

Lesbos

Naturetrek Tour Report

3rd – 10th May 2026



Spur-winged Lapwing



Eleonora's Falcon



Whiskered Tern



Caucasian (Persian) Squirrel

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Summary

A week in Lesbos takes a lot of beating in so many ways, and this week was no different! After a very wet and stormy winter, there was more than the usual amount of water around the Kalloni wetlands, resulting in large gatherings of herons, egrets, storks, spoonbills and ibises. Waders took advantage of the wetlands too, while Whiskered and White-winged Terns flitted overhead. Further afield, all of the island's special breeders performed well, including Krüper's and Western Rock Nuthatches, Olive-tree and Rüppell's Warblers, and Cretzschmar's, Cinereous and Black-headed Buntings. Migrants included colourful Rollers and Golden Orioles and an array of shrikes, flycatchers and warblers, while other exciting species included showy Isabelline Wheatears, Eleonora's Falcons and a very unexpected Lesser Flamingo, a major Western Palearctic rarity.

Day 1

Sunday 3rd May

With the majority of the group having arrived bang on time from Stansted, we were soon through airport formalities and ready to head into town for our first Greek lunch. Having eaten, we made our way across to the centre of the island and our comfy little base at Skala Kallonis. It's fair to say that the weather was pretty poor as we set out for our first birding, with a biting cold wind and drizzle prevailing, but we persevered and, during breaks in the rain, we stopped to enjoy our first Spotted Flycatcher and several Red-backed Shrikes. At the Tsiknias river, Common and Wood Sandpipers were soon surpassed by a dapper Spur-winged Lapwing, and we felt strongly for the groups of swallows huddled on the ground in the poor weather conditions. Driving the local dirt tracks gave ample opportunity to pick out the many Crested Larks that walked the trails, while other highlights from the vehicles included Lesser Grey Shrike, Whinchat and Great Reed Warbler.

We drove through to the Alykes wetlands, and we were soon marvelling at the magnificent spread of birds before us. Mass gatherings of various herons, spoonbills, egrets, Black Storks and Glossy Ibises were present in the background, while the middle ground was filled with great feeding groups of Ruffs and Wood Sandpipers, along with a scattering of Little Stints and Curlew Sandpipers. In the foreground, very tame Wood Sandpipers and a gorgeous Red-throated Pipit were added to the list. Time was pressing, and we returned happy with what we had been able to do, despite the weather.

Day 2

Monday 4th May

Our day started with a casual walk from the hotel to the nearby Kalloni Pool, with Nightingales in full song despite the chilly start. On the pool itself, Black-winged Stilts were busy with a nest, and a Little Bittern flew across between the bushes. Sedge, Reed and Eastern Olivaceous Warblers sang confusingly similar songs to test our listening skills, and scores of Barn Swallows were sitting around the pool and also on the nearby beach, saving energy and resting until warmer weather might bring more insects. A female Masked Shrike was nice to see in a nearby hotel garden, and we rounded off our walk with a quick look at the Night Herons roosting in nearby tamarisks.

Retracing our route along the Lotzaria track that we had taken yesterday, we were soon immersed in birds after breakfast. Black-headed Bunting numbers were picking up, and a female Red-footed Falcon was on a weedy fence line. Swifts sped by overhead and shrikes appeared on a regular basis, with three species all recorded: Red-backed,

Lesser Grey and Woodchat. Having reached the wet fields beside the saltpans, we were greeted by a fabulous wealth of bird life. Large stands of herons, egrets and ibises included mahogany Glossy Ibises and orange-tinted Squacco Herons, with Spoonbills and a mighty Dalmatian Pelican also in the mix. Nimble Whiskered and White-winged Terns flew overhead, and we had very close encounters with Red-throated Pipits and Yellow Wagtails. Our route took us on to the edge of the bay, where European Shags were resting and a Greater Short-toed Lark gave us the run-around. One last treat was to come before lunch, when we stopped at the saltpans to enjoy a colourful Lesser Flamingo, a very unexpected bonus which will be only the second record for Greece if accepted.

Lunch was taken at the raptor watchpoint and provided our first glimpse of a Cretzschmar's Bunting in song. For the afternoon, we took a walk through olive groves, and found several Eastern Subalpine Warblers, an elusive pair of Eastern Orphean Warblers, and a fly-by Nuthatch. Common Buzzards and Short-toed Snake Eagles hunted overhead, and a Sombre Tit gave us the slip as it moved almost invisibly through the trees. Further on, we stopped in the Napi Valley and found a pair of Rock Nuthatches attending their nest, and a superb male Blue Rock Thrush, along with smart Eastern Black-eared Wheatears and a pair of Cirl Buntings feeding youngsters. Our day finished on a high with an adult and a fledgling Long-eared Owl in roadside pines not far from our hotel. For some, there was also the added bonus after dinner of close-up views of a Scops Owl, and a fly-by from a Long-eared Owl that had been calling in nearby trees.

Day 3

Tuesday 5th May

Another full day started bright and clear: the weather was well and truly on the mend now. We took a short drive to Metochi Lake and quickly found a good range of wetland birds. High on our wish list was Little Crane, and we found a male and three females, feeding out in the open along the sunlight fringe of the lake. Great Reed Warblers mooched along the lake margin, chortling as they went, and gaudy Squacco Herons were waiting patiently for breakfast to show up. Little Grebe was new for the week, and Swifts and Barn Swallows came to drink. After breakfast, we headed west and took a walk near the village of Filia. A Woodlark was singing from powerlines, and we quickly found three Honey Buzzards moving north along a nearby ridge. Cirl Buntings and Eastern Bonelli's Warblers were singing, though the latter stayed out of sight. Eastern Black-eared Wheatears and Eastern Subalpine Warblers were plentiful, and all eyes turned to the sky as a smart Eleonora's Falcon circled right overhead.

Further west, we stopped at a volcanic canyon and found a busy Crag Martin flying around the crags, while a Hoopoe bounced across the road, and both Blue Rock Thrush and Wren were singing. We next arrived at Ipsilou Monastery, stopping first by the main road to pick out Cinereous Bunting, Isabelline Wheatear and Blue Rock Thrush. Up at the monastery, birds were thin on the ground, but there were Caucasian (Persian) Squirrels to watch, and a nice array of butterflies, including Comma, Wall and Large Wall Brown, Spotted and Lesser Spotted Fritillaries, and Scarce Swallowtail. After lunch at this beautiful spot, we drove the road to the petrified forest, where Isabelline Wheatears and Cretzschmar's Buntings were plentiful. Two Lesser Kestrels were hunting for insects, and a Long-legged Buzzard surveyed the scene from a large rock. Our route back took us via Eresos, where we stopped to enjoy the sight and sound of the colonising Laughing Doves, before breaking for a drink in the local café, and then heading for the hotel.

Day 4**Wednesday 6th May**

Pre-breakfast this morning saw us heading into the Potamia valley, where the extensive olive groves gave us a chance to look for the mighty Olive-tree Warbler. We soon picked out a singing bird in some dense trees, but left it for a slightly easier one in a more open area of trees. After breakfast, our drive along the Lotzaria was rather cut short by the need to pull over too far to avoid an oncoming vehicle, which seemed to require more than his allotted half of the track! Though we only slipped a short way, the big guns were required for the heavy hybrid vehicle to get us up and running again. But the time was well-used, as the wonderful Alykes wetland was close by and brimming with birds. Many of the birds seen previously had moved on in the ever-improving weather, but a party of Collared Pratincoles was a delight to see overhead, and three Temminck's Stints pattered around on the mud.



Laughing Doves



Western Starred Agama

We headed eastward to the pinewoods at and beyond Achladeri, and here we were soon enjoying diminutive Krüper's Nuthatches as they fed in the pines. Short-toed Treecreeper was also seen, while a pair of Coal Tits fed their chicks in a well-hidden nest site while we ate lunch. We spent the afternoon in the flower-rich Sweet Chestnut woods above Agiassos, where Wild Tulips, Pontic Fritillaries and Provence Orchid grew. Robins added a homely touch to the soundscape, and we had a close encounter with a Middle Spotted Woodpecker but, like others this week, it remained elusive. Before heading for the hotel, we enjoyed a break in the nearby town.

Day 5**Thursday 7th May**

Another pre-breakfast session at Metochi Lake started our day well today, with superb Little Bitterns and breeding-plumaged Squacco Herons along the shore. Great Reed Warblers lumbered around in the reeds and Red-rumped Swallows glided overhead. After breakfast, we headed out to the 'wild west', and drove the recently graded and improved track from Eresos to Sigri. As always, birds were plentiful along the way, beginning with some roadside Spotted Flycatchers, Whinchats and Black-headed Buntings. We soon ran into a pair of Isabelline Wheatears right on the side of the main track and, shortly after, a pair of Chukar Partridges was found on the lower slopes. At our first scheduled stop, a Sombre Tit toyed with our emotions but was soon surpassed by great views of a breeding pair of Rock Sparrows, which were repurposing an old Rock Nuthatch nest. The *Melania ford* was rather quiet, and we pressed on to the small chapel, where we were to enjoy our picnic lunch. A singing Icterine Warbler kept us busy for a time: it seemed determined to remain hidden, but it did show eventually.

After lunch, we continued to Faneromeni beach, where a small pond held two Little Ringed Plovers, a Little Stint and a Marsh Sandpiper. Offshore, a fishing boat coming into harbour was followed by a gathering of Scopoli's Shearwaters, while parties of Mediterranean Shearwaters scuttled past further out. Before leaving Faneromeni, we

paused at a small oak grove and found an array of Spotted, Collared and Pied Flycatchers hunting insects from the lower branches.

Day 6

Friday 8th May

We took a break from pre-breakfast outings this morning, setting off later to return to the track near Filia for a second chance to look for Eastern Bonelli's Warblers. In the event, our luck was in, and we had scope views of a bird singing among bare branches. There was also plenty to see on the way to the warbler, including Woodlarks on the overhead wires, four boisterous Hawfinches, and a family of Sombre Tits. A distant Mistle Thrush was new for the week, and a Wren sang, but remained hidden.

Next, we stopped off at a popular spot to see a roosting Scops Owl north of Kalloni, and we enjoyed great views as it looked down at us judgementally. The morning was running away from us, and we continued north to Molyvos for a refreshment break. Even here, there were birds to be enjoyed, with Common Swifts screaming around the houses and fine views of the interesting race of Jay that occurs here. For lunch, we settled for Petra Reservoir, but our arrival was stalled by a Great Spotted Cuckoo which flew across the road ahead of us! A look around the area brought only views of two birds flying away, so we continued to the reservoir with our picnic lunch. Though the cuckoos were heard again, we didn't get more views, but a Little Owl was found and a smart Hobby raced in, seemingly to try and rob a Kestrel of its lunch!

For the afternoon, we took a very pleasant walk down the east side of the Kalloni salt pans. Several Zitting Cisticolas were present over the rush beds, and we added both Slender-billed and Mediterranean Gulls to our trip lists. Several Dalmatian Pelicans were dwarfing all else around them, and Avocets, Common and Little Terns, and the obligatory Greater Flamingoes were present. In the rush beds, Large Spreadwing damselflies were emerging in great numbers, and a few Common Blues were tempted by the Sea Clover. A late check of the Alykes wetland revealed a decent array of waders still present, including many Little Stints and some Curlew Sandpipers in breeding plumage.

Day 7

Saturday 9th May

Our week had gone so well that we could afford to take something of an easy day today, although we still chanced across some new birds for the trip. After a pre-breakfast walk around the block, on which we saw some very smart Spanish Sparrows, we ate a hearty breakfast, then headed along the now familiar rout to the Tsiknias river. Bee-eaters were settling into their regular breeding spots and showed well in the early morning light. The river mouth itself was rather quiet but for the expected Moorhens, Wood Sandpipers, Reed Warblers and the like, so we continued through to the Alykes wetland. A Red-throated Pipit was still present on what was now largely mud rather than open water, while waders included a close Temminck's Stint in full breeding plumage. A nice bonus here was a Marsh Warbler, which was singing from a trackside bush and eventually gave quite good views to those who persevered. Further round, the numbers of herons and egrets had fallen, but there was still much to see, including plenty of Black Storks and Squacco Herons. On drier ground towards the bay, Greater Short-toed Larks were picked out in song flight and briefly on the ground, while a Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin skulked amongst the Spiny Knapweed tussocks.

After a final stop at our favourite garage-cum-coffee-cum-ice-cream emporium, we took to the hills to find a spot for our last picnic lunch. Though it was cooler up in the hills, we found a wonderful, flower-rich wonderland in

which to have our break, with Woodlarks singing overhead, a singing Blue Rock Thrush on nearby rocks, and fabulous views in all directions. We took a walk along a dirt track after lunch, finding singing Eastern Orphee, Eastern Subalpine and Eastern Bonelli's Warblers, Isabelline Wheatears and a party of six Common Buzzards, likely of the migratory Steppe Buzzard form, *vulpinus*. The flowers here were perhaps the most spectacular we had seen (and there had been much competition!), with the entire landscape carpeted in colour. On our return, yours truly has to hold his hand up for taking a wrong turn: we disappeared into a labyrinth of micro-lanes, made even smaller by parked cars. Having negotiated our way as far as we could, we then had to do it all in reverse! Tense moments, but no scratches!

On the drive back along the coast, we pulled up sharply as two Eleonora's Falcons cruised right past us. A quick scan revealed at least eleven of these spectacular birds (together with a female Red-footed Falcon) catching flying ants right over the road, and a fine session of photography ensued. Time was pressing, and we arrived back at the hotel in high spirits, after a wonderful end to the week.

Day 8

Sunday 10th May

With one more Lesbos speciality still to look for, we were all packed and prepared straight after breakfast, and drove across the island towards the airport. Turning off the main road, we headed down to the far south-east corner of the island, where the landscape is dominated by low, rock-rose scrub. Here, scratchy warbler songs emanate from all along the slopes, and sorting out the three species was not easy. However, we did manage to find a pair of the smart little Rüppell's Warblers that breed here, and some managed to get some sort of a look at the male when he came in with food to the nest site. Eastern Subalpine and Sardinian Warblers were here too, as well as singing Eastern Orphee Warblers and Cretzschmar's Buntings. Time eventually got the better of us, and we made the last short hop to the airport for our various departures. Thanks to all for a fun trip, with much merriment and mirth.

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Species lists

Birds (H=heard only)

I=Introduced	Common name	Scientific name	May 2026							
			3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	1	✓		✓		✓	✓	
	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	2	✓	2	2	✓	✓	✓	
	Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>		3						
	Chukar Partridge	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>					2			1
	Lesser Flamingo	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>		1				1		
	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	
	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>			6					
	Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>						2		
	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>			1			H		
	Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>			4		1			
	European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>		✓	✓	✓	15	✓	✓	
	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Feral Rock Dove - I	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	3	1	3	✓	3	1	✓	
	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>		2	2		✓		✓	
	Little Crane	<i>Zapornia parva</i>			4					
	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>		✓		✓		✓		
	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>				1			8	
	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Thinornis dubius</i>	1				2		3	
	Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	1							
	Kentish Plover	<i>Anarhynchus alexandrinus</i>					1		3	
	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>					1			
	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	
	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>		1					3	
	Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	
	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	30					2		
	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>				2			1	
	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	10				1	✓	✓	
	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>		3		8		3		
	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	2	✓		✓		✓	✓	
	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>					2		2	
	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>		8						
	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	1	4				15	6	
	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>		✓				✓	✓	
	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>						1		
	Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>						2		
	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Scopoli's Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>					20			
	Mediterranean Shearwater	<i>Puffinus yelkouan</i>					✓			
	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	10	✓		✓		✓	12	
	White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>		2	2					
	European Shag	<i>Gulosus aristotelis</i>		4			4		2	
	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		1				4	6	
	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	
	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	5					✓		

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			3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>		1				8	2	
	Little Bittern	<i>Botaurus minutus</i>		1	2		3			
	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	✓	✓	
	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>		15				1		
	Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>		8	6	✓	4	1	8	
	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓	4		1		2	1	
	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Ardea ibis</i>	1							
	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		1		1	1	3		
	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	
	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>		1						
	Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>						1		
	Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>		2	1	1		1		
	Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>		3						
	European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>			3	1				
	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>		4	3		3	3	2	
	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>		1		1				
	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		3		2		2	1	
	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>			1		1			
	Common Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>			1			2	1	
	European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>						1		
	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocoptes medius</i>		2	H	1				
	Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>			2		3			
	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		3	1			2	3	
	Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>		1					1	
	Eleonora's Falcon	<i>Falco eleonora</i>			1				11	
	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>						1		
	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		1		1	1			
	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>			H			✓		
	Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>		6	1	2	2	2	✓	
	Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>	1	1					1	
	Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>		4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	10	10	2		15	✓	✓	
	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	1	1	✓	✓	✓	2		
	Western Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>					20			
	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus corone cornix</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>		1	1		1	4	2	
	Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>			2			2	✓	
	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>		1					2	
	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>				✓		✓	✓	
	Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>					1			
	Olive-tree Warbler	<i>Hippolais olivetorum</i>				1				
	Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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	Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	1	H		1				
	Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>							1	
	Common Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	3	✓	✓	✓			✓	
	Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	1	H	✓		✓	✓	✓	
	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	✓	✓	2					
	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>			3		2			
	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	H	H	H
	Eastern Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus orientalis</i>			H			✓	H	
	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>					1			
	Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		H	H					
	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Curruca curruca</i>		H	H					
	Eastern Orphean Warbler	<i>Curruca crassirostris</i>		2			H		1	H
	Common Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>					2			
	Rüppell's Warbler	<i>Curruca ruppeli</i>								1
	Sardinian Warbler	<i>Curruca melanocephala</i>								4
	Eastern Subalpine Warbler	<i>Curruca cantillans</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Krüper's Nuthatch	<i>Sitta krueperi</i>				5				
	Western Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>		2	1		5		H	
	Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>		1						
	Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>			H	✓				
	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			H	H		H		
	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>					1			
	Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>						1		
	Common Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas galactotes</i>					1		1	
	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	1	4	✓	✓	10	✓	✓	
	Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H
	Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>		1			1			
	European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>					2			
	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>		1	2				1	
	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	1	6	4		✓		1	
	European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓	
	Eastern Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe melanoleuca</i>		6	✓		✓	✓	✓	
	Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>			4		1			
	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>			6		4		4	
	Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>					2			
	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	
	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>			1			1		
	Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>	1	2		3		H	1	
	Eurasian Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>						4		
	European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Common Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
	European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Common name	Scientific name	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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>			✓		✓		H	
Cretzschmar's Bunting	<i>Emberiza caesia</i>		1	✓		✓		H	
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>		2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Mammals

		May 2026							
Common name	Scientific name	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Caucasian (Persian) Squirrel	<i>Sciurus anomalus</i>			✓		✓			
Northern White-breasted Hedgehog	<i>Erinaceus roumanicus</i>		✓						
Common Bottlenose Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>								✓
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>					✓			

Amphibians & reptiles

		May 2026							
Common name	Scientific name	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Eastern Tree Frog	<i>Hyla orientalis</i>				H	H			
Levant Water Frog	<i>Pelophylax cf. bedriagae</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	H	
Mediterranean House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus turcicus</i>			✓	✓		✓		
Turkish Snake-eyed Lizard	<i>Ophisops elegans</i>		✓	✓					
Eastern Balkan Green Lizard	<i>Lacerta diplochondrodes</i>					✓			
Western Starred Agama	<i>Laudakia stellio</i>			✓		✓			
Spur-thighed Tortoise	<i>Testudo graeca</i>			✓					
European Pond Terrapin	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>				✓				
Balkan Terrapin	<i>Mauremys rivulata</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	

Butterflies

L=larva		May 2026							
Common name	Scientific name	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Scarce Swallowtail	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>			✓					
Common Swallowtail	<i>Papilio machaon</i>				L	L		✓	
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>			✓					
Eastern Bath White	<i>Pontia edusa</i>						✓		
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</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>			✓	✓				
Comma	<i>Polygonia c-album</i>			✓					
Lesser Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea trivia</i>			✓					
Spotted Fritillary	<i>Melitaea didyma</i>			✓					

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Common name	Scientific name	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Small Heath	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>		✓	✓					
Large Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata maera</i>			✓					
Wall Brown	<i>Lasiommata megera</i>			✓					
Mersin Grayling	<i>Hipparchia mersina</i>				✓				
Balkan Grayling	<i>Hipparchia senthes</i>			✓					
Eastern Meadow Brown	<i>Maniola telmessia</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓		

Damselflies & dragonflies

		May 2026							
Common name	Scientific name	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Dark Spreadwing	<i>Lestes macrostigma</i>						✓		
Red-veined Darter	<i>Sympetrum fonscolombii</i>						✓	✓	