

Lesbos

Naturetrek Tour Report

26th April – 3rd May 2026



Cretzschmar's Bunting



Black-headed Bunting



Red-backed Shrike



Mediterranean Monk Seal

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Day 1

Sunday 26th April

Most of the group met the leaders bright and early at Stansted and, after a shortish flight, were soon through airport formalities and off into town for a taverna lunch. The Manchester flight was slightly delayed, resulting in a quick return to the airport to complete the group, before making the drive across the island to our hotel.

Having checked in and offloaded our baggage, we headed out along the Lotzaria Track, where we were soon immersed in birds aplenty. Bee-eaters swooped from roadside tamarisks, Crested Larks trotted along the road or took dust baths, and excitable parties of Spanish Sparrows jostled around in the bushes. A surprise bonus came in the form of two Serins along the track, showing incredibly well right in front of the vehicles.

It wasn't long before we parked and took a walk to an extensive flooded area, which was absolutely teeming with birds. Some four hundred Wood Sandpipers dominated the scene, with scattered Ruff and Black-winged Stilts among them, while parties of Collared Pratincoles hawked overhead. Further back, Little and Great Egrets, Grey and Purple Herons, Glossy Ibises, Squacco Herons and Black Stork all vied for our attention, while Red-throated Pipits burst calling from the grasses.

As we took up a new position overlooking more of the marsh, hundreds of birds suddenly took to the sky in an incredible display, with the sound of wingbeats overhead every bit as impressive as the spectacle itself. It wasn't long before we found the cause: a Peregrine actively hunting over the marsh. What a start! Dinner was beckoning, but we knew we'd be back.

Day 2

Monday 27th April

Our pre-breakfast excursion was a local walk down to the bay and alongside Kalloni Marsh. As we left the hotel, we were greeted by a Nightingale in the open, singing its heart out. Alongside the marsh, Black-winged Stilts foraged, while several Great Reed Warblers blared from the bushes. An incredibly close Little Bittern clambered through the branches of a roadside bush, while out on the bay a distant Black-necked Grebe drifted past. A Savi's Warbler also gave brief glimpses as it reeled just metres away at the marsh edge.

After breakfast, we made our first visit to a nearby village, where our first Caucasian (Persian) Squirrel of the trip was soon found. After some careful searching among the trees, two Long-eared Owl chicks were discovered, much to everyone's delight, as they scrambled around among the branches.

From here we headed to the impressive salt pans, where the surrounding marshes were absolutely teeming with life. The first waders to greet us were elegant Black-winged Stilts feeding around the pan edges, while further out a sea of pink greeted us in the form of hundreds of Greater Flamingoes. A Little Gull among a resting group of Common Terns was a welcome surprise. As we made our way further along the track, masses of migrating waders once again came into view, feeding among herons, egrets and storks. We took up a position overlooking the marsh and began picking through the flocks. Wood Sandpipers were by far the most numerous, still present in their hundreds, followed by Ruffs. Among them we picked out a Marsh Sandpiper, several Curlew Sandpipers, Garganey and, further down the track, a Greater Short-toed Lark. A particular favourite for the group were the constantly

patrolling flocks of White-winged and Whiskered Terns. On a muddy pool, several Red-throated Pipits were found, including some sublime males, feeding alongside groups of Yellow Wagtails of various forms, including the particularly striking Black-headed Wagtails. The highlight of the morning, however, came in the form of a Citrine Wagtail, which joined the flock and eventually gave excellent views.

Eventually we dragged ourselves away and headed for a picnic lunch at the raptor watchpoint, where the group were treated to a cracking male Red-footed Falcon, accompanied by the song of a nearby Cretzschmar's Bunting from the top of its favourite bush.

After lunch, we excitedly headed south to Polichnitos where, incredibly a Lesser Flamingo had been found the previous day, marking only the fourth record for the island. It didn't take long before this unusual visitor was picked up alongside some of its larger cousins. It showed incredibly well, allowing excellent side-by-side comparisons of the two species at close range, while several Red-rumped Swallows kept us company overhead. On the journey back, a surprise party of Sombre Tits kept us on our toes as we passed through one of the many olive groves.

Day 3

Tuesday 28th April

We headed to Metochi Lake before breakfast, where several Little Crakes put on a lovely show, including a female out in the open, preening. Not to be overshadowed, a Little Bittern and a Purple Heron showed equally well, while three Great Reed Warblers delivered their crunchy songs from the reed tops. Above us, a swirling flock of over fifty swifts added to the spectacle. As we finally managed to drag ourselves away, a Hoopoe on the journey back was a much-appreciated addition.

After another delicious breakfast, we headed to the western side of Kalloni salt pans, where several shrikes kept the photographers busy. A few sleepy Slender-billed Gulls were soon overshadowed by a more exuberant flock of Little Gulls, many in immaculate adult plumage. A close fly-by from two Dalmatian Pelicans was enjoyed by all, as were the fishing Little Terns in the nearby channel.

Next it was on to Vouvardis, where we were greeted by a pair of Masked Shrikes chasing off Corn Buntings. Our main target here was one of the stars of the trip, and it certainly didn't disappoint. We waited patiently on a bend overlooking the pine forest, and before long a Krüper's Nuthatch appeared, returning to its nest hole before foraging in the branches above, soon joined by its mate. We spent some time watching the pair, delighted to have connected so well with this special species so early in the trip.

Lunch was calling, so we headed into the pine forests at Mikralimni. Before getting stuck in, we enjoyed a short walk through the forest, where Short-toed Treecreeper was new for the day. To our amazement, we then found another Krüper's Nuthatch nest. Keeping our distance, we watched the adults come and go carrying food for their hungry chicks. Before heading back, a scan of the nearby hillside produced a dark morph Long-legged Buzzard, alongside several Common Buzzards.

Our lunch spot came with its own wildlife too, with a Coal Tit nesting in the brickwork of our makeshift picnic bench, while three Levant Water Frogs posed beautifully on a floating log in the old water tanks nearby. After lunch, several of the group enjoyed an educational encounter with a Vagrant Emperor dragonfly.

Having enjoyed the salt pans so much the day before, we returned to explore some different areas of the surrounding marshes, which were still absolutely full of birds. Highlights included Spotted Redshank, Temminck's Stint, impressive numbers of Ruddy Shelducks, and yet more Glossy Ibises.

On the way back towards town, we stopped to admire several Black-headed Buntings singing from roadside bushes. A quick scan of the Tsiknias River mouth didn't reveal too much excitement, with just a few Sandwich Terns and Little Ringed Plovers, although Eastern Olivaceous Warblers sang from the bushes around us.

Day 4

Wednesday 29th April

A chilly morning in Potamia Valley began with the distant calls of Olive-tree Warbler, while the highlight here was a Common Cuckoo, which gave excellent views. Nearby, a short walk to the old Potamia reservoir produced brief views of a Middle Spotted Woodpecker for some of the group, while rather more obliging were two Night Herons and a lovely Hoopoe.

After another filling breakfast, we set off for the Filia mast track. En route, we stopped to enjoy views of an obliging Scops Owl sitting quietly in the open. Once at the mast track, Eastern Bonelli's Warblers kept the group busy, while Eastern Subalpine and Masked Shrikes added further interest. We could hear the rich song of a Golden Oriole somewhere in the distance, though this was quickly overshadowed when a Lesser Spotted Eagle soared low overhead: it was an amazing start to the day.

Continuing on towards Ipsilou Monastery, we paused briefly to watch several Honey Buzzards drifting through the valley. There was plenty to enjoy around the monastery itself, with Wood and Eastern Bonelli's Warblers, Spotted and Pied Flycatchers, as well as a wonderful pair of Blue Rock Thrushes. A Long-legged Buzzard also drifted quickly through the valley. Our picnic lunch at the monastery ended on a high when an Alpine Swift powered overhead. For some, however, the true highlights came in butterfly form, with standout species including Scarce Swallowtail, Eastern Festoon and the stunning False Apollo.

Our next stop was the Lesbos's petrified forest. Even the entrance road proved productive, with Isabelline Wheatears, a brief Rock Nuthatch, numerous Cretzschmar's Buntings, and plenty of Red-backed Shrikes. A Black-veined White butterfly added some extra interest, while a male Lesser Kestrel put on an excellent show hunting along the roadside. As we began heading back after another excellent day, we stopped for a refreshing cold drink in Eresos, taking the opportunity to enjoy several local Laughing Doves.

Day 5

Thursday 30th April

A local morning walk before breakfast yielded an impressive group of nineteen Night Herons, while Great Reed Warblers and Eastern Olivaceous Warblers provided both lead vocals and backing harmonies around the marsh. Adding to the atmosphere was an incredible display of thousands of Dark Spreadwing damselflies sparkling in the early morning sunlight.

After breakfast, a stroll through Potamia Valley had us watching an Olive-tree Warbler patrolling the edge of its territory, while Turtle Doves purred softly in the background.

Our next stop brought playful Rock Nuthatches, Black-eared Wheatears, and more Cretzschmar's Buntings, while a Hobby passed high overhead.

Lunch was taken at the scenic Kremasti Bridge, where Eurasian Nuthatch and Middle Spotted Woodpecker were enjoyed, along with several Short-toed Snake Eagles overhead. A quick stop for further views of Krüper's Nuthatch meant that a fantastic three-nuthatch day had been achieved.



Short-toed Snake Eagle



Scops Owl



Little Tern



Red-rumped Swallow

After all the excitement of the previous few days, the afternoon took on a slightly more relaxed pace as we explored the pine forests in search of orchids. The botanical highlight was a striking Spurred Helleborine, while Holy and Bergon's Tongue Orchids were also found.

Later, after enjoying Bee-eaters and Black-headed Buntings in the sunshine along the Lotzaria track, we spent the remainder of the afternoon at Alykes wetland. Here, we were treated to an outstanding variety of waders, including Marsh and Curlew Sandpipers, Collared Pratincole, Temminck's and Little Stints, and some stunning Spotted Redshanks in full breeding plumage.

Day 6

Friday 1st May

A wet start to the morning didn't stop us searching for Stone-curlew nearby. Sadly, they weren't to be found, but a flock of seventeen Gull-billed Terns, with a Little Gull among them, proved fine consolation, as did a Spur-winged Lapwing and a male Peregrine which gave a prolonged fly-by.

After another hearty breakfast, during which some lucky members of the group caught sight of a fly-by Eleonora's Falcon, we set off west towards Sigri. Upon arrival it was clear that the strong winds had grounded many migrating

birds. Fence posts were lined with Red-backed and Woodchat Shrikes, while seemingly every plantation and garden had its own Spotted Flycatcher. A walk through the olive groves produced a flock of over fifty Bee-eaters, a female Red-footed Falcon, Cirl Buntings, and to the delight of those who had missed one at breakfast, an Eleonora's Falcon swooping low overhead.

We then stopped at Faneromeni Ford, where the group enjoyed excellent views of Pied Flycatcher, Hoopoe and a cracking pair of Golden Orioles.

Lunch by the sea gave everyone the chance to watch masses of shearwaters expertly navigating the strong winds offshore. A hardy few who braved the conditions even managed a couple of Scopoli's Shearwater among the Yelkouan Shearwaters. Even a small beachside pool proved productive, holding several waders, including a Temminck's Stint.

After lunch we headed to the old sanatorium, where we walked the adjacent valley track, little knowing quite what lay in store. It wasn't long before the air was filled with the rattling calls of warblers, with Lesser and Common Whitethroats seeming to appear from every bush. Red-backed Shrikes continued to impress in remarkable numbers, perched on virtually every available vantage point. A Common Cuckoo flew right alongside us up the valley, shortly followed by a Hoopoe, while two Cretzschmar's Buntings sang from a prominent rock.

The highlight was still to come. Further up the track, a small fig tree, quickly christened "the magic tree" held no fewer than three Golden Orioles, a Lesser Grey Shrike and a Hoopoe, all within a metre of one another. More orioles soon appeared throughout the valley, with a group of six perched on rocky outcrops and stone walls, affording astonishing views of this normally elusive species. Our main target here, Barred Warbler, initially refused to show and we began making our way back. Then, right at the last moment, a Barred Warbler finally gave itself up. Although the views were brief, it was immensely satisfying to finally connect with what had so far been an elusive species.

As we continued along the coastal track, discussing the incredible day, one final surprise awaited. Rounding a corner, a Red-footed Falcon was perched on roadside wires giving superb views. Moments later two more were found on a nearby telegraph pole, sharing it with a Lesser Kestrel. As if that wasn't enough, while looking for a suitable place to turn around, three Rollers suddenly appeared on roadside wires, sending excitement levels soaring. Incredibly, another Roller appeared just over the next ridge.

On our return through the valley, the Red-footed Falcons had been joined by several more, including females, giving excellent side-by-side comparisons. We watched with pure joy as these elegant falcons hunted at head height alongside the track, while Lesser Kestrels also put on a wonderful show, swooping low over the vehicles. Having had more than enough excitement for one day, we headed back and enjoyed a celebratory meal at a local taverna in town.

Day 7

Saturday 2nd May

Our morning excursion took us back to the mouth of the Christou River, where some beautifully summer-plumaged Grey Plovers were feeding alongside two Kentish Plovers. Before long the skies above the estuary filled with terns, with Gull-billed, Whiskered, Common, and Little Terns all swooping over the mudflats.

Before we had even started thinking about our next destination, exciting news broke: one of Europe's rarest mammals, a Mediterranean Monk Seal, had been seen in the nearby bay. Needless to say, we piled into the vans and hurried to the beach. After a tense few moments, we had the rare pinniped in our sights, only around thirty metres offshore. We watched in amazement as it lingered calmly in the bay, seemingly just as interested in us as we were in it.

Thrilled with our morning luck, we headed back for our penultimate breakfast. For our final full day, we then headed north to Molyvos, where we explored Perasma reservoir. Highlights included all four shrike species in the same field, a posing Common Cuckoo, Chukar Partridge, Cretzschmar's Buntings, Alpine Swift and two more Barred Warblers.

From here, we explored the upper Tsiknias Basin, a beautiful flower-rich valley where we enjoyed lovely views of a Red Fox, an Eastern Orphean Warbler singing beautifully and, most impressively of all, a Short-toed Snake Eagle carrying a snake. Lunch at the raptor watchpoint produced more Short-toed Snake Eagles, though otherwise things were relatively quiet.

For the afternoon, we made one final visit to the salt pans and their incredibly rich surrounding marshes. Once again, the area was alive with birds, and we enjoyed an impressive array of waders in various stages of plumage, including large numbers of Curlew Sandpipers and Little Stints, with Spotted Redshanks adding extra colour. A Spur-winged Lapwing was an excellent addition for the day, as were Dunlin and Turnstone.

Everyone enjoyed taking in the spectacle, with hundreds of hirundines zipping low over the water in front of Grey, Purple and Squacco Herons, Little and Great Egrets, a single Spoonbill, Black Storks and Glossy Ibises. A surprise edition to the day was a European Worm Snake which briefly stole the group's attention from the spectacle of bird migration. On the drive back along the Lotzaria track, a superb young Montagu's Harrier drifted gracefully past the vehicles. As if that wasn't enough, the day's birding ended with a showy Collared Flycatcher close to the hotel.

Day 8

Sunday 3rd May

After a fantastic week packed full of incredible birds, unforgettable wildlife encounters, and the sights and sounds of spring migration, our final morning had arrived. On the way to the airport for our midday flight, we made one final stop in search of our last target species. The weather was against us, with a cold snap bringing wind and light rain, but spirits remained high. As we approached the area, we were amazed by the number of swallows grounded on the road by the low temperatures. Even several Red-rumped Swallows were on the ground beside the vans, affording point-blank views as they looked understandably unimpressed by the sudden change in conditions.

At first, the scrubby eastern hillsides seemed quiet, but after a few patient minutes two Cretzschmar's Buntings perched up and began to sing, followed by an Eastern Orphean Warbler, whose rich song briefly made us forget the weather. A Holy Orchid added some additional interest in the drizzle. After a few glimpses of Sardinian Warblers, our target species (a Rüppell's Warbler), finally perched up briefly, before disappearing back into the scrub. We waited a little longer, though only a few additional flight views were obtained.

And with that, we set off on the short final journey to the airport, reflecting on an exceptional week, spent in wonderful company.

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Species lists

Birds (H=heard only)

I=Introduced	Common name	Scientific name	April - May 2026								
			26	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	
	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>		✓				✓			
	Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>			✓						
	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>						✓			
	Chukar Partridge	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>								✓	
	Lesser Flamingo	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>		✓						✓	
	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>			✓	✓					
	Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>		✓						✓	
	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>				✓		H	✓	✓	
	Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>				✓					
	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>			✓						
	Feral Rock Dove - I	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>		H							
	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓				
	Little Crake	<i>Zapornia parva</i>			✓						
	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>								✓	
	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>						✓		✓	
	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Thinornis dubius</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
	Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>						✓	✓	✓	
	Kentish Plover	<i>Anarhynchus alexandrinus</i>								✓	
	Eurasian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>		✓							
	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	✓	✓							
	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	✓		✓					✓	
	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>		✓	✓			✓			
	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>			✓			✓		✓	
	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>		✓	✓						
	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>								✓	
	Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	
	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>		✓				✓		✓	
	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓		
	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>		✓							
	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>								✓	
	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	✓	✓						✓	
	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	✓					✓		✓	
	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓	
	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>		✓	✓					✓	
	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>		✓	✓			✓		✓	
	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>		✓	✓						

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	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
	Little Gull	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>		✓	✓						
	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>			✓						
	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>			✓						
	Audouin's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus audouinii</i>		✓	✓						
	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>		✓	✓						
	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Scopoli's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>							✓		
	Mediterranean Shearwater	<i>Puffinus yelkouan</i>	✓						✓		
	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>			✓			✓		✓	
	European Shag	<i>Gulosus aristotelis</i>		✓						✓	
	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>		✓	✓			✓		✓	
	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>		✓	✓					✓	
	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>		✓	✓					✓	
	Little Bittern	<i>Botaurus minutus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>					✓	✓		✓	
	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	
	Cattle Egret	<i>Ardea ibis</i>								✓	
	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		✓	✓			✓		✓	
	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>					✓	✓		✓	
	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>								✓	
	Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>							✓		
	Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>			H	✓					
	Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>		H	✓						
	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>					✓				
	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga pomarina</i>					✓				
	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>			✓						
	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>		✓							
	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>								✓	
	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>			✓	✓					
	Common Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>			✓	✓	H	✓	✓	✓	
	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>							✓		
	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocoptes medius</i>					✓	✓		✓	
	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>					✓		✓		
	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>		✓					✓		
	Eleonora's Falcon	<i>Falco eleonora</i>							✓		
	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>						✓		✓	
	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	✓		✓						
	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>				H	H	✓	✓		
	Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>			✓			✓	✓	
	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>						✓		
	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus corone cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>			✓					
	Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>		✓		✓	✓			
	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>				✓	✓			
	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>		✓	✓				✓	
	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	H	✓	✓		✓		✓	
	Olive-tree Warbler	<i>Hippolais olivetorum</i>				H	✓			
	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>		✓	✓		✓			
	Common Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>		✓	✓					
	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>		✓	✓	H	✓	✓	✓	
	Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>		✓						
	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>					✓		✓	
	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>				✓				
	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Western House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	European Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis rufula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	✓	✓	✓	H	✓	H	H	
	Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>				✓				
	Eastern Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus orientalis</i>				✓				
	Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>				✓				
	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>						✓		
	Barred Warbler	<i>Curruca nisoria</i>						✓	✓	
	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Curruca curruca</i>				H	✓	✓		
	Eastern Orphean Warbler	<i>Curruca crassirostris</i>							✓	✓
	Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Rüppell's Warbler	<i>Curruca ruppeli</i>								✓
	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Curruca melanocephala</i>					H	✓	✓	✓
	Eastern Subalpine Warbler	<i>Curruca cantillans</i>		✓		✓	✓		✓	
	Krüper's Nuthatch	<i>Sitta krueperi</i>			✓		✓			
	Western Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>				✓	✓			
	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>					✓			
	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>			✓	H				
	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>				H				
	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	
	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>							✓	
	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>				✓		✓		
	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>				✓				
	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	

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	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Eastern Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe melanoleuca</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>				✓				
	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>				✓				
	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>				✓				
	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>		✓						
	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓				✓		
	Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
	Eurasian Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	
	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	✓		✓					
	Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
	Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Cinereous Bunting	<i>Emberiza cineracea</i>				✓				
	Cretzschmar's Bunting	<i>Emberiza caesia</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Mammals

Common name	Scientific name	April - May 2026							
		26	27	28	29	30	1	2	3
Caucasian Squirrel	<i>Sciurus anomalus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	✓	✓			✓			
Mediterranean Monk Seal	<i>Monachus monachus</i>					✓			

Amphibians & reptiles

Common name	Scientific name	April - May 2026							
		26	27	28	29	30	1	2	3
Levant Water Frog	<i>Pelophylax cf. bedriagae</i>			✓		H	H		
Turkish Snake-eyed Lizard	<i>Ophisops elegans</i>			✓					
Eastern Balkan Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta diplochondrodes</i>				✓				
Western Starred Agama	<i>Laudakia stellio</i>		✓		✓	✓			
European Worm Snake	<i>Xerotyphlops vermicularis</i>							✓	
Spur-thighed Tortoise	<i>Testudo graeca</i>			✓		✓			
Balkan Terrapin	<i>Mauremys rivulata</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			

Butterflies

Common name	Scientific name	April - May 2026								
		26	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	
Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>			✓						
Common Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>	✓				✓				
False Apollo	<i>Archon apollinus</i>				✓					
Eastern Festoon	<i>Zerynthia cerisy</i>			✓		✓				
Small Skipper	<i>Thymelicus sylvestris</i>	✓								
Clouded Yellow	<i>Colias croceus</i>			✓		✓				
Black-veined White	<i>Aporia crataegi</i>			✓						
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>			✓		✓				
Eastern Dappled White	<i>Euchloe ausonia</i>			✓						
Common Orange-tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>			✓		✓				
Small Copper	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i>			✓		✓				
Common Blue	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>	✓		✓		✓				
Painted Lady	<i>Vanessa cardui</i>			✓		✓				
Red Admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	✓		✓		✓				
Lesser Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea trivia</i>			✓						
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>			✓		✓				
Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>			✓						
Eastern Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola telmessia</i>			✓		✓				

Damselflies & dragonflies

Common name	Scientific name	April - May 2026								
		26	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	
Odalisque	<i>Epallage fatime</i>			✓						
Dark Spreadwing	<i>Lestes macrostigma</i>	✓								
Blue Emperor	<i>Anax imperator</i>			✓						
Lesser Emperor	<i>Anax parthenope</i>			✓						
Vagrant Emperor	<i>Anax ephippiger</i>			✓						
Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>					✓				
Common Darter	<i>Sympetrum striolatum</i>					✓				