern Orphee Warblers feeding young, about three Subalpine Warblers and a few Black-headed Buntings announcing their presence. A couple of Crag Martins skimmed along the cliff edge while a small migrating party of Spanish Sparrows bounded by. More out of place on this dry headland though was a Great Reed Warbler singing from cover and bizarrely a male Little Bittern sitting in a small bush as if he was well-hidden! As we returned to Skala Kalloni we made a brief stop near Lafionas to look, unsuccessfully, for Middle Spotted Woodpecker. Here a Goshawk carrying some long-tailed prey appeared and was promptly and persistently mobbed by a male Levant Sparrowhawk as it disappeared over the woods.

After lunch we headed through the two narrow villages and up the Napi Valley. The wind was still strong from the north and cool so few small birds appeared to be moving. Black-eared Wheatears, Cirl and Cretzschmar's Buntings were seen and heard as were at least two Hoopoes and Turtle Doves. Overhead there were Short-toed Eagles and a Long-legged Buzzard and we found a Little Owl sitting quietly on a large rock. Because of the conditions we decided to return down the valley and near Agios Paraskevi a Middle Spotted Woodpecker flew across in front of the bus. We drove slowly down the Tsiknias River where there were the usual Wood Sandpipers, several Ruff and Little Ringed Plovers and about four Squacco Herons. A few Red-backed Shrikes were hunting from fence lines and both Black-headed Buntings and Olivaceous Warblers were in fine song. At the river mouth a Lesvos scarcity, an Oystercatcher, was seen and two Temminck's Stints skulked nearby.

Day 5

Friday 30th April

An early walk along Kalloni Pool gave us a couple of Purple Herons, a few more Reed Warblers singing, a Great Reed Warbler and a Red-throated Pipit walking about the only piece of exposed mud. As we neared the Christou River marsh we saw a Hobby rather strangely just sitting on the ground. It was obviously looking around and was perhaps just tired! It was gone later. Out on the drying-out marsh area where about ten Little Stints and a summer-plumaged Curlew Sandpiper. On our way back to breakfast a Nightingale sat in the middle of the road and sang!

After breakfast we set off on the longish drive to the west of the island. Our first stop was in the Lardia Valley where it was still cool. A couple of Long-legged Buzzards were presumably intent on nesting away on the ridge somewhere and attracted the attention of a Common Buzzard. A small party of about 15 Bee-eaters flew over high, calling and a female Subalpine Warbler was seen carrying food. An Eastern Bonelli's Warbler was heard singing in the valley below us but not located. Continuing along the road we stopped at the Eresos 'T' Junction where we soon found several Isabelline Wheatears on territory and watched them displaying and singing. Nearby we could hear Golden Orioles calling and had several views of birds as they moved between the larger trees and bushes. Several Cretzschmar's Buntings were in the area as well as a couple of Red-backed Shrikes and a single Short-toed Eagle. Because of the strengthening wind we drove straight up to the monastery at Ipsilou and sought the sheltered south side. In the sunshine it was somewhat warm but there were a few migrants in the trees. About three Pied and five Collared Flycatchers, the latter mainly males were feeding here along with several Wood Warblers and at least two Eastern Bonelli's Warblers. A couple of Sombre Tits vied for our attention. A single Woodlark was singing over the hillside and below us several Cinereous Buntings could be heard.

Driving on towards Sigri we found a few Red-footed Falcons at the side of the road, one stunning male perched, unconcernedly on a small rock just about 25 metres away. Eventually they took to flight and revealed that there were in fact 14 birds in this party! By the time we reached Sigri Harbour the wind was very strong although we managed to add Shag and Jackdaw to the trip list! Lunch was taken in a taverna out of the wind. Afterwards we drove along to the Faneromeni area, parked up and walked down to the upper ford. There was a small amount of activity along the river with birds like Collared and Pied Flycatchers sallying out to drink and feed. Several Little Bitterns were obvious (with probably as many as 15 seen during the afternoon), a couple of Little Egrets and several Wood Sandpipers, Black-headed and other flava wagtails and a single White Wagtail. Walking back to the bus several of the party saw a Levant Sparrowhawk flash through the orchards.

We drove slowly down to the beach area stopping to admire another Lesser Grey Shrike. At the beach and river mouth the strong wind was distinctly unpleasant and two Whiskered Terns held on to their perches for dear life! We retreated to the lower ford and watched along the river for a little while. Bee-eaters were constantly coming and going to one particular tree on a nearby hillside while waders below them included more Wood Sandpipers and a Greenshank. As we retraced our route back to the main road a superb Roller gave us really good views perched on a near fig tree right out in the open. The highlight of the long drive back was probably a count of 19 Bee-eaters sitting on wires at Vatousa.

Day 6

Saturday 1st May

A return pre-breakfast trip to Metochi Lake where, if possible, there were even more birders than the last visit! The Little Crakes were performing well again but the highlight was a Baillon's Crake which came out to enable a comparison between the two species. There were more warblers in the area with an obvious increase in the numbers of Reed and Sedge and about four Great Reed Warblers. Many hirundines were sitting on the reed stems simply sunning themselves in the early morning warmth. There were at least ten Squacco Herons also present. May Day in Greece is a real holiday with many people out enjoying themselves having picnics, etc. and many cars on the roads so we decided to try and keep a low profile today. We paid a visit to the Alykes Wetland (previously known as the Sheep Field) but there was a distinct lack of water! However, we had very good views of species like Short-toed Larks and about 20 or so Red-throated Pipits showing variable red throats.

The very wet field near the salt works entrance continued to attract large numbers of birds. At one point something spooked everything and about 80 White-winged Black Terns suddenly appeared from an out-of-sight area near the shore! A single Gull-billed Tern joined the many Whiskered Terns and there were plenty of waders with Ruffs, Wood Sandpipers and Little Stints and slightly larger fare like the ever-present Glossy Ibis. Three Red-footed Falcons were also seen. Heading north over the mountains we called in at the mini-soccer pitch at Kalloni for more views of the roosting Scops Owl, on exactly the same branch as before!

With the Kalloni Raptor View Point already occupied by several cars we continued on to Kavaki near Petra where we literally had the place to ourselves. Here we had our picnic while watching both Ruppell's and Subalpine Warblers nearby. Crag Martins were still present and a party of 19 Bee-eaters paused briefly to feed over the hillside before moving on. Another party of migrating Spanish Sparrows shot past.

In the early afternoon we drove across to Eftalou but there were no shearwaters in sight but lots of butterflies in 'our' lay-by. After this interlude we moved to the small dam at Perasma. Although there was plenty of water in the reservoir, apart from a collection of 100+ Yellow-legged Gulls, it only held six Squacco Herons, one Common and two Wood Sandpipers. The surrounding scrub, which appears to have been subject to recent fires, held breeding Subalpine Warblers with several Red-rumped Swallows flying over.

We returned over the mountains and headed for the Potamia Valley. We parked the mini-bus and slowly walked up past the concrete bridge and along the riverside track. A male Cirl Bunting performed well on the overhead wires while an adult Night Heron flew past just above eye-level then turned around and gave us another fly-by! Joining another small group we waited patiently for our target species, Olive-tree Warbler, which we could hear singing, to appear. Eventually someone got on to the bird as it moved out into the open landing on a boulder then on to some open dead branches. Good views indeed! A Masked Shrike was perched very close-by (they often do with Olive-tree Warblers) and then an Eastern Orphean Warbler appeared before we retraced our route to the hotel.

Day 7

Sunday 2nd May

Another early morning visit to the East Track at the Salt Pans...much calmer and warmer today! A Common Sandpiper was in the channel with the usual Wood Sandpipers and about 30 Ruff where another Black Tern was feeding. We located three Kentish Plovers which seemed to be scarce this spring. More unexpected were two lingering Shoveler and a Pintail. Among the Greater Flamingos we had noticed one or two carrying colour rings so an attempt to digi-scope one was made. This proved to be a nestling that had been ringed at Çamalti Tuzlasi, Gediz Deltası, Izmir TURKEY (N38°30'34", E26°54'32") on 16th August 2009. On our way to breakfast we saw a Beech Martin, unfortunately as a road casualty as they all too often are.

We set off for the south west today and stopped for a little while on the edge of the village of Parakila where a pair of Middle Spotted Woodpeckers were nesting right on the roadside. Eventually everyone had reasonable views as the birds came back and forth to the site. We followed the road through the barren hills and down and up the spectacular valley to the east of Agra. After negotiating our way through the narrow village streets we stopped at the top of the long straight stretch of road. Here we located singing Cinereous Buntings, one well-hidden bird giving itself up eventually to 'scope views on the top of the ridge.

A few raptors were in evidence with Lesser Kestrel and Long-legged Buzzard, but a large falcon with dark underwing coverts moving gradually away from us proved to be a Lanner. We drove on a little further down the road and stopped to scan the area again. Here we found a distant male Blue Rock Thrush and heard Golden Oriole. A Woodlark singing nearby was chased off by an aggressive Black-eared Wheatear while Cirl, Cretzschmar's and Cinereous Buntings were all located. As we continued on a Roller was seen distantly from the mini-bus.

Our picnic lunch was taken on the beach at Skala Eresou in now glorious sunshine. There were lots of butterflies in the rough parking area but perhaps more interesting were the shearwaters passing offshore. As ever, the bright light was not the best for seawatching but well over 150 Yelkouan Shearwaters passed and a few of the party saw several Cory's (or should we now call them Scopoli's) Shearwaters. During the early afternoon we investigated the bridge and river area. We quickly found a previously-reported Penduline Tit's nest almost overhanging the river but seeing the actual birds proved a little frustrating. Eventually 'scope views of a head looking out could be had and also quick views as the bird(s) came darting in and out probably putting the finishing touches to the nest lining. Several Great Reed Warblers were very vocal along the river, about five Little Bitterns were present and a few sightings of Purple Herons. A couple of Red-backed Shrikes were quietly hunting nearby. With time pressing on we returned via the Lardia Valley where we found another male Blue Rock Thrush singing high on the crag and the pair of Long-legged Buzzards still present.

An early evening visit to the Tsiknias River mouth was where we located a single Sandwich Tern with the Common Terns. A slow drive along the riverside track gave us a number of waders including Wood Sandpipers. Little Ringed Plovers, Ruffs, five Little Stints and a single Temminck's Stint.

Day 8

Monday 3rd May

Unfortunately today was the day we started to hear about a two-day strike by Greek Air Traffic Control which would affect our return to the UK! More later! Pre-breakfast we had a short walk to the Christou River, again producing a few more waders with ten Little Stints and a single Kentish Plover.

A return visit to the west was planned today so we drove straight through the mountains to Ipsilou Monastery where there were many birders present around the lower area. We drove straight up to the monastery in warmer conditions than last time. A couple of Woodlarks were in fine voice and three or four Cinereous Buntings were seen and heard from the top. There was little evidence of many migrants but a search of the huge boulders below the monastery was rewarded with clear, if somewhat distant, views of up to four Rock Sparrows, another male Blue Rock Thrush and a Rock Nuthatch. We had a short stop halfway down the access road but found few birds present.

Moving on towards Sigrí there was a number of falcons present along the hillsides with about ten Lesser Kestrels and a couple of male Red-footed Falcons. As we entered the village we were unfortunately caught up in a funeral procession on the narrow road so respectfully parked up for a little while. We drove around towards Faneromeni where we bumped into Andy and Gill who told us about a Spur-winged Plover which had taken up temporary residence on a dung heap! We soon found the heap and the very smart plover which was quite unconcerned by all of the people stopping to watch it just 30 or so metres away.

After we had watched this immaculate wader for several minutes a couple of Alpine Swifts appeared overhead and then suddenly a pratincole with them. Straining necks to follow these birds in the sun was not enjoyable but we thought it was probably a Collared Pratincole. Attention was quickly drawn away from this when a harrier was also located high overhead, almost certainly a ring-tail Montagu's Harrier with a Short-toed Eagle and a couple of Lesser Kestrels. On our way back into Sigri for lunch what was presumably the same pratincole was located on the 'sterile lagoon' and even through the heat haze in the telescope we identified it as Collared.

After lunch we drove down to Faneromeni ford and investigated the area a little more thoroughly finding a distant Roller on the way in. The river bed hosted fewer birds than the last visit but Collared Flycatcher showed briefly and there were several Little Bitterns about the area. A couple of Golden Orioles were noted and small numbers of Sand Martins passing through. A drive down to the river mouth gave us another Lesser Grey Shrike and there were also several Red-backed and Woodchat Shrikes. A solitary Curlew Sandpiper was feeding quietly at the mouth and good views were had of male Blue-headed and Black-headed Wagtails. A pair of Ruddy Shelducks was acting as if they might have a nest nearby so we withdrew to let them get on with it. The drive back to Skala Kalloni was quite warm!

Day 9

Tuesday 4th May

The air traffic controllers strike had become a reality and most of the morning was taken up trying to arrange alternative flights back to the UK. Luckily we were able to book sufficient seats on a charter flight back to Gatwick only a day late.

After lunch we hurried out to do some birding! We had two visits to the salt pans area and another drive up to the Napi Valley. At the latter Hoopoes seem to be everywhere with up to eight birds sighted. Raptors included Short-toed Eagle and Long-legged and Common Buzzards. Another Middle Spotted Woodpecker appeared briefly close to the road and there was the usual scattering of smaller birds but it really was getting quite hot.

Back at the saltpans, and particularly the wet fields near the works entrance, there were just as many birds as previous days and now swollen by an influx of Little Stints with up to 60 in the fields and 70 on the actual pans. Wood Sandpipers were plentiful and we found 30 or so Ruff, several Greenshanks and Curlew Sandpipers, at least 20 Ruddy Shelducks and in the channel six Temminck's Stints. White-winged Black and Whiskered Terns were in good numbers and feeding very close to the track while by evening Gull-billed Terns numbered at least eight.

Day 10

Wednesday 5th May

An extra day on the island caused by the strike and we decided to make the most of it! A pre-breakfast outing to Metochi Lake gave us the now expected excellent views of Little Crakes, Little Bitterns and Squaccos. At least four Great Reed Warblers put on a show and several Bee-eaters flew about calling among the numerous Swifts.

After breakfast we headed out eastwards and stopped at the East Track on the salt pans. Although the hides still appeared to be locked (!) we took a walk along the track scanning the fields and nearest salt pans. Four large white birds at a distance resolved themselves into Spoonbills which eventually took to flight and gradually gathered height before confidently striking out northwards presumably over the mountains and towards Turkey.

Waders included Curlew Sandpiper and another Temminck's Stint but more unexpected (and rarer on the island) was a summer-plumaged Bar-tailed Godwit. Also seen were a couple of Short-toed Eagles, two Black Storks and a female Marsh Harrier. We continued onward to the pine forest at Achladeri to have another look at the Kruper's Nuthatches. Here the birds may well have been feeding young as there was less calling and they came in and out of the site quickly and quietly. Further up the track we heard a couple of Short-toed Treecreepers and Subalpine Warblers were singing in the woods. Overhead a female Red-footed Falcon soared around and above a large party of Swifts we picked up two White Storks approaching over the ridge and watched them gaining height in the thermals before they headed off north west.

Eventually we set off northwards past Kalloni but with the Kalloni Raptor View Point already occupied by a number of birders we continued a little further on and had our picnic under the cool of the pines further up the hills. On our way back we stopped at the viewpoint but it was quiet with only (!) a couple of Short-toed Eagles, a Long-legged Buzzard and a Rock Nuthatch calling. We decided to finish at the salt pans again and we were not to be disappointed. The first few pans held the usual Avocets, Greater Flamingos and Black-winged Stilts but further on the last corner pan held a number of waders including Curlew Sandpipers, many Little Stints and several Ruffs and a solitary Redshank! In the heat haze a single pratincole was found standing on a small sandy island. An exercise in pratincole identification ensued as we tried to see the various features needed. Over time we managed to see, despite the poor viewing conditions, not only all the features to confirm it as a Collared Pratincole but also found two more! Great fun! Three Temminck's Stints were in the channel and the now expected array of waders and marsh terns in the wet fields. More than happy we returned to the hotel to have a shower and enjoy a meal out in a harbour taverna in Skala Kalloni.

Day 11

Thursday 6th May

After a couple of hours to finish packing or do a little last-minute birding near the hotel, we departed in a small fleet of taxis for the airport. The industrial unrest in mainland Greece had obviously crossed over to the islands as one village decided to block the main cross-island road which necessitated our having a rather hot, dusty and uncomfortable detour before we could regain paved roads around to the north of Mytilene and on to the airport. Fortunately the charter flight was on time and we had an un-eventful flight back to Gatwick where we concluded a slightly extended but very successful tour. Many thanks to all members of the party for making this tour such a pleasure and especially for their understanding and patience when we had to deal with several things beyond our control and to Andy and Gill Swash for their information and help!

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Species Lists

Birds (H = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	April/May								
			27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5
1	Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	4	6	2					5	✓
2	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	8	12	3	1	✓	c5	4	c30	✓
3	Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>						1			
4	Shoveler	<i>Anas clypea</i>						2		2	
5	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	1				8			3	
6	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		5		1	4			4	
7	Cory's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>						c5			✓
8	Yelkouan Shearwater	<i>Puffinus yelkouan</i>						c150			
9	White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>			1						
10	Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	1								
11	Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>				2	1	10			
12	Bittern	<i>Botularis stellaris</i>	1								
13	Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>		3	2	c20	5	10	c8		✓
14	Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>				1	1				
15	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	5	c12	12	✓	15+	c4	3	6	✓
16	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	20+	✓	✓	2	✓	c4	c5	✓	✓
17	Great White Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>	1	c12		1			1		✓
18	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	2	c12	✓	✓	✓			3	✓
19	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		1		2		c5	c4		
20	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	6	2			2			2	2
21	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	c10	8	c4	1		3			1
22	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	c20	✓			c50	1		✓	✓
23	Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>									4
24	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	✓	c200	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
25	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	3	6	6	1		1		1	4+
26	Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	2	4	1	1			1		1
27	Harrier sp (prob. Montagu's)	<i>Circus pugargus/macrourus</i>							1		
28	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>	2		c4	1		c3	c4	1	2
29	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		2	c4	1		1		1	
30	Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>			1					1	
31	Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>			1						
32	Goshawk	<i>Accipter gentilis</i>			3						
33	Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>			1	1		1			
34	Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>							1		
35	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>		3	1			1	10+	1	
36	Kestrel sp.	<i>Falco sp.</i>				2	1				
37	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>	4	4	1	c15	3		2		1
38	Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>				1					
39	Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	1							1	
40	Lanner	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>						1			
41	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>							1		
42	Little Crake	<i>Porzana parva</i>		3			5				4+
43	Baillon's Crake	<i>Porzana pusilla</i>					1				
44	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
45	Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	1							1	
46	Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>			1						

47	Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avocetta</i>	100+	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
48	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	20+	20+	✓	2	✓	✓	1	✓	✓
49	Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>		1			H				4
50	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>							1		3
51	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	4	3	3	✓		c6	4	3	✓
52	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>				1	3	3	2	4	2
53	Spur-winged Plover	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>							1		
54	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>				1			1	c5	2+
55	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	7		2			1		6	4
56	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>				c11	7	c5	10	150+	✓
57	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	100+	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
58	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	1				1	2			
59	Redshank	<i>Tringa tetanus</i>								1	1
60	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	2								
61	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	2	2		1				4+	✓
62	Black tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	2								
63	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>									1
64	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	c50	c20	✓	✓	✓	c40	1	✓	c40
65	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>				2					
66	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
67	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
68	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>						1			
69	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>			1		1			c6	
70	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
71	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>			1			1			
72	White-winged Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	10	1	12	c8	80+	c4		c30	c40
73	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>	57	30	c6	c4	40+	✓	1	c25	✓
74	Rock Dove (Feral)	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
75	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
76	Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	3	2	✓	c15	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
77	Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		1				2H			
78	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>			1				1		
79	Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>		1			1				
80	Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
81	Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>			2				c6		
82	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>			1	2		H	2H	c6	1
83	Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>			2	c31	19		20+	H	✓
84	Roller	<i>Coracias garrulous</i>		1	1	2		1	1		
85	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>			1			2		1	
86	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
87	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>				1		1	2		
88	Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>					15+				
89	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	2	✓	✓	✓			20+		
90	Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>			c3		2	1			
91	Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
92	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>		8	2	2	3	✓	✓	✓	✓
93	House Martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
94	Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>	1			1	20+				
95	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		1		1					
96	Yellow Wagtail (sp)	<i>Motacilla flava sp.</i>	✓		1	c70	1	✓	✓	✓	
97	Black-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla (flava) feldegg</i>	c10	c4	✓	c8	2	✓	✓	4	✓
98	Blue-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava flava</i>						✓	✓	✓	
99	Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

100	Rufous Bush Robin	<i>Cercotrichas galactotes</i>		1								
101	Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>							✓			
102	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>				c6		1				
103	Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>		6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
104	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		1	1			2	2			✓
105	Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>			3+	2		3	6+			
106	Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
107	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>						2	✓			
108	Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		1		1						
109	Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	1									
110	Eastern Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>		1	2		1					
111	Ruppell's Warbler	<i>Sylvia rueppelli</i>			2		2+					
112	Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓			
113	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	2	✓			6+		1	1	✓	
114	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	3	c8	H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
115	Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	1	1		c4	6+		1	1	1	
116	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>		2H	2H	2	5	✓	2			4+
117	Olive-tree Warbler	<i>Hippolais olivetorum</i>					1					
118	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Hippolais pallida</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
119	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>				4						
120	Eastern Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus orientalis</i>				3						
121	Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>				H						
122	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>		1		3			✓			
123	Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>				c3			5			
124	Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>				6			1			
125	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
126	Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
127	Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>				2			2			
128	Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>						1+				
129	Kruper's Nuthatch	<i>Sitta krueperi</i>		4								2
130	Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>		1	1	1	1		1			
131	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>		c2								
132	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>			1	1			1			
133	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>			c4	c15	1	✓	6+			
134	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		3	1	3	3+	2+	5+	2	1	
135	Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>		c5		1	1					✓
136	Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
137	Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>				✓			✓			
138	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
139	Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>						1	2			
140	Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>						1				
141	Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		2		6		H	2			
142	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
143	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
144	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>							4			
145	Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
146	Linnet	<i>Acanthis cannabina</i>					2		c6			
147	Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
148	Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
149	Serín	<i>Serinus serinus</i>		2	4	✓					✓	
150	Cretzschmar's Bunting	<i>Emberiza caesia</i>		c6	c3	✓		✓	✓			
151	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		c4	c4		✓	✓	H	✓		
152	Cinereous Bunting	<i>Emberiza cineracea</i>		2		3		c5	c3			

153	Black headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melancephola</i>	2	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
154	Corn Bunting	<i>Miliaria calandra</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Mammals

Beech Martin *Martes fiona* (dead as road casualties)

Persian Squirrel *Sciurus anomalus*

Reptiles & Amphibians

Marsh Frog *Pelophylax ridibundus*

Tree Frog *Hyla arborea*

Balkan Green Lizard *Lacerta trilineata*

Balkan Glass Lizard *Pseudopus apodus*

Turkish Gecko *Hemidactylus turcicus*

Agama *Agama stellio*

Stripe-necked Terrapin *Mauremys caspica*

Butterflies

Scarce Swallowtail *Iphiclides podalirius*

Large White *Pieris brassicae*

Bath White *Pontia daplidice*

Clouded Yellow *Colias croceus*

Southern White Admiral *Limenitis reducta*

Red Admiral *Venessa atalanta*

Painted Lady *Cynthia cardui*

Spotted Fritillary *Melitaea didyma*

Persian Meadow Brown *Maniola telmessia*

Small Heath *Coenonympha pamphilus*

Wall Brown *Lasiommata megera*

Small Copper *Lycaena phlaeas*

Brown Argus *Aricia agestis*

Common Blue *Polyommatus icarus*

Orbed Red-underwing Skipper *Spialia orbifer*

Small Skipper *Thymelicus sylvestris*

Mediterranean Skipper *Gegenes nostrodamus*

Dragonflies

Odalisque *Epallage fatime*

Dark Spreadwing *Lestes macrostigma*

Blue Emperor *Anax imperator*

Broad-bodied Chaser *Libellula depressa*

Black-tailed Skimmer *Orthetrum cancellatum*

Southern Skimmer *Orthetrum brunneum*

Others

Egyptian Grasshopper *Anacridium aegyptiacum*

Hummingbird Hawkmoth *Macroglossum stellatarum*

Silver Y Moth *Autographa gamma*

Ascalaphid sp.

Carpenter Bee *Xylocopa violacea*