

# Lesbos

## Naturetrek Tour Report

22nd – 29th April 2023

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Spotted Crake



Balkan Green Lizard



Cretzchmar's Bunting



Scops Owl

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## Summary

Lesbos never fails to please in spring and this year was no exception. A great variety of birds inhabited the salt pans – from shocking pink, Greater Flamingos to starkly black-and-white Pied Avocets and Black-winged Stilts. Amongst them wandered the more cryptically-coloured Ruff, Little Stints, Wood Sandpipers and others, while special treats included two Gull-billed Terns, a flight of Collared Pratincoles and a lumbering Dalmatian Pelican. In the fields around and about the area, Red-throated Pipits and Short-toed Larks delighted us, while Red-footed Falcons and three species of harrier – Marsh, Montagu's and Pallid – hunted for insects and birds. The local rivers provided us with superb views of Spotted Crake, Glossy Ibis, Squacco Heron and Bee-eaters, as well as another nice range of waders.

Out west, we travelled through seemingly barren landscapes, but which bristled with Cretzschmar's, Cinereous and Black-headed Buntings, while Little Owls lurked around old buildings and Rock Sparrows commandeered rocky outcrops – here, too, we also enjoyed Black Storks and Ravens on their nests and wolf-whistling Isabelline Wheatears. Around favoured locations with more cover, we found good numbers of Collared Flycatchers and an array of shrikes, including the cute-faced Masked Shrike and the dapper Red-backed. In the pinewoods on the east of the island, we found Krüper's Nuthatches tending young in the nest, lemon-yellow Serins in manic song and the occasional Long-legged Buzzard hunting the forest edge.

Olive-tree Warblers were elusive but eventually tracked down, Little Crakes delighted us before breakfast and family parties of Sombre Tits trailed through the olive groves. Beneath it all, a riot of wildflowers carpeted the ground and demanded to be photographed, while a nice range of butterflies included Scarce Swallowtail, Eastern Festoon and Green Hairstreak.

## Day 1

## Saturday 22nd April

Because of flight schedules, this year's trip had started the day before, with a night-time flight from London to Athens and a connection to Lesbos. While this might not seem ideal, there was at least the benefit of arriving in the morning, instead of the evening, effectively giving us an extra day in the field – what's not to like! Once all the vehicle paperwork had been completed, we took a circular route south from the airport and back to the island capital, Mytilene by way of Loutra. This route allowed us our first birdwatching opportunities, with Barn and Red-rumped Swallows, Eastern Black-eared Wheatears and an array of finches all enjoyed. At one stop, we had great views of a pair of Sardinian Warblers, a rather localised species on the island, but seemingly spreading more widely in recent years.

This region has rather different rock – and thus flora – to much of the rest of the island and we picked out the endemic, yellow-flowered, Lesbos Alison and the chunky Bean Catchfly along the roadside. We made our way through to the centre of the island and our base at Skala Kallonis. Having dropped off our bags and freshened up, we went into the town square and had our first, wonderful, taverna lunch overlooking the bay. After a little down time, we met up and the short distance to the salt pans, stopping along the way to view an active Rock Nuthatch

nest. Here, too, we found a Hoopoe and we began to get used to the sight of Crested Larks charging around on the road like diminutive roadrunners!

There was – as always – much to see at the salt pans, with Pied Avocets, Black-winged Stilts and Greater Flamingos dominating the first corner. Six Eurasian Spoonbills rested on one of the islands and there was a nice selection of migratory waders, including Ruff, Kentish Plover, Greenshank, a single Black-tailed Godwit and oodles of Wood Sandpipers. A smart, breeding-plumaged Squacco Heron was along the feeder channel and we passed Yellow Wagtails and Whinchats before arriving at the small river outlet at the Bayshore. Red-rumped Swallows were clearly nesting in a nearby building and both Montagu's and Pallid Harriers appeared over the wet fields, though in opposite directions and probably causing a few minor neck injuries as we tried to work out where to look first! On the bay, a breeding-plumaged Black-necked Grebe was a nice find as it swam with a couple of European Shags of the Mediterranean form.

## Day 2

## Sunday 23rd April

Officially our first full day, some of us took a stroll around the block, where we were serenaded by an almost constant cacophony of Nightingales and Eastern Olivaceous Warblers in full song. Red-rumped and Barn Swallows sat patiently to be enjoyed on roadside wires and a look at the calm bay revealed several Common Terns and solitary Eurasian Curlew. Blue and Great Tits were bust feeding youngsters, Greenfinches wheezed, Goldfinches tinkled and a Wood Warbler lurked in a line of pines. After breakfast, we headed out and made our first stop overlooking the muddy flats of the Christou River. Kentish Plovers and Ruff were quickly apparent and at least 15 Little Stints were busying themselves in the pools, while a male Montagu's Harrier hunted grasslands beyond the river and a rather distant Long-legged Buzzard was perched in a small tree.

We headed up into the wonderful olive groves along flower-rich verges that are part of the very essence of Lesbos and stopped to scan over some more open fields. Shortly we came upon a family party of Sombre Tits, the young recently fledged and very vocal as they worked their way along the hedge lines. Golden Orioles were calling from here too, and not far away, we caught brief glimpses of Middle Spotted Woodpecker – a species that was to be rather trying for us this year. Further still, we stopped at the scenic little 14th Century, Kremasti Bridge. Cirl Buntings were in song here and a Masked Shrike posed nicely by the river, while Eastern Festoons and Eastern Dappled Whites danced through the flowering Cretan Catchfly, Lyrate Bellflower, *Legousia pentagonia*, Salsify and Narbonne star-of-Bethlehem.

Lunch was calling and today we took a picnic in the field, not far from Achladeri. The woods were a little quiet for birds, as is often the case in the middle of the day, but we enjoyed a fine spread of flowers and a sprinkling of butterflies here. For the afternoon, we continued on through a mass of olive groves and even benefited from a wrong turn when we fell upon a group of ladies weeding anise plants out of crop fields that had been attacked by parasitic dodder. We eventually found our way to a saline lagoon at Skamioudi, where Greater Flamingos, Ruddy and Common Shelducks and a variety of waders was present. The latter included a party of four Temminck's Stints and we were able to directly compare Common Ringed, Little Ringed and Kentish Plovers. We took a circular route up through scenic little villages to the Calabrian Pine woods above Achladeri and were soon enjoying our first Krüper's Nuthatch. A solitary, feeding bird was soon followed by a pair bringing food to the nest, with two chicks visible from our vantage point. Coal Tits were heard briefly but failed to show themselves and a party of

Long-tailed Tits breezed through the trees. After enjoying a few orchids, we headed back to the vehicles, finishing with a fine, male Serin in the scope and a distant Long-legged Buzzard. Our journey back took us by way of the salt pans, which revealed a similar suite of birds to yesterday. The Squacco Heron had gone, but two more were seen shortly afterwards along the Tsiknias River.

## Day 3

## Monday 24th April

Up with the (Crested) Lark again, some of us took another walk around the block before breakfast, with a similar set of birds to yesterday, though a noticeable increase in hirundines that ensured we could make nice comparisons of two swallow and two martin species, all side-by-side on the wires. We set off westward today, our first stop the scenic little valley within which sits the Limonas Monastery and all of its little outlying cells. Cirl Buntings and Eastern Black-eared Wheatears showed nicely, but a Chukar was much less helpful and good views would have to wait for that one. A male Serin and several Stonechats sat up nicely for a while and we all got lovely views of a singing Eastern Orphean Warbler that was holding territory. Further west, we paused at a rocky gulley and scoped our first Cretzschmar's Buntings, singing from roadside wires, while some managed to see the first Crag Martins of the trip. We also stopped in some open oak woodland where Eastern Bonelli's Warblers were in full song and a pair of European Nuthatches were nesting in an Afghan Poplar.

We headed up into Andissa for a coffee break, but not before we tracked down a wonderful pair of Scops Owls, passing the daylight hours peacefully in a fine old Oriental Plane, the classic shade tree in much of Greece. A diversion towards Gavathas found us stopping to walk a small track up through the olives, where some fine colonies of Sombre Bee Orchid and a single Woodcock Orchid were found, along with many other things of interest, including Small Copper and Holly Blue. From here, we continued to the wonderful Ipsilou Monastery, high on its lofty perch and ate a picnic lunch surrounded by some of the finest views on the island. A few migrants came our way here and we found ourselves immersed in a small fallout of Collared Flycatchers and Wood Warblers, with a few Spotted and Pied Flycatchers in tow, too. As we set out to leave, a dark morph Eleonora's Falcon came through and made a couple of circuits before heading off towards Sigri. On the south side of the monastery hill, there were more migrants as well as local birds to enjoy, with Blue Rock Thrush, Common Redstart, Isabelline Wheatear and some singing Cinereous Buntings beneath us and Short-toed Eagles overhead. We finished the day off with a drive along the road to the Petrified Forest museum. This produced a good number of Cretzschmar's Buntings, Common Linnets, Crested Larks and the like, while at the museum car park we chanced across a pair of Little Owls and some very obliging Golden Orioles. On the way out, we finally were able to get better views of Cinereous Bunting than we had managed earlier at Ipsilou and we all managed to see them in the scopes. It was rather later than planned, so we beat a hasty retreat back to the hotel, though not without a quick stop to view a Black Stork's nest with sitting parent and a neighbouring Raven's nest with well-grown youngsters.

## Day 4

## Tuesday 25th April

Today's excursion took us along the more southerly route to the west of the island, along the road we had returned on the evening before. A stop on the Christou River revealed similar birds to our previous visit, though this time we did manage to locate the local Eurasian Stone-curlews with one bird appearing to be sitting on a nest. Driving south and west, we reached the outskirts of Eresos and turned up to park beside the dam at the Eresos reservoir. A few Yellow-legged Gulls and Great Cormorants were the only avian delights here initially and we turned our

attention to other things. A Green Hairstreak was soon noted on the shrubby *Anthyllis bermanniae* (probably a larval food plant here) and we compared the crazy fruits of several species of medick. Italian Catchfly was flowering, along with Dyer's Alkanet and many members of the pea family – the latter no doubt attracting the Common Blues that were present. Just prior to leaving, a Peregrine soared overhead to add to the variety. Passing through Eresos, we headed out on the dirt road to Sigri, travelling first through a rather barren landscape of *phrigana*, dominated by the low cushions of Spiny Burnet. This is bunting country, with both Cinerous and Cretzschmar's singing from the wide slopes, though only the latter chose to show well, and we even happened across a female sitting on a nest and several pairs carrying food for young. In the bottom of the valley, we found our first Black-headed Buntings in a belt of asphodels and these were soon followed by views of Rock Sparrows at a small breeding colony. As we started to pull away, a pair of Woodlarks dropped down to the roadside from nearby wires and gave excellent views from the vehicle for some of us. A little further on, we explored a few regular spots around the Meladia river, but it was a little quiet generally for migrants. However, a group of three Crag Martins showed very well and a few Whinchats were scattered about on prominent perches.

For lunch, we took a picnic at a shady little chapel, accompanied by a female Pied Flycatcher. From here, we took a small side track out towards the mouth of the river and walked down to a muddy pool near the beach. After careful searching, we found two Citrine Wagtails that we had been told about and one of them showed well with a party of three Little Stints. The beach area was quiet, though some Shags were on the rocks and there was a few interesting beach plants to enjoy. We continued on our way to Sigri, making a brief stop just outside town to check a regular spot for migrants, but it proved a little quiet. Finally reaching 'terra firma', we made good our journey back to base via the Ipsilou road.

## Day 5

## Wednesday 26th April

We began with a slightly different approach today, as we went a little further afield before breakfast, to some local farm ponds near the Potamia Valley. At the first, there were nesting Coots and the likes of Little Grebe and Mallard, but best of all were the two Little Bitterns lurking along the margins. We then joined another tour group who generously allowed access to their scopes for some of the group, at least, to get a peek at a singing Olive-tree Warbler – always a must-see bird but always a tricky one. A short distance away, we stopped by Metochi Lake and we were soon enjoying both male and female Little Crakes, feeding along the base of the reeds, which reminded us that we needed feeding and we headed back to the hotel for breakfast.

For the main part of the morning, we set out first to the Tsiknias River, where a Spotted Crake was showing very well indeed to the gathered admirers. We also enjoyed nice scope views of Wood Sandpipers and Common Snipe, while a mass of hirundines swirled around us. On the way out, we enjoyed best views of the week of a party of Bee-eaters, feeding along the wires and fence line right by the track. Heading north, we passed by Agia Paraskevi with its chimney-mounted stork's nest and on through Napi to the Platania Valley. Here we took a stroll along a wonderfully flower-filled track in open olive country and found one or two Sombre Tits, Masked and Woodchat Shrikes and Golden Orioles to enjoy. Ever-present Common Buzzards and Ravens passed overhead, and we enjoyed Spotted Rock-rose, Silver Sage and, at our turning point, some Downy Oaks hosting mistletoe clusters.

For lunch we headed for a quiet little taverna on the beach on the east coast with wonderful views across deep blue seas to the Turkish mainland. Fully sated, we stopped briefly to look at a small colony of Lax-flowered and

Tongue Orchids in a boggy hollow before heading westward then south on the main Molyvos road. We stopped to check a small pool and found Greenfinches, Cirl Buntings and a Turtle Dove coming to drink, but the skies above were quiet, other than a gathering of Ravens, so we continued down to the lowlands and headed for the salt pans. We took a longer look at the south end of the pans today, walking out into some flooded grassland and scanning a large lagoon that held plenty of Greater Flamingos and a great selection of waders, including Kentish Plovers and at least nine Curlew Sandpipers. Closer to us, a bewildering array of Yellow Wagtails of various forms scurried about and, after suffering almost daily 'heard-onlys' of Red-throated Pipits as they shot skywards, we eventually had quite a collection of them, with some sitting patiently while we enjoyed great scope views. One other highlight here came in the shape of Dalmatian Pelican, that lifted off the pans for a while and gave us some nice, if distant, flight views.

## Day 6

## Thursday 27th April

We had another pre-breakfast drive today and headed for the further, east side, of the salt pans. The rush beds here provide good habitat for Zitting Cisticolas and, though some managed to catch a glimpse, they were a little elusive in the cool, early morning conditions. Black-winged Stilts and Pied Avocets were busy out in the open water, while Common Terns drifted back and forth and settled on some rocky mounds. We were mostly in search of terns and some of us got lucky with two Gull-billed Terns that flew right past us as they hunted for fish along the salt pan feeder channel. Unfortunately, they moved off elsewhere all too quickly and we shortly made our way back to the hotel for breakfast.

A return to the Tsiknias River gave us an opportunity to further enjoy the very obliging Spotted Crake, which today had been joined by a party of Glossy Ibises, a fabulous Squacco Heron and a Whiskered Tern almost at arm's length! We wove our way back through the maze of local tracks and out via the Christou River. From here, we headed back to the west side of the island, taking the longer, scenic route via Eresos and reaching Sigri by late morning. Our main destination was the track to Faneromeni and we cruised slowly along, keeping an eye out for birds. Though there was no 'fall' of migrants in evidence, we nevertheless enjoyed a nice run of many things, including Collared, Pied and Spotted Flycatchers, some much-appreciated Turtle Doves and a good set of shrikes, including our only Lesser Grey Shrike of the week. Offshore, a mass movement of Yelkouan Shearwaters was taking place with a seemingly endless procession of birds heading northward on the horizon.

Back in Sigri, we enjoyed a wonderful taverna lunch before heading back out on a different section of the Faneromeni track. We chanced across a very obliging pair of Collared Pratincoles on a little ploughed bit of land that allowed very close approach and a second look offshore produced a single Scopoli's Shearwater, sauntering by, in great contrast to the hurried actions of the Yelkouan Shearwaters. While here, a graceful female Pallid Harrier breezed through the fields and, as we turned to leave the beach, a spectacular Eleonora's Falcon whipped right past us! A short mosey along a track into higher ground got us into a good position to witness a small movement of Red-footed Falcons, all heading northward along a nearby ridge line – this was turning into a very special day! We returned via the Meladia Valley track to Eresos and back to the hotel via the southern route.



## Day 7

## Friday 28th April

Our last full day was to be a day of ‘mopping up’ a few bits and pieces that had partly eluded us so far. Some of us took a morning stroll around the block, turning up a few shrikes and plenty of hirundines, while the Nightingales serenaded us throughout our walk – what a place! Our main aim was to try and get a decent look at the ever-present but frustratingly elusive Eastern Olivaceous Warblers. In the event, it proved fairly easy, and we soon had a bird in the scope, singing and preening in a flowering tamarisk. After breakfast, we checked out the lower section of the Tsiknias River and tracked down a Great Crested Grebe that had been around for a few days. A Purple Heron was also a nice find in the tamarisks. Further up, the three Glossy Ibises had become five, and had been joined by a fabulous Squacco Heron and a Whiskered Tern almost at arm’s length!

We returned to the Potamia Valley area for a second attempt at the Olive-tree Warbler; results were somewhat similar to before, with some getting a look at the bird and others not a whiff, though we did get a chance to hear its subtly grating song and to compare it with a Great Reed Warbler that starting grinding away on a nearby oak tree. Masked and Woodchat Shrikes showed well and we headed out via dirt roads to Kalloni, pausing to enjoy a male Little Bittern and a Little Grebe on its nest, right beside the track. Lunch was already beckoning by now, so we headed to the little kiosk in the hills north of Kalloni and enjoyed a picnic with a view and a nice range of local flora. After lunch there was a call for better views of Middle Spotted Woodpecker, which we endeavoured to address. Parking with two vehicles can be difficult in some places, so we ended up splitting for a while and giving two different woodpecker locations a go. Unfortunately, only one location produced the goods, but that’s birding sometimes. Eventually we reconvened at the saltpans and rounded off the day enjoying the spectacle of a number of Red-footed Falcons hunting grasshoppers in the sheep fields.

## Day 8

## Saturday 29th April

The inevitable final day was upon us and, with a relatively early flight, we headed to the airport straight after breakfast and began our journeys home. I should like to thank everyone for making this a most enjoyable week, savouring the more than ample delights of Lesbos in spring – let’s do it again soon!

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## Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

Common name	Scientific name	April 2023							
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	✓	✓	2	20+	10+	30+	✓	
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓			2	1			
Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	H							
Chukar Partridge	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>			2					
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>			6			✓		
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>		H	1		1	1	✓	
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	2	H	4+		✓	4	✓	
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Spotted Crake	<i>Porzana porzana</i>					1	1	1	
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		3		✓	✓		3+	
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		1			4		1	
Little Crake	<i>Zapornia parva</i>					2			
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>					1		1	
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>							1	
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	1							
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>				1				
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓	✓		4	✓	✓	✓	
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>		2	2	✓				
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>		3			✓		✓	
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>		3		✓	3+	1		
Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>		1	1	1		1	1	
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	1	1						
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>	11	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>					9+			
Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>		4						
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>							✓	
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>		15		12+	✓	✓	✓	
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>					1	1	2	
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		1			1	1		
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	1	1					1	
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>		14				2	4	
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>						2		
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>				3	2+	2+		
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	2	6+	6+	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>							1	
Scopoli's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>						1		
Yelkouan Shearwater	<i>Puffinus yelkouan</i>	20+			✓		✓		
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	4	3	2	2	4+	4	3+	



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White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	4	✓	1		3+			
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓			✓	✓		3	
European Shag	<i>Gulosus aristotelis</i>	2			2		6+		
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>						3	5	
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	6	✓						
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>					3		3	
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	1			1	2	1	3	
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	1			1		1	1	
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>							1	
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		2				1		
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>					1			
Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		✓	4	5+	1	4+	4	
Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>						1		
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>		1			1			
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	6+	3	1	2	1	1	2	
Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>	1					1		
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	1	1		1		1		
Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>		2	1					
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	1	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>			2	1	1			
Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>		H	2				1	
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	1	1	1		1	1		
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	✓	H	H		✓	✓	✓	
Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocoptes medius</i>	1	2	H	1	1	1	1	
Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>				2		6+		
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	1	2	✓	✓	1	2	1	
Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>		2			1	6	7	
Eleonora's Falcon	<i>Falco eleonora</i>			1			2		
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>				1				
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		4+	3	✓	✓	20+	1	
Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>						1		
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		6	4	✓	2	10+	3	
Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>		6+	4	✓	6	4	4	
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		H	6+	✓	✓	4		
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>						✓		
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	2	15+	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>		H						
Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>		6+	2		3+		2	
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>				2				
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	1				3			
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>		5		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>			✓	8				
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>		✓	✓					
Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>		1	12+				✓	
Eastern Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus orientalis</i>			3+	H	H	H		
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>		H	1	H	✓	H	✓	
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>			1			1	1	
Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>		H	H		✓	✓	✓	
Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida</i>	H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H
Olive-tree Warbler	<i>Hippolais olivetorum</i>					H+1		1	
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	H+1					H		
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>			1					
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Curruca curruca</i>			1	1		2		
Eastern Orphean Warbler	<i>Curruca crassirostris</i>		1	2	2	1	1		
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Curruca melanocephala</i>	1							
Eastern Subalpine Warbler	<i>Curruca cantillans</i>		2	✓	✓			H	
Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>	2	2+	✓	1		2		
Krüper's Nuthatch	<i>Sitta krueperi</i>		4						
Western Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>	2		2	2		1		
Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>			2					
Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>		2						
Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>			3+			5+		
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>			6+	1		2		
Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>			15+			2		
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>			1	✓		✓		
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>			✓					
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓		
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>			3+					
Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>			6+	1				
Eastern Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe melanoleuca</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>				4+				
Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>				2				
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>				1				
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>				✓		1+	1	
Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>	H	H			20+		H	
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	H	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>			3	✓	✓	✓	✓	
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>			1		3+			
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cinereous Bunting	<i>Emberiza cineracea</i>			H+2	H				
Cretzschmar's Bunting	<i>Emberiza caesia</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓	H	

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Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		3+	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>				5+	✓	✓	✓	

## Others

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<b>Mammals</b>									
Stone Marten	<i>Martes foina</i>	D		D	D				
Eastern Hedgehog	<i>Erinaceus concolor</i>	D			D		D	D	
Persian Squirrel	<i>Sciurus anomalus</i>		1						
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>		1		1				
<b>Reptiles &amp; Amphibians</b>									
Levant Water Frog	<i>Pelophylax cf. bedriagae</i>		✓						
Eastern Tree Frog	<i>Hyla orientalis</i>	H							
Balkan Terrapin	<i>Mauremys rivulata</i>	✓	✓						
<b>Butterflies</b>									
Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>		✓						
Eastern Festoon	<i>Zerynthia cerisy</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Orbed Red-underwing Skipper	<i>Spialia orbifer</i>			✓	✓	✓			
Mallow Skipper	<i>Carcharodus alceae</i>		✓						
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Black-veined White	<i>Aporia crataegi</i>				✓				
Small White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>		✓	✓	✓				
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	✓	✓						
Eastern Dappled White	<i>Euchloe ausonia</i>		✓						
Common Orange-tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>		✓	✓					
Green Hairstreak	<i>Callophrys rubi</i>				✓				
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>			✓	✓				
Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>		✓	✓	✓				
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>				✓				
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>			✓	✓				
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Lesser Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea trivia</i>				✓				
Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>			✓	✓		✓		

## Odonata

<b>Damselfly &amp; Dragons</b>	
Blue Featherlegs	<i>Platycnemis pennipes</i>
Vagrant Emperor	<i>Anax ephippiger</i>
Broad-bodied Chaser	<i>Libellula depressa</i>
Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>